



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

St. John the Baptist is delighted to present its inaugural Concert Ministry. Over the course of the 2025–2026 program year, this rapidly growing initiative will bring together world class artists from the Cincinnati area to share the Church’s treasury of sacred vocal and instrumental music in concerts and musical meditations designed for the SJB community.

The purpose of the series is threefold: to enrich the spiritual lives of all who encounter this music, to introduce and educate listeners through innovative regional programming, and to invite the Greater Cincinnati community to discover all that SJB has to offer. This year’s series highlights in particular themes that are related to historical and contemporary Catholic practices.

In the pages ahead, you will encounter lesser known but passionate perspectives of creative and intellectual personalities who have graced the Church’s cultural heritage such as Byrd, Cabezon, Frescobaldi and more, brought to life through the dexterous and poetic stylings of Dr. Micaela Schmitz. You’ll also discover hidden gems by the intellectual doctors of the Church like Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena, and Hildegard von Bingen—each contributing a spectacular, distinctive voice. This season, we are particularly delighted to welcome wonderful Cincinnati-based professional vocal ensemble Heri et Hodie, founded and led by expert choral collaborator Krista Cornish Scott.

Whether this is your first visit to SJB or you’ve been a parishioner your whole life, you are always welcome here—and we look forward to sharing this beautiful music with you.

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