

# Nativity Youth Choir

## **Grades 3, 4, and 5!**

### information and registration

#### **New this year:**

Brian Carson, newly-appointed Director of Liturgical Music at Nativity, will be directing the Nativity Youth Choir. He brings a great deal of experience working with choirs of young people in a liturgical context. In addition to providing music and liturgical leadership at weekly parish liturgies, he has led his choirs on singing tours to New York, Washington D.C., England, and Italy!

The Youth Choir will focus on providing music in the context of parish Masses, mostly at the Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass about every four weeks.

#### **Rehearsals:**

**When?** Every Thursday that school is in session, after school until 3:50 P.M. A schedule for the year will be out soon.

**Where?** Our first meeting will be on Thursday, November 3, and will take place in the **choir room in the lower level of the school.** We will move into the church at some point.

#### **Singing engagements:**

Both rehearsals and liturgies are an essential part of being a chorister! Rehearsals and singing in public teach self-control and teamwork, and are opportunities to create and share something beautiful and spiritual with others. *Therefore, making it to scheduled rehearsals and engagements is incredibly important. Please keep this in mind before signing up for choir! Like any team, we have to practice together, and we have to show up to engagements together.*

The choir will perform at weekend Masses throughout the school year, mostly the Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass, as well as a few school Masses. Plans in the works include Christmas caroling, bringing the joy of the holiday to others, and perhaps singing at the Cathedral at the end of the season.

#### **Fees:**

\$20 per semester

*The choir fee will go onto your **FACTS** account.*

## What does choir look like to the chorister?

In the Nativity Youth Choir, we...

- sing a wide spectrum of music, from Gregorian chant to works written in our own time; learn to work as a part of a team;
- build friendships and community through singing and liturgical leadership; build self-confidence through leadership opportunities;
- solid musical and vocal training;
- learn background about why the pieces we sing were written;
- create music that praises God and leads others in prayer.

## Choir notes:

### Pickup:

Third grade parents please pick up on the Plaza at 3:50 P.M. Fourth & Fifth Grade parents please indicate your going home plan on the registration form.

### Communication:

An email communication when...

- Parish Youth Choir will not be meeting as a choir that week
- Parish Youth Choir has a singing engagement coming up within a few weeks
- there are dates/details to convey about those engagements

There will be an email in next few weeks regarding weekend Masses that the Youth Choir will be singing. This year, the choir will be doing this about every month. **Please make sure your son or daughter can participate in three to five engagements each semester. If for any reason, he or she cannot make one or two of the performances, please contact me as soon as possible, so that I can plan for a smaller group!**

*Please feel free to email with any questions about choir!*

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