

Dear Students and Parents,

The St. John's Children's choir begins rehearsing THIS WEDNESDAY after school from 3:15 – 4:30pm.

The St. John's Children's Choir offers a unique opportunity for children to give their gifts of talent and time back to the church while learning about music and the liturgy. All children in second grade or higher who are parishioners of St. John's or attend St. John's school are invited to participate in this rewarding ministry. Not only do the children provide music for over 50 masses every year, they learn a lot about the mass, the church, music, and the role of a choir in the liturgy.

Our Music Ministry program serves the Parish Faith Community in many ways. And all of its members, including our children, rehearse on a weekly basis. The SJCC meets every Wednesday from 3:15 – 4:30pm in the St. John's Choir Room. Children and parents are encouraged to read the Children's Choir Guidelines and Information pages. These short two pages give a good overview on how the Children's Choir works and they should answer most questions. In general, the Children's Choir sings at the weekly school mass (usually Friday morning), and rotates serving the 8:30 am and 11:30am Mass on the third Sunday of the month. There are some exceptions through the year. The final calendar will be distributed via the rehearsals over the next few weeks!

Children must have a permission form filled out and signed by a parent in order to participate in the choir. Children who attend St. John's School **must show** their permission form to their teacher so the teacher can release the child to us at the end of school. The students will be dismissed to go to the School Library, where they will meet with Mr. Andrew Tygielski and Mrs. Amy Tolson, our two St. John's Staff Music Ministry Assistants. After meeting in the Library, the student will be led together over to the Parish's All Purpose Room for an after school snack break, so plan to pack an extra goody or two on Wednesdays! After that, we'll begin rehearsal in the Choir Room, which is located on the lower level of the new Parish Administration Building. This is where you pick your child up as well. Ask your child to make sure they bring the permission form to their first Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday. Otherwise, a parent will have to bring the child to practice. Permissions forms should be turned in at choir practice.

Any parents interested in volunteering should contact me or make a note on the permission form. If you can help every now and then or if you can help every week, I'm sure we can find a way to make use of whatever time and talents you're willing to share. Musical talent is always welcome, but a lot of what we need is adult supervision and organizational help.

Please see the [PERMISSION FORM](#) and the [CHILDREN'S CHOIR GUIDELINES](#) linked here to our Parish Website.

Please contact us if you have any questions, comments, or if you wish to volunteer.

God bless you all,
Greg Thompson, Andrew Tygielski and Amy Tolson



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