



Liturgical Music at Saint Catherine Labouré School

Dear Parents,

My name is Joreen Kelly and I am the Director of Worship for Saint Catherine Labouré parish. This year I will also be directing the school's liturgical music program. Saint Catherine Labouré Parish is pleased to offer young singers the opportunity to develop their natural musical talents while growing in their faith through participation and leadership at both the school and parish liturgies.

The Saint Catherine Labouré School Liturgical Choir.

The School Liturgical Choir, grades 3 through 8, leads the music for the Friday morning Mass, Rosary, and other prayer services beginning with the first Mass on September 7. The choir will rehearse on Wednesday afternoons during the activities period. Depending on the number of students that register, I may have two groups that alternate weeks so that more children will have the opportunity to be song leaders and cantors.

If your child wishes to be part of this choir, please fill out this form and send it back as soon as possible. Our first rehearsal will September 5.

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

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

_____ | _____
(Name of child) (Grade + section C or L)

Parent(s) Signature: _____

The Children's Shrine Choir.

This is a special group of young singers who join their hearts and voices to praise God and provide service to their parish through their ministry of music. The choir is open to children from grades 2 through 8 who sing on Sunday mornings at the 9:30 am Mass.

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 19 when choir is called over the loudspeaker. During rehearsals I work with them to develop their voices and increase their knowledge of vocal techniques and music performance. I will have a calendar of Masses, concerts and rehearsals ready for them to bring home at the first rehearsal.

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 717- 574-6548. In the past I allowed the children to bring a snack to eat while the busses are called. Because of the new music room, I am going to end that practice. They may bring water only.

At four o'clock I will dismiss them from the back-door ramp behind the school outside of the library/technology center. Please be sure to list anyone who will be picking up your child besides you. If a child needs to be picked up by another child's parent, please send 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 be back for another rehearsal later.

Service to the parish is what the Children's Choir is all about and 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 an excellent way to teach children the value of honoring a commitment.

The children will sing each Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass. Our first Sunday will be September 23 at 9:30 am. On Sunday mornings, the children will enter through the narthex door. In case of inclement weather, we will follow the Religious Education announcement – **if they call off, we're also off.**



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Children are most welcome to register for one or *both* choirs. If your child wishes to join the Sunday choir, please send in the registration form by the first rehearsal on September 19 and be sure to include any contact numbers I would need in case I would need to contact you and any other important information. If a schedule changes I will notify you by email, so please be sure to write your email address legibly.

Thank you.

Joreen Kelly, *Director of Worship*

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(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):