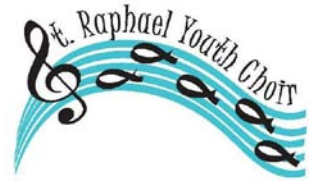


TO: YOUTH CHOIR PARENTS
RE: FALL SEMESTER 2011
DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2011
FROM: JULIE FRAZIER



Welcome back to our returning members and welcome to all the new members. We're excited to begin another wonderful year of music making for the many services we'll be singing at in the coming year. The Youth Choir will usually sing at the 9am Mass (see below) and a number of other special liturgies throughout the year. Our rehearsals will be in the Choir Rehearsal room on Thursdays from 4-5pm, with snack time available in room 162 for any children who remain after school or come early from other schools. Parent helpers are needed for snacks and for monitoring the children at this time. Note: you must have taken the Protecting God's Children class. (See Julie Frazier for upcoming class dates). Cindy Delack will continue to set-up monitors and after school snacks. Feel free to contact Cindy if you need a sub: #630-416-6177 or delackc@comcast.net. Please fill-out the parent participation form if you are able to help in any of the areas listed. To help our rehearsals run smoothly, please be on time, have your children stop at the rest room, wash their hands and get a drink of water before coming up to rehearse. Warm-ups for liturgies will usually be ½ hour before the service (unless otherwise marked). The Youth Choir will wear a uniform t-shirt with black pants (or skirt) and dark shoes and socks (see the t-shirt form if you need to make an order). For special services concert dress is: white tops and black bottoms. Thank you again for all your support in the music ministry for our Youth Choir. We pray this will be a wonderful year for our children's faith journey through music, as we help our children *Feed My Lambs, Feed My Sheep and Gather the People!* – Celebrating St. Raphael's Anniversary theme.

In Christ's peace, Julie

REHEARSALS

September 8
15
22
29

October 6
13
20
27

November 3
10
17

December 1
8

12 (MONDAY REHEARSAL at ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH for CONCERT)
4-5:30PM, car pools from St. Raphael's needed, more info tba)

15 (regular 4-5pm rehearsal)

22 (4-5:30 w/families for Xmas)

January 5 1st rehearsal of 2012
Bring A Friend☺

LITURGIES

September 18, 9am Mass (warm-up 8:30am)
Mass helpers arrive 8:15am

October 9, 9am Mass (warm-up 8:30am)
Mass helpers arrive 8:15am

November 13, 9am Mass (warm-up 8:30am)
Mass helpers arrive 8:15am

November 24, Thanksgiving Day 9am Mass
meet 8:30am; wear uniform t-shirt

December 16, Concert at Wentz Hall, 7:30pm
Youth choir call (5-6pm, helpers needed)
Concert Dress with Santa Hats

December 24, Christmas Eve 5pm Mass (arrive 4:15)
All family members welcome to participate.
Singers ONLY in the loft, please.
(Rehearsal 12/22) Attire: Christmas outfits.