

Dear Children and Parents,

August 2018

As we approach another school year, I would like to take a minute to invite the youth of this parish to join the **Holy Trinity Youth Choir**. This choir has been steadily growing and improving over the past few years! We even have opportunities for soloists and instrumentalists!

Youth (1st grade-high school) are welcome to participate in the choir. We are looking forward to doing some very exciting and fun things this year such as singing for Religious Education Family Masses, the Christmas Eve Children's 4pm Mass, and combining with the Traditional choir at the 8:30 Easter Sunday mass.

First and foremost, let me explain that the youth choir will not be expected to sing at every weekend mass. The MAIN focus of this group is to sing God's praise, lead the congregation in worship, and be an active member in YOUR church! **It is okay if you can't attend every rehearsal.** I understand how busy life can be, so I simply ask that you let me know when you can't make rehearsal by calling or texting me (680-3948). If you would like to be a part of this fantastic group, but cannot attend rehearsals due to scheduling conflicts, please see me. I am willing to make other arrangements such as giving out folders and practice CDs ahead of time.

During rehearsals, choir members will learn about music as well as liturgy. I will help the members to understand why and when certain songs are sung, and how they relate to the Mass as well as the Sacred Scriptures. Parents are more than welcome to stay or leave during rehearsals.

When the choir sings at mass, I would ask that members please look presentable, since we are in the Lord's house. Please: no jeans! Choir members will also be expected to demonstrate good and respectable behavior before and during mass. Parents: If you feel that your child needs your assistance, you are very welcome to sit with them and/or help them with their music. Members are asked to arrive 20 minutes before the 8:30 mass on Family Mass celebrations.

I am looking forward to a great year! Here's a little schedule to get us started:

Thursday, Sept. 6 5:45-6:15

Wednesday, Sept. 12 5:45-6:15

******Sunday, Sept. 16 8:30am Mass – please be in choir seats by 8:15.**

Thank you for sharing your talent and service with Holy Trinity! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me!



Sincerely,

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