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**DANIEL JOHN SUSAN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES,  
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Daniel John Susan is Director of Music Ministries at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Marine City, where he also serves as music director to the student congregations of Holy Cross School and Cardinal Mooney High School. He and his wife Barbara, a professional musician, came to Marine City by way of Marquette in the Upper Peninsula, Tucson, and Dallas.



Born in New York, raised in Kentucky and Arkansas, early music training began at the University of Louisville and in an accomplished church choir. Undergraduate work with Robert Ellis led to a degree in organ performance from Henderson State University. Graduate studies were with Lenora McCroskey and Dale Peters at the University of North Texas where he earned a Masters of Music in organ performance with an emphasis on early music. At the University of North Texas, he was appointed Teaching Fellow in Harpsichord and was selected for additional study with Marie-Madeleine Duruflé, noted organist and widow of the composer Maurice Duruflé.

Daniel played his first service in the fourth grade, led daily services starting in the fifth grade and served as daily organist in his high school. He has served Episcopal, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Methodist, and Presbyterian congregations, sometimes serving more than one at the same time. A frequent recitalist, he is also a dynamic service player and choir director, with notable success in his work with children. He is recognized as an outstanding communicator of both the joy and the discipline of music, sung, played, and heard, and is a workshop leader and speaker on church music with a particular focus on new expressions of ancient truths.

His teaching experience includes both classroom and private teaching at the elementary, secondary, and college levels. A talented composer and improviser, as well as trumpet and recorder player, he enjoys many different styles of music. Extensive jazz and rock and roll experience has enriched and broadened his imagination while assisting his communication with all ages.

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