

Liturgical Choir

Dear Villa Community,

Music is so vital to our Liturgies. It helps us pray from the heart in a way that the spoken word just falls short. I have a great love for praying in song and look forward to sharing that with your children. At this time we are inviting all those who have participated in the past as well as any other interested newcomers in Grades 5-8 to join us.

We spend a great deal of time and energy learning pieces in parts and ringing Hand Bells and plan for a certain number of voices to accomplish this. Should your child decide to join choir for the 2010-2011 school year, we need a commitment from you that he/she will regularly attend practices on **Wednesday mornings beginning promptly at 7:35 am in the Chapel. Our first rehearsal is September 14, 2011.**

Occasionally we may need to add a morning practice if needed, but this is rare. Consistently coming late, leaving early to go take care of other school business, missing practice altogether or just showing up for Mass is not acceptable and wrecks havoc on our work. So, if you are unable to commit to regular attendance, it might not be wise to sign up.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance will be taken at each rehearsal. Two unexcused absences will disqualify you from singing with the choir at the next Mass. There are two types of excused absences. They are: 1) Planned absence and 2) Illness. **If you have a planned absence I need a note from your parents at least 2 weeks in advance.**

Service Hours:

Active participation in the Liturgical choir is a service eligible for community service hours. Service hours are given as follows: Each rehearsal attended on time = 1hr. and each Mass = 1 hr. If you attend rehearsal late or leave early you will receive ½ hour credit. Masses sung at St. Bridget that are listed below are credited with double service hours.

Choir Calendar:

In addition to our school Masses the choir has also been invited to sing at St. Bridget Church this year. This is a wonderful Ministry and is an opportunity for the choir to represent Villa Academy in the wider community. The dates and times we will be playing are below. Please circle the date to indicate your child's commitment to sing on that day.

We are a fun group and enjoy praying in song and making music together. We hope that you will consider joining us!
Sincerely,

CJ Fesalbon

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Please tear off and return to Ms. Jones

My child, _____, has my permission to join the Villa Liturgical Choir. We both understand that regularly attending practice on Wednesday mornings, arriving promptly at 7:35am, is required and we are committed to doing so.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Please circle below your commitment to sing on the following dates:

October 2, Sunday at 10:30 AM

December 10, Saturday at 5 PM

February 26, Sunday 8:30 AM



Who: Students in
Grades 5-8

When: Wednesdays
7:35 am
Beginning September 14, 2011

Where: Villa Chapel

"They who sing, pray twice!"

