



St. Mary Parish School Choir

Open to 5th – 8th Grade Students

Dear Parents,

September 7, 2022

Blessings to you and your families! I would like to announce the starting date of the 2022-23 choir season which will begin at the end of the month. I am eager to once again make music with our talented singers! For those of you who are unfamiliar with the group, the St. Mary Parish School Choir is open to all 5th-8th students who love to sing and who want to challenge and strengthen their musical skills.

We have a number of exciting events this year. In December the choir will be going **Christmas Caroling** at local assisted living facilities. It is a wonderful opportunity to be able to share our talents and Christmas spirit with those in need. We will also perform at the **St. Mary Christmas Program**.

In February the choir will attend the **Milwaukee Youth Choral Festival and Mass** which is led by the American Federation Pueri Cantores (a National Catholic Choral Organization). This event brings choirs from the greater Midwestern region together to sing liturgical music spanning Gregorian chant to music of the twenty-first century. The festival will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

We will also have the honor of singing the National Anthem at a **Milwaukee Admirals Hockey game**. This was an incredible experience last year and we have been invited to return!

Finally, in April the choir will participate in our school's **Fine Arts Night**. This event showcases the talents of choir, band and the incredible variety of art mediums taught to the students by Mrs. Gurnee.

Rehearsals for the St. Mary Parish School Choir will be held THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 2:45-3:30 in Room 105. Our first rehearsal is set for September 29th. Students should come right down to the music room after dismissal and will be picked up from the upper lot at Door #2.

In order to help defray the cost of sheet music and materials, I am asking that each choir member contribute \$50. I realize that every family's situation is different so, if this is not feasible, please let me know.

If your child would like to become a member of the St. Mary Parish School Choir please fill out the form below and make the check payable to Heather Schultz. Have your child return the form and fee in an envelope no later than **Monday, September 12th**. They can drop it off either at the School Office or my classroom.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at schultzh@stmaryhc.org.

Blessings,

Mrs. Heather Schultz
St. Mary Parish School Music Teacher



St. Mary Parish School Choir

Cost: \$50 – Cash or make check payable to Heather Schultz

Location: Room – 105 (Students should be picked up from the upper lot at Door #2)

Rehearsal Day/Time: Thursday Afternoons – 2:45 - 3:30

Rehearsal Dates:

September - 29

October – 13, 20, 27

November – 3, 10, 17

December – 1, 8, 15

January – 12, 19, 26

February – 2, 16, 23

March – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April – 20, 27

Events:

Christmas Caroling – Date TBD in December (held during the school day)

Christmas Program – Wednesday, December 14, 2022 @ 6:30-7:30pm

Milwaukee Youth Choral Festival – Saturday, February 18, 2023 @ 11:00am – 6:30pm

Admirals Hockey Game – Date of game TBD

Fine Arts Night – Thursday, April 27, 2023 @ 6:00-8:00 pm

Choir Expectations:

- Arrive on time (we have a short amount of time to do great work together)
- Be respectful of all choir members (we all have different vocal talents)
- Take care of your assigned binder of sheet music (this is school property)
- Be open to singing all styles of music

Please return money and form below to Mrs. Schultz by Monday, September 12, 2022.



Choir Permission Slip

Student name _____

Grade _____ Room Number _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____