

# Children's Choir at St. Theresa



2006-2007

# Children's Choir

*Singing must be given great importance in all celebrations, but it is to be especially encouraged in every way for Masses celebrated with children, in view of their special affinity for music.* Directory for Masses with Children

The Children's Choir is a cooperative effort between St. Theresa Catholic School and St. Theresa Parish. Its purpose is three-fold:

1. Serve the needs of the parish in providing up-lifting and meaningful music as is called for at Sunday Mass and special liturgies.
2. Provide musical training and experience for young people as an augmentation to their academic activities.
3. Stand as a model of "*full, conscious, and active participation*" to other young people and source of inspiration and hope to older community members.

## Membership

All students from all Elementary and Junior High School are encouraged to join. Older students, besides singing with the larger group, will take lead roles, such as cantor and soloist, as well as forming a smaller "schola" with its own repertoire.

While there is no audition as such, the director will have a short meeting with each applicant to get to know the singer and his/her abilities.

It is the philosophy of this group that the vast majority of children are capable of singing at an acceptable level. Just as in sports, where some are more naturally inclined to excel and others need more coaching and practice, so it is with singing. There are vocal drills and exercises to achieve a desired result. That having been said, if the situation arises where a chorister needs more coaching than can realistically be given in regular rehearsal, the director will call for a meeting with the parent(s) to discuss the best course of action.

## **Rehearsal**

Rehearsals will take place most Wednesdays during the school year from 3:30 to 4:30 (see schedule). At 3:15, students of St. Theresa School will be led by the director or parent helper from the courtyard ramada to the church where rehearsal will take place. Parents might consider sending a snack with their child (no fast food, please). All trips to the restroom should be made before choir. Those from other schools will be given every consideration to accommodate different dismissal times, as agreed upon with the director.

Rehearsals are the heart of everything the choir does. Perhaps most important, however, is the concerted effort of singer and parents to be present at every Sunday Mass and special liturgy designated for the Children's Choir. It is a grave disservice to other members of the Children's Choir for anyone to attend rehearsals and then to miss the service. Anyone missing more than one Sunday Mass per semester may be asked to step down.

## **Service**

The Children's Choir will usually sing at the 9:00 Mass once a month from September through May (see schedule). In addition, the Children's Choir will sing on Christmas Eve in the fall and at First Holy Communion in the spring.

## **Summer Musical**

As in 2005, we will once again sponsor a "summer musical" which will be prepared and performed during the week of Vacation Bible School, June 25-29, 2007, in the afternoon. Sign-ups will begin in May and practice CD's and lyrics/scores will be made available soon after. Auditions for leads will be in early June. A performance will be given Friday evening (June 29)

## **Dress**

Currently there is no uniform, but singers will be asked to wear white, collared shirts with blue or black pants or skirts.

## **Parental Involvement**

The success of any Children's Choir always rests on the degree of parental involvement and cooperation. The Children's Choir demands the full support of parents, especially in bringing their children to rehearsals and Mass. Parent-volunteers are needed to be present during rehearsals to fulfill diocesan requirements of Child safety; volunteers are also needed to help with Christmas caroling and an end-of-the-year party. Director will communicate regularly by e-mail with parents, especially regarding schedules and other pertinent matters.

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## Children's Choir Schedule 2006-2007

Day	Date	Time	Event	Notes
Wed	13-Sep	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	20-Sep	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	27-Sep	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>1-Oct</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>50th Anniversary Mass</b>	<b>Children's Choir part of larger Choir</b>
Wed	4-Oct	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>8-Oct</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Liturgy with Children</b>	<b>Children must be in place at 8:30 AM</b>
Wed	11-Oct	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	Begin Christmas music
Wed	18-Oct	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	25-Oct	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	1-Nov	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5-Nov</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Liturgy with Children</b>	<b>Children must be in place at 8:30 AM</b>
Wed	8-Nov	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	15-Nov	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	22-Nov	3:30-4:30	No Rehearsal	Day before Thanksgiving
Wed	29-Nov	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>3-Dec</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Liturgy with Children</b>	<b>Children must be in place at 8:30 AM</b>
Wed	6-Dec	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Sun	10-Dec	2-4 PM	Lessons and Carols Reh.	All Choirs, instruments in church
<b>MON</b>	<b>11-Dec</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Lessons and Carols</b>	<b>Children's Choir part of larger Choir</b>
Wed	13-Dec	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	20-Dec	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>24-Dec</b>	<b>4:00/4:15</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Masses</b>	<b>4:00 in Church, 4:15 in Feeney Hall</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>7-Jan</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>Children must be in place at 8:30 AM</b>
Wed	10-Jan	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	17-Jan	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	24-Jan	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	31-Jan	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>4-Feb</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Liturgy with Children</b>	<b>Children must be in place at 8:30 AM</b>
Wed	7-Feb	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	14-Feb	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	21-Feb	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	28-Feb	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>4-Mar</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Liturgy with Children</b>	<b>Children must be in place at 8:30 AM</b>
Wed	7-Mar	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	14-Mar	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	21-Mar	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	28-Mar	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	4-Apr		No Rehearsal	Holy Week
Wed	11-Apr	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
<b>Apr</b>	<b>14-Apr</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Wed	18-Apr	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
<b>Apr</b>	<b>21-Apr</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Wed	25-Apr	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	2-May	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
Wed	9-May	3:30-4:30	Rehearsal	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>13-May</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Mothers' Day</b>	<b>Children must be in place at 8:30 AM</b>

Summer Musical: June 25-29