



September 2017

The Children's Choir of St. Catherine Laboure Parish

Dear Parents,

The Children's Choir is a special group of young singers who join their hearts and voices to praise God and give service to their parish through their ministry of music. During rehearsals, I also work with them to develop their voices, and increase their knowledge of vocal techniques and music performance. Whenever requested we allow them to use their talents to perform for various groups and organizations.

Rehearsals for the choir are on Wednesdays after school from 3:00-4:00 in the **music room**. All singers will report to the music room for the first rehearsal on September 27 when choir is called over the loudspeaker. I will have a calendar of Masses, concerts and rehearsals ready for them to bring home.

Please make sure your child knows that they are to stay after school and who will be picking them up so they don't worry or become confused. If your situation changes and another person will be picking them up, you can text or call me at 574-6548. When the children are called after school I give them the first 10 minutes to have a snack while the busses are being called. They take a potty break, read or work on their homework and generally decompress from the day. Please pack an extra snack and a juice box or water bottle (no peanut products or soda, please). We will then begin vocal exercises and warm-ups before working on our choral music.

At four o'clock I will dismiss them from the back-door ramp behind the school outside of the music room. Please be sure to list anyone who will be picking up your child besides you. If a child will be picked up by another child's parent I will need to have that information in writing. I will never leave a child unattended and will stay with them until they're picked up; however, please try to get there on time since I must go home to cook supper for my family and be back for another rehearsal later.

Of course, service to the parish is what the Children's Choir is all about. I cannot stress enough how important it is that you make the *commitment* to bring your child to Mass on Sundays. I understand that it is a sacrifice, but it's necessary for your child to learn the value of honoring a commitment.

The children will sing each Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass. Our first Sunday will be October 1st at 9:30 am. On Sunday mornings, the children can come in the back door by the music room. It will be unlocked from 8:55 – 9:10 am. Due to safety concerns we may not leave doors unlocked for long periods of time. In case of inclement weather, we will follow the Religious Education announcement – **if they call off, we're also off.**

If your child wishes to join the choir, send in the registration by the first rehearsal on September 27. Please be sure to include any numbers I would need in case I would need to contact you. I will send you an email with any schedule changes or notifications so please be sure to write your email address legibly.

Thank you.

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(Please return to your child's teacher as soon as possible)



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My son/daughter has my permission to join the Children's choir.

(Name of child)

(Grade -section C or L)

Parent's email address: _____ | _____

Responsible adult(s) who will be picking up your child:

Name | Relationship

Name | Relationship

Name | Relationship

Adult's cell or emergency # _____

Second emergency phone # _____

Parent signature _____

COMMENTS OR INFORMATION I NEED TO KNOW (please include allergies):