

Saint Michael and Saint Mary Youth Choir Chorus Angelorum



All children in the Saint Michael and Saint Mary parishes (ages 10-14) are welcome and encouraged to join Chorus Angelorum. We are focused on teaching religious music making for the youth of our parish. We come together to pray, learn, understand and grow in our love of the church and the liturgy. This includes learning more about our faith through the liturgy, chants, classical and modern works, and proper singing techniques.

A singing commitment is **required for both rehearsals and Sunday masses**. Students have rehearsals on Wednesdays from 4-5pm and once a month the children will sing a Sunday mass at the Church of Saint Michael or the Church of Saint Mary with 1-2 special masses hosted outside of the parish. Special programs are undertaken with the intention of enriching our Catholic culture.

Auditions are not necessary, but *commitment to attendance* is. **Missing over one Sunday mass, in Fall Semester, and two missed masses, in Spring Semester, will excuse your student from continuing the choir year.** It is important to review your children's and family's activities for each semester prior to signing up for the choir. If your student has to miss a rehearsal/mass, an email **must** be sent to childrenschoir@costm.org to inform the director the day before rehearsal or at least two weeks before a mass.

We hope that your child will sing with us! Registration is ongoing throughout the year. Tuition is \$50/student or \$100/family and cover expenses for teachers, accompanist, and materials. **Please make all checks out to the Church of Saint Michael.** To register, please fill out and return, with payment, the registration form [found at the St. Michael parish office.](#)

Regular Rehearsals & Pick-up/Drop-off

All rehearsals are held from 4:00-5:00pm on Wednesdays in Corcoran Hall (church basement). Rehearsals will be led by Mrs. Anna Peters along with our accompanist Mary Rhiem. Those children who are coming from SCCS may walk to Mrs. Peters music room (301), at 3:45pm or

right after prayer, and walk with her down to the choir room for rehearsal. Those students coming from outside of the school can meet directly in Corcoran Hall.

Please make sure to drop off your child and pick them up on time. After 5:15, there will be no adult supervision in the church and students should be picked up. Please be courteous of the adults watching your children and pick them up promptly. Students will be waiting at the back (West/parking lot) entrance to St. Michael's for pickup.

Weekend Mass

If there is a weekend Mass performance at St. Mary's, please have your child walk up to the choir loft to warm-up. If there is a weekend performance at St. Michael's, please have your child meet in Corcoran Hall to warm-up. When students are to be picked up, after a weekend Mass, please discuss with your child which entrance of the church you will be meeting them at.

Snack Time

Students will get a 10-15 minute snack break before choir begins. A snack and drink (enough for 30 students) are provided by a choir member family every week. A snack schedule will be handed out at our second rehearsal. All snacks may be brought directly, with your student, to rehearsal or may be dropped off at the St. Michael parish office. Please make note to the director of any food or drink allergies. During snack time must stay in the choir room. Students are not to be running around the church halls.

Choir Fee

A membership fee is necessary to cover operating expenses (accompanist fee, music, apparel and any workshops/clinicians). It is \$50 per student or \$100 per family.

Robes/Stole

Students will be given a robe and stole for the days when they are to sing at Mass. Please make sure these robes are kept clean and on a hanger. Robes will be handed out at the first rehearsal and will be collected at the last. Please wash robes in a gentle cycle. Gold stoles should not be washed or dried.

Please contact childrenschoir@costm.org with any questions!