

## St. Charles Children's Choir 2019-2020 Season

I am so thrilled to be leading this choir again and can't wait to have a fun time singing and praising God! This choir is open to all children from 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. We sing at the 8:30am Family Mass once a month. We will also sing at our Christmas Concert and the Christmas Eve Mass. Later in the spring, we sing at First Communion Mass as well as Easter Morning Mass.

Here is the Calendar for The Children's Choir 2019-2020 Season:

<b>September 15</b> Mass is at 8:30am	Please arrive at 8:00am
<b>October 20</b> Mass is at 8:30am	Please arrive at 8:00am
<b>November 17</b> Mass is at 8:30am	Please arrive at 8:00am
<b>December 12</b> <b>Advent Sing</b>	Time: TBD
<b>Dec 24</b> <b>Christmas Eve Mass</b> 3:00pm	Please arrive at 2:20pm
<b>January 12</b> Mass is at 8:30am	Please arrive at 8:00am
<b>February 9</b> Mass is at 8:30am	Please arrive at 8:00am
<b>March 22</b> Mass is at 8:30am	Please arrive at 8:00am
<b>April 12</b> <b>EASTER</b> Mass is at 8:30am	Please arrive at 8:00am
<b>May 2</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass 10:30am</b>	Please arrive at 9:45am
<b>May 2</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass 1:00pm</b>	TBD
<b>May 17</b> Mass is at 8:30am	Please arrive at 8:00am
End of the Year Party/Lunch	Date/Time: TBD

The rehearsal schedule for Thursdays after school are:

September 12	Meet in the Church	3:15-4:15pm
October 10, 17	Meet in the Church	3:15-4:15pm
November 7, 14, 21	Meet in the Church	3:15-4:15pm
December 5, 19	Meet in the Church	3:15-4:15pm
January 9, 30	Meet in the Church	3:15-4:15pm
February 6, 27	Meet in the Church	3:15-4:15pm
March 5, 19, 26	Meet in the Church	3:15-4:15pm
April 9, 30	Meet in the Church	3:15-4:15pm
May 7, 14	Meet in the Church	3:15-4:15pm

**I ask that each child attend at least one rehearsal before the upcoming Mass that they want to sing at. The students who I have cantor and solo are those who attend rehearsals regularly.**

In addition to our Thursday afterschool and/or lunchtime rehearsals, we will have a few extra rehearsals for our Concert, Christmas and Easter. This will allow both the lunchtime and afterschool groups to practice together before these big masses/concerts. Those dates will be added on the Shutterfly calendar as needed.

Those attending St Charles School have an option of attending practices on Thursdays during **lunch from 12:20-12:40pm**. (Because of the change of lunchtimes for both the lower and upper grades, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders would use the last 20 minutes of lunch to practice while those in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> would use the first 20 minutes of lunch to practice.) I know that many of them don't want to lose play time at lunch so they can choose to attend the afterschool rehearsals.

I can always use help from parents who would like to assist with any of these tasks:

- Help with the Advent Sing (setup, videographer/photographer, refreshments, cleanup)
- Help plan our group party
- Bring a snack to enjoy at the end of rehearsals/after mass.

The kids always love this so please bring in a non-perishable packaged snack that could feed about a dozen kids. (a pack of cookies, pretzels, goldfish, etc.)

I've created a Shutterfly group page for our St Charles Children's Choir that has our calendar, rehearsal schedule, etc. and a way for me to send emails and reminders to the group.

**If your child is singing in the choir this season, please sign up to be a member of the site.**

<http://stcharleschildrenschoir.shutterfly.com>

I am looking forward to singing with your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

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