

Children's Choir

St. Gerard School offers fourth through eighth grade students the chance to participate in an after school Children's Choir. This choir meets on Wednesdays after school from 2:40-3:30 and performs one Sunday of the month at the 9:00 mass, Christmas Eve 4:30 mass, Easter Sunday 11:00 mass and all school masses. A mass schedule and attendance policy for the year is on the back of this sheet. The students will have the chance to work on choral music that is spiritual, educational and fun! Students that would like to participate should return the attached form to Mrs. Darling or the school office by Monday, September 10, 2018. **The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 12.** If you have any questions, please email at adarling@stgerardlansing.org or contact Mrs. Darling at school.

I will also be sending out text message or email reminders through an application called Remind. **If you were signed up last year you will need to resign up this year.** This allows me to send short reminders to a group. Others will not see your phone number or email. This is a very helpful system for you to get reminders about upcoming events. Please sign up for texts by:

Text the code, @akhfag8 to the number 81010

If you prefer to receive reminders in email format, go to rmd.at/akhfag8 on a computer and follow the directions.



Children's Choir Permission Form

My student has permission to participate in the Children's Choir after school on Wednesdays from 2:40-3:30 and we agree to the attendance policy for the year. I understand that the student must have arrangements to go home or daycare at 3:30.

Parent's Signature

Parent's Phone Number

Student's Name

Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

_____ Please check here if you have arranged for your child to go to the school childcare after choir.

Children's Choir 2018-2019 Schedule

- October 7, 2018- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30
- November 4, 2018- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30
- December 2, 2018- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30
- December 24, 2018- 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass, report at 3:45
- January 27, 2019- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30 (Kick off to Catholic Schools Week)
- March 3, 2019- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30
- April 21, 2019- 11:00 AM Easter Mass, report at 10:15
- May 2, 2019- 6:30 PM Choir Concert in Parish Hall (report at 6:00)
- May 5, 2019- 9:00 AM mass, report at 8:30
- Choir Party- May 8, 2019, pick up at 3:30

Attendance Policy:

Children's Choir is a team commitment in many ways like a sport. Each member is valuable and it is important that we work together as a team and support each other at events. We will be following an attendance policy very similar to the St. Gerard Athletic Policy. Please read it carefully.

- Students are expected to be at after school rehearsal if in attendance at school. If there is an appointment that they must miss for, Mrs. Darling should be notified by at least the Tuesday before or it will count as an unexcused absence.
- Students are expected to participate in the Sunday masses. It is understood that you may have to miss due to family obligations but Mrs. Darling needs to be notified before the mass occurs. Not being notified will count as an unexcused absence. If the student is sick on a Sunday mass day, Mrs. Darling should be notified in email as soon as possible that Sunday.
- The choir concert is a requirement. If students are unable to attend (unless sick from school that day) it will count as an unexcused absence.
- Three unexcused absences from masses or rehearsals will result in loss of the choir party.
- A total amount of absences from rehearsal or masses (excused or non-excused) that exceeds 30% of our activity can also result in loss of choir party.

**Christmas Eve and Easter excused absences are not counted in the number.