

ST. LEO THE GREAT SCHOOL MASS CHOIR

Dear Parents:

St. Leo the Great School students in grades 3 through 8 are welcome to join the School Mass Choir. This choir sings at the 8:45am Friday morning children's Mass to lead the student body in a fuller more active participation in the liturgy.

If you wish your child to participate, please print and complete the **2016/2017 permission form** found on the school website (packet link) www.stleoschool.org. **The completed form must be returned to the school office or parish office no later than September 8.** I must have a **2016/2017** signed permission form in order for any child to participate in the School Mass Choir. It is important to include your email address so that I may communicate with you should a change in rehearsal time occur due to my availability, school event, or weather-related emergency.

I am aware that many students are interested in singing in the School Mass Choir and I wish that I could accommodate everyone. Please understand that space is limited in the choir loft; therefore, membership is limited to a maximum of 30 singers. This is a safety issue as well as a management issue. When the maximum limit of 30 members is attained, I will hold additional permission forms received on a waiting list and you will be notified when space is available. I will notify those on the waiting list personally via email on September 9 so there is no confusion about whether or not your child should attend rehearsal. Please convey to your child that his/her voice is very important to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass whether they sing in the loft or with the student body.

Our first rehearsal will take place on Thursday, September 15 after school from 3:30pm to 4:15pm in the chapel. We have rehearsal every Thursday unless you receive an email from me in advance denoting otherwise. Students must attend Thursday rehearsals in order to participate in choir so that they are prepared to sing on Friday. Exception: Children are excused from rehearsals due to physician appointment, family issue, illness, or absent from school and therefore may sing in the loft at the next Mass.

Please note the paragraph regarding after-school rehearsal that requires your signature. Please arrange to pick up your child promptly at **4:15pm outside the chapel entrance.**

Students who participate in the School Mass Choir are strongly encouraged to join the Junior Choir. **The Junior Choir sings at 9:15am Sunday Mass three times each month from September through May. They rehearse on Thursdays from 6:30pm – 7:15pm** in the chapel. Some of our current Junior Choir members are being promoted to the Adult Choir this year due to age and experience. Therefore, I am in the process of "re-seeding" the Junior Choir with new singers as there is a need for new voices. Please contact me if your child is interested in singing in the Junior Choir.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children as they sing to the Lord. Please feel free to call or email with any questions.

Sincerely,

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2016/2017 STUDENT APPLICATION

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S AGE: _____ **GRADE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

PARENTS or GUARDIAN NAMES:

DOES YOUR CHILD PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OR SING WITH ANOTHER VOCAL GROUP? YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE:

I, _____ give permission for my child
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)
(whose name appears above) to participate in the St. Leo The Great School Mass Choir. I understand that I must provide transportation home promptly at the 4:15 PM conclusion of practices.