

SAINT ANDREW CHORISTERS

October 2018

Dear Saint Andrew School and PSR Students,

You are invited to become a part of the **St. Andrew Christmas Choristers**, an after-school choir for students in grades three through eight. Rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday afternoons, 3:00-4:00** in preparation to sing for a Sunday Advent liturgy, the 4:00 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, and one (or more) weekday school liturgies (for those who are available).

The calendar for our rehearsals and Masses is attached. Please look it over and see if this is a schedule that you would be able to commit to at this time. Since participation in Choristers requires a certain level of commitment from both students and parents, I ask that both sign the attached form and return it as soon as possible, preferably by Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Forms may be returned to your classroom/PSR teacher or to the parish office. Once again this year, Mrs. Jayne Frilling will be assisting me with the Chorister rehearsals and liturgies.

Parents, you also play an important part in this project. Please help your child discern if this choir is something he/she would be interested in and if you will be able to commit to the rehearsal and Mass schedule. Also, we *may* need parents to assist with the brief snack time supervision prior to our rehearsals. Please see the note on the attached form and sign up if you can help.

We will gather in the “parlor” area of the school/church from approximately 2:50-3:00. During that time the children will have a snack and restroom break, followed immediately by rehearsal in the choir loft. In an effort to accommodate individual dietary restrictions and food allergies, we are asking that *each child bring his/her own snack to eat prior to rehearsal*. Finally, **for the safety of all students, parents should meet their children in the vestibule of the church after rehearsal.** Children should *not* be wandering the buildings or parking lot on their own. Also, parents, please do your best to be prompt in arriving to pick up your child each week as adult supervision cannot be guaranteed beyond 4:00.

If you have questions, please contact me at the parish music office: 614-451-1839 or via e-mail: plortz@standrewparish.cc I hope you will consider participating in this great musical opportunity! I look forward to singing with you!

Mr. Philip Lortz
Director of Music, St. Andrew Catholic Church

***Note to PSR Students and parents:** I realize that many of you will be coming from other schools and locations around town and may not be able to arrive by 3:00 pm. Please do not let this deter you from becoming a part of the Choristers. Just get here as soon as you can each week and meet us in the choir loft. Also, feel free to bring your permission slip with you to the first rehearsal if that is more convenient. Please let me know if you have questions.*

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Advent and Christmas Schedule 2018

Tuesday, October 23	Permission forms are due.	
Wednesday, October 24	Rehearsal	3:00-4:00
Wednesday, October 31	Rehearsal	3:00-4:00
Wednesday, November 7	Rehearsal	3:00-4:00
Wednesday, November 14	Rehearsal	3:00-4:00
Wednesday, November 21	<u>NO</u> Rehearsal	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>
Wednesday, November 28	Rehearsal	3:00-4:00
Sunday, December 2	All sing for the 10:30 Sunday Mass. Please arrive at 10:00 am.	
Wednesday, December 5	Rehearsal	3:00-4:00
Wednesday, December 12	Rehearsal	3:00-4:00
Wednesday, December 19	Final Christmas Rehearsal	3:00-4:00
Monday, December 24	Sing for the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass. Please arrive at 3:30 pm.	
<i>Wednesday, January 9</i>	<i>St. Andrew School Choristers will sing for the 8:30 School Mass.</i>	

Note: If St. Andrew School is cancelled for *any* reason, then Chorister rehearsal is cancelled as well.

While we want as many students as possible to be able to participate in Choristers, it is also important that each singer be well-prepared for each liturgy. Since our rehearsal time is somewhat limited, if you will need to miss more than four rehearsals (with the exception of unforeseen illness) it may be best to not sign up for Choristers at this time. Please contact me if you have specific questions or concerns in this regard.

If you are interested and available for the schedule shown above, please sign and return the form below by Tuesday, October 23. Be sure to keep the rehearsal schedule (above) for future reference.

I would like to sing with the St. Andrew Choristers. I am willing to commit to the rehearsal and Mass schedule for Advent and Christmas.

Grade _____

_____ Student's signature

Please check one of the following: I attend St. Andrew School. _____

I participate in the St. Andrew PSR program. _____

My child has my permission to participate in the St. Andrew Choristers. We have reviewed the schedule and will be able to attend most/all of the events listed there.

_____ Parent's signature

Contact info: E-mail _____ Phone: _____

_____ Please check here if you are willing to supervise snack time from approx. 2:50-3:00, if needed.
(You must be compliant with the current St. Andrew safer environment policies.)