

BLESSED SACRAMENT Children's Choir Handbook 2018 – 2019



Our Mission

Our mission is to serve God and our church community through the gift of music.

We will do this by using our musical talents God has graciously given to us and by working to develop those talents to the best of our abilities.

We strive to help raise hearts and voices in the celebration of the Mass, for the glory and praise of God, in thanksgiving for all He has done for our families and our church of Blessed Sacrament.

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Children's Choir Calendar 2018 - 2019

Our Children's Choir is scheduled to sing on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the 10:30am Mass. Rehearsals are held generally on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 4-5pm in the music room.

First Semester

August

1-25	Sign-ups (call/email/talk to Rachel after Mass)	
26	First Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room

September

2	No rehearsal	-----
9	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room
16	First Mass, 10:30am	(9:50am in Music Room)
23	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room
30	No rehearsal	-----

October

7	No rehearsal	-----
14	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room
21	Second Mass, 10:30am	(9:50am in Music Room)
28	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room

November

4	No rehearsal	-----
11	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room
18	Third Mass, 10:30am	(9:50am in Music Room)
25	Rehearsal (Christmas music)	4-5pm in Music Room

December *Christmas Rehearsals*

2	No rehearsal	-----
9	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room
16	Rehearsal & Christmas Party	4-6pm in Music Room
23	No rehearsal	-----
24	Christmas Eve Mass, 4pm	(3pm call in Music Room)
30	No rehearsal	-----

Second Semester

January

6	No rehearsal	-----
13	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room
20	Fifth Mass, 10:30am	(9:50am in Music Room)
27	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room

February

3	No rehearsal	-----
10	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room
17	Sixth Mass, 10:30am	(9:50am in Music Room)
24	Rehearsal (Grand Marshal)	4-5pm in Music Room

March

3	Rehearsal (Grand Marshal)	4-5pm in Music Room
9	Rehearsal (Grand Marshal)	10-10:45am in Gym
10	Grand Marshal Breakfast	Meet 9am, sing at 9:30am
17	No Rehearsal/No Mass	-----
24	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room
31	No rehearsal	-----

April

7	No rehearsal	-----
14	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room
21	Easter Mass, 10:30am	(9:50am in Music Room)
28	Rehearsal	4-5pm in Music Room

May

5	No rehearsal	-----
12	Rehearsal & Pizza Party	4-5pm in Music Room
19	Eighth/Final Mass, 10:30am	(9:50am in Music Room)

Attendance

The success of our choir depends on YOU. Each of our members makes the whole ensemble stronger; one person missing makes the ensemble weaker. We need you present at rehearsals and our Masses so that we can glorify God to the best of our abilities as a complete ensemble.

Please be mindful that tardiness is disruptive. Please ensure that you get ready and leave in a manner that allows you to get to rehearsal and Mass on time.

If you must miss rehearsals or Mass(es), please email or call Rachel Brungardt beforehand at rbrungardt@mbschurch.org or call/text 316-518-9671.

If you miss without notification, your absence is considered unexcused. After two (2) unexcused absences, your participation in the choir will be under discussion.

It is understandable that choir members have other activities and homework so that an occasional absence will be necessary.

Parents are asked to ensure the following expectations are met:

- ♪ Attendance at rehearsals
- ♪ Being on time for every rehearsal
- ♪ Singing at Sunday Mass when scheduled
- ♪ Attend and participate in other choir activities (Grand Marshal)
- ♪ Having music prepared and ready for Mass and rehearsal. If attendance has been such that the choir member does not know the music, the choir member may not be allowed to sing for that celebration.

If you are available to help with the Children's Choir, being a restroom escort (to take children to the restroom during Mass) or extra hands during any special events throughout the year, please contact Rachel.

Dismissal / Pick-up from Rehearsal and Mass

Rehearsals will be kept to the time scheduled. You will need to come into the music room or church to pick up your child.

Choir Music and Folders

Each choir member will be assigned a choir folder with music. These are to be treated with the utmost care. Please be a good steward of your music and turn any music in at the appropriate times.

Commitment

After reading through this handbook and looking over the dates provided, prayerfully discern if this is something to which you and your parents can commit. If so, read the following pledge and sign the next page's informational form.

I accept membership in the Blessed Sacrament Children's Choir.

I will use the talent, which God has given me,

to sing praises during the upcoming year.

I realize the important tasks and responsibilities associated with the choir and fully commit myself for the 2018 – 2019 year.