

## Sanctuary Singers Spotlight – Marie Sedlacek



### **How long have you sung in the Sanctuary Singers?**

I joined the church in 1985 and have been in the choir on and off since then. That's several choir director's worth. :-) I took several years off after being president of the board. I'm very happy to be back singing with this group!

### **What voice part do you sing?**

Soprano

### **What do you like most about singing in Sanctuary Singers?**

I wouldn't be singing with this group if it wasn't a nice bunch of people. The music is challenging without being overwhelming. We are developing as an ensemble which is great. but that doesn't mean we are a closed group. I love William's direction and humor.

### **Are you currently or have you ever sung in other group(s)? If so, tell us about them.**

I've sung in the past with the St Francis Cabrini choir at special holy days to help out the choir director who is a friend. I've sung solos and performed in small productions at First U and belong to a music club.

**Have you had musical training? If so, please describe.**

I played violin in grade school. I switched to cello in 7th grade played it through college. I studied with David Low at UNO even though I was an art major! I studied voice privately for several years with Donna Harler Smith at UNL much later.

**Aside from singing, what other musical instruments do you play?**

Violin and cello. I play enough piano to practice singing. I tried teaching myself piano.

**What is your favorite kind of music?**

I grew up listening to opera, and still love listening to it along with other "classical" music. Love jazz and folk. Some classic rock too.

**What is (or was) your 'day job?'**

After art school I worked at Joslyn Art Museum. But I am retired from the architecture profession.

**Anything else you want us to know?**

I am really looking forward to our choir concert.