

STUDENT CHOIR 2017 - 2018

Dear Families,

Below is a description of each grade level's rehearsal and performance structure. **WE WILL SING AT THE 4:30PM MASS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON** once a month. There will not be a parent meeting this year, but please call 815-398-5331 x779 or email jkoenig@holyfamilyrockford.org with questions.

3rd Grade members practice after school until 3:45pm on Tuesdays, and on one Tuesday every month from 2:30—2:55. Students not picked up by **3:50pm** will be sent to extended care. 3rd grade members sing at masses with the full choir on one Wednesday every month, special masses, **one Saturday every month at the 4:30pm parish mass**, and the Christmas Concert.

4th and 5th grade members practice from 2:30—2:55 on Tuesdays and Thursdays while school is in session. They sing at all school liturgies, special masses and events, **one Saturday every month at the 4:30pm parish mass**, and the Christmas Concert.

Junior High members practice during lunch/recess on Tuesdays and from 2:30—2:55 on Tuesdays during their study hall. They can receive **Christian Ministry Hours** for participating in choir. They sing at all school liturgies, special masses and events, **one Saturday every month at the 4:30pm parish mass**, and the Christmas Concert. Junior high members also have the option (but are not required) to be trained as cantors. Cantors lead the congregation in song at school and parish liturgies and are required to be members of the Student Choir.

Each member of the choir and his or her parents will need to sign a **Commitment Form**. The form describes what is required of each singer, including an **attendance policy**. A copy of this signed form will be returned to the student. I encourage you and the singers to take this very seriously. It is so important to the choir that your child keeps his/her commitment this year. **Please send in your form or email me by Friday, September 1, 2017.**

I am so looking forward to an exciting year of music making! Thank you so much for your dedication to the arts and to the spiritual development of your child. Nurturing your children's talents is one of the greatest gifts you can give to them.

Warmly,

STUDENT CHOIR 2017 – 2018 COMMITMENT FORM

Christ has blessed your child with the gift of song. With this in mind, please read over the following information with your chorister before they begin their Holy Family Choir journey.

Absences: Absences need to be reported at least a week in advance. Emergencies and academic reasons (pass is required from a teacher) are excused absences. A maximum of **two unexcused** are allowed for the entire year. This includes weekend liturgies and extra-curricular events. Since we sing at only one mass per month, the absence rule will be enforced strictly. Please email Mrs. Koenig at jkoenig@holyfamilyrockford.org or call the school at **815-398-5331 x779** to report an absence.

Tardiness: Warming up is essential to the vocal development of the students and success of the choir. Attendance will be taken as singers arrive to rehearsals and liturgies. If the listed time is 4pm, please be there promptly at 4pm.

Behavior Guidelines: Choir members are liturgical models, both in and out of liturgies. Each choir member is expected to exhibit self-control and a desire to participate in rehearsals and liturgies. If a student cannot do this, the child's parent or guardian will be contacted to discuss problem-solving for that student so that s/he can remain in choir.

Please return this form no later than Friday, September 1, 2017.

I have read and understand the commitment I am making to the Holy Family Student Choir.

Student Signature _____

I will help my child keep his or her commitment to the Holy Family Student Choir.

Parent Signature _____