



HOLY FAMILY CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

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Holy Family College is closing

Despite such sad news,
we want to assure you
that *HOLY FAMILY
CONSERVATORY OF
MUSIC IS NOT CLOSING.*
The Conservatory *WILL*
continue to provide an
excellent musical
education and expand
new/current programs for
Lakeshore Community.



WE KEEP TEACHING ONLINE!!!
**We are very grateful to all instructors, students,
and parents!**

Please read an article by Sister Carol Ann Gambsky

HOLY FAMILY CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC GOES ONLINE BECAUSE OF WORLD WIDE PANDEMIC

Holy Family Conservatory Families of Music for TOTs, Children's Choir, Group Lessons, and Private Lessons were updated on April 9, 2020 regarding the Conservatory status of music instruction due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Beginning the week of March 16, 2020 some of the teaching by the Conservatory teachers had moved to the format of Zoom or some other similar platform. By March 30 all lessons and groups of the Conservatory were being handled through on-line formats. Presently we have ten teachers providing online instruction for Children's Choir, Music for Tots™, piano, violin, guitar, trumpet, and group piano classes. So, what does an online music instruction look like?

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsals for Children's were provided with online platform through Carol Storck. She ran online rehearsals for eleven choir members every Tuesday.

MUSIC FOR TOTS™

The TOTS teachers provide their families with video classes and post them on You-tube. These classes can be viewed repeatedly and sustain the relationship between teacher and the tots. This is the way classes were fulfilled for the families but all involved definitely look forward to meeting in person come the Fall of 2020.

PRIVATE LESSONS

The student and teacher see and hear one another through the computer. The teacher has his or her own music to know what the student is looking at and playing. The student performs the music he/she has prepared during the week and receives educational instructions from the teacher. Sister Mary Carol Kopecky presently teaches nineteen online students.

The ability to teach online lessons has meant a lot for the teachers, students and parents. We know this is less desirable than in person face to face lessons, however given the circumstances there is no other option but to move to online. With the united effort of teachers, students and parents we have helped the school day to be the centerpiece of their lives. Children count on the reliable routine that a school day offers. So, we rose to the occasion to make sure the continued growth in musical skill and routine for daily practice is observed by providing this online instruction. We do see progress in the students and the parents have told us they are very supportive of the online process.

Maintaining learning momentum to the greatest extent possible, given the circumstances has been a top priority for Holy Family Conservatory of Music. And we have been grateful for the patience and understanding of everyone as we continue to work through this difficult situation. We are getting through this challenge together!



Next session: Summer Session 2, June 8th –August 1st

Piano Group Classes/Piano, Violin,
Viola, Cello, Percussion, Guitar, Wind
Instruments, and Voice Private
Lessons



We keep teaching ON-LINE and this is fun! Holy Family Conservatory has moved to offering on-line lessons and group classes. We are so proud of our students who are eager to continue to enjoy learning music; parents who care for their children so much; adult students who keep taking online lessons. All of us spend time together very productively learning a lot of new pieces and concepts.

The registration for Summer Session 2 is now open. [On-Line Registration](#)

Since so many businesses are/were closed, we do realize some students and their families may experience some financial difficulty. If this is you, please contact Sister Carol Ann Gambsky or Dr. Stanislava Varshavski. We are here to help you as much as we can. Please talk to us so we can work out a solution for you.

Sister Marsaia Kaster no longer teaching at the Conservatory

We would like to thank Sister Marsaia Kaster for 25 years of teaching at Holy Family Conservatory! Sister Marsaia was a very important member of faculty of the Conservatory. Her high teaching standards and qualification helped many students to be able to participate and win various contests in WI. We wish Sister Marsaia blessings in her life and happiness in her ministry.





With a big regret we are canceling
these Summer Events:

- ▶ Music Party for Adult Students and Teachers
- ▶ Summer Camp
- ▶ All Recitals for the rest of the Summer

Interesting Facts About Classical Composers

- ▶ **J.S. Bach.** Bach was a regular at Café Zimmerman in Leipzig, where he would consume 3 of 4 cups of coffee. He was such a huge fan of coffee that he even wrote his famous (and silly) *Coffee Cantata* about a woman trying to kick her coffee habit.
- ▶ **Felix Mendelssohn.** Felix Mendelssohn was one of those people who was good at basically everything. Aside from composing, he was a good writer, made cartoons for fun, and could paint and draw.
- ▶ A friend of Mendelssohn's, Attwood, lost an original manuscript of Mendelssohn's in the back seat of a cab. It was the Overture to *Midsummer Night's Dream*. It was the only copy. But instead of freaking out, Mendelssohn just rewrote the whole thing from memory.
- ▶ **Edvard Grieg.** Edvard Grieg had a good-luck figurine. It was a little frog that he would pat before a concert.
- ▶ **Franz Liszt.** Most of us know that Franz Liszt lived the rockstar lifestyle as a youth, being very desirable and fathering children out of wedlock. But not everyone knows that, in older age, Liszt went through the process of becoming a Catholic priest. He had wanted to be a priest off and on throughout his whole life, so finally in 1865, when Liszt was 54, he took the four minor orders (but never officially became a priest).



*Stay
healthy
and safe*

REMEMBER,
WE ARE ALL IN
THIS TOGETHER