

St. Joseph Parish Children's Choir

GENERAL INFORMATION 2013-2014

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FOR: ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES 2,3,4,5,6 **Mass Events**

WHERE: IN THE CHURCH

WHEN: Sat. from 8-9:15 am beginning 9-7-12

REGISTER: weekends in Aug. and first session

Fee:

No tuition is charged - children serve at Sun. Mass.

Goals/Outcomes

We are an event driven organization. Our music is intended to build basic singing/drama skills while working toward the goal of a regular event, i.e. Sunday Mass.

The program is rooted in the CA Music/Drama Standards, allowing children to sing with accuracy in a developmentally appropriate range including rounds, descants, and 2-part harmony. The drama element broadens the minds of our children allowing them to convey the emotional qualities and movements of the Gospel characters through simple dramatizations.

Ultimately, we achieve our goal of providing prayerful, uplifting musical/dramatic experience within the Mass setting.

The rehearsal process inadvertently provides joyful and rather unexpected moments of catechesis for all in attendance including parents.

The camaraderie among the age groups provides a wonderful opportunity for community growth within the youth of our Parish.

Attendance

Students are expected at all rehearsals and Masses unless parents phone or email in advance of the event. Students may be asked to not sing a Mass if they haven't attended the majority of the rehearsals, particularly the Tech Rehearsal. New students may join at the beginning of any new Session. NINE SESSIONS are SCHEDULED.

Student Involvement in Saturday Activities + Sports:

For those of you with children enrolled in other Saturday activities, please know you are welcome in choir, even if you have to leave rehearsal early. Just keep in mind that we rehearse music the first half of each session with drama at the second half. Send your child for this first half, at the very least, and I'll place them in a drama when they are finished with their other commitments.

September 29th

October 27th

November 24th

December 24th

January 26th

February 23rd

March 23rd

April 20th

May 18th

Events:

9:00 a.m. Ordinary Time

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9:00 a.m. Christ the King

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

9:00 a.m. Ordinary Time

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9:00 a.m. Lent

9:00 a.m. Easter

9:00 a.m. Easter season

Year End Party, Sunday, May 18th

Rehearsals

We meet regularly on all Saturday mornings, 8:00 until 9:15am. We start on time.

There are no rehearsals scheduled for:

Saturday, November 29th (Thanksgiving weekend)

Saturday, December 28th (Christmas Vacation)

Saturday, April 26th (Easter vacation)

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

In order to promote the safety of our children, please observe the following procedures: Children are to be escorted to and from the church. We do not allow children to wait for parents outside unless accompanied by parents or the director. Please be on time to pick up your child. Please "sign in"/"sign out". Please pick up any announcements.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Snacks, Costume/Prop assistance, extra supervision/sign-in table

Parents are also welcome to stay in the church during rehearsal.

• **COMMUNICATION is vital.** . .

• Please use any of the contact sites listed at the top of this page to reach me.

Event Calendars containing rehearsal details

Rehearsal Notes

Recordings of Songs for Rehearsal