

September 4, 2019

Dear Parents of St. Luke Students:

The children's choirs of St. Luke Parish (including the Seraphim choir, Cherub choir and hand bell choir), are beginning their seasons, and we'd like to invite all students to join these ensembles. Our first rehearsals will be Wednesday, September 11 for the Seraphim choir and Thursday, September 12 for the Cherub choir.

Due to the different dismissal times of public schools, later arrival of students to rehearsal is not a problem. Please let me know what time your child will be able to arrive.

Please note information about rehearsal locations:

The **Seraphim Choir** (grades 5-8) will rehearse in the **Hospitality House (formerly known as the convent building)** – Students should go directly to the Hospitality House after school, entering through the parking lot door. We will meet at the Hospitality House on **Wednesdays** at 3:10 p.m. for a brief snack, and then rehearse until 4:15 p.m.

The **Cherub Choir** (grades 1-4) rehearses on **Thursdays** at the Hospitality House (formerly known as the convent building). Religious education students should be brought directly to the Hospitality House immediately after school. They will join the St. Luke school students, and there they will have a light snack and some relaxation time before we begin our rehearsal. This rehearsal will begin at 3:30 p.m. and end at 4:15 p.m. At the end of rehearsal, you will need to come into the Hospitality House to pick up your child. There is a sign-out sheet that all parents must sign each time they retrieve their child.

The choirs will sing at mass once a month, including on Christmas Eve and Palm Sunday, and we will be singing and playing music of various styles, languages and cultures.

Along with an enthusiastic student involvement in these choirs, we need the participation of parent volunteers, as well. We need adult volunteers to be present with me at each Cherub choir rehearsal to assist students when the need arises. In past years, we've had a schedule of parents who volunteered to provide the snacks for a particular Thursday, and assisted with the choir on that same day. If you would be available and willing to volunteer in this capacity, please indicate this on the form that is enclosed with this letter. Or, if you could assist at the Sunday mass, please indicate that.

Enclosed with this letter is a schedule of dates on which the choirs will provide music, as well as a form that delineates the requirements of choir membership. It also requests information that is needed for the security of your child. Included are questions regarding emergency and cell phone numbers, and the identity of persons designated to meet your child at the conclusion of rehearsal. Please complete this form, and have your child bring it to the first choir rehearsal, or return it to the rectory by Thursday, September 20. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at **708-435-8926** or email me at Amichna@stlukeparish.org.

I'm looking forward to another creative and productive year with the choirs. Thanks very much -

Sincerely,

Arlene Michna - Music Director, St. Luke Parish

(choir schedule on next page)

2019-2020 CHILDREN'S CHOIR DATES: MASSES

(All regular Sunday Masses are preceded by a warm-up rehearsal that begins in Waldron Hall at 8:15 a.m.)

October 27, 9 a.m. mass
November 24, 9 a.m. mass
December 24, 4 p.m. – (with program at 3:30).
January 19, 9 a.m. mass
February 23, 9 a.m. mass
March 15, 9 a.m. mass
April 5 (Palm Sunday), 9 a.m. mass
May 10, 9 a.m. mass (last children's choir Sunday).

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS REHEARSAL DATES:

SERAPHIM CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES: (Wednesdays, 3 – 4:15 p.m., Hospitality House)

September: 11, 18, 25
October: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
November: 6, 13, 20
December: 4, 11, 18, **also, Friday, DEC. 20: 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M., IN CHURCH:**
Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal

2020:

January: **8***, 15, 22, 29 (*January 8 = choir Christmas party)
February: 5, 12, 19, 26
March: 4, 11, 18
April: 1, 15, 22, 29 **NO REHEARSAL APRIL 8**
May: 6, **13*** (*May 13 = end of year party)

CHERUB CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES: (Thursdays, 3 – 4:15 p.m., Hospitality House)

September: 12, 19, 26
October: 3, 10, 17, 24 (**No rehearsal October 31**)
November: 7, 14, 21
December: 5, 12, 19, **also, Friday, DEC. 20: 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M., IN CHURCH:**
Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal

2020:

January: **9***, 16, 23, 30 (*January 9 = choir Christmas party)
February: 6, 13, 20, 27
March: 5, 12, 19
April: 2, 16, 23, 30 (**No rehearsal April 9**)
May: 7, **14*** (**May 14 = end of year party**)

Please complete the following form and return it to Ms. Michna.

Cherub Choir and Seraphim Choir expectations:

1. Membership in a choir is a commitment to the parish community, to the choir director, and to the other members of your choir. Attendance at all rehearsals, and at mass when the choir is singing, is required. Excused absences will require notification by a parent.
2. Choir rehearsals should be fun and productive. For this to occur, proper behavior is needed during rehearsals, and, of course, when we are at mass. Parents will be notified of disruptive behavior.
3. Choir members perform a ministry at mass, and will need to dress appropriately to reflect this ministry. (i.e., no flip-flops, shorts, t-shirts with printing on them, etc.)

I understand and agree with the above statements.

Signed: (choir member) _____

(parent) _____

PARENTS: Please answer the following questions.

Child's name:

Current grade your child is in: _____

Does your child have any allergies or medical conditions of which we should be aware?

If so, please explain: _____

Who is permitted to pick your child up after rehearsal? _____

Relationship? _____ Alternative? _____

Will your child attend the extended day program after rehearsal? _____

Please list name and phone number(s) to be called in case of emergency: _____

Please list your cell phone number(s) _____

E-mail address: _____

Are you able to volunteer to assist with choir? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please list day and time of availability _____

Thank you for your cooperation. Arlene Michna 708-435-8926