



2009—2010
Children's Choir
Information Booklet
And Schedule

MUSIC MINISTRY

When our Parish family gathers to share our faith at Mass, singing together is a fundamental part of the Celebration.

THE REASON WE SING!

The role of the church musician is:

- To elicit prayer
- To set the seasons (the liturgical seasons of Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter)
- To select pieces of music corresponding to the readings or theme of the Mass.

The Mission of Our Lady of Angels Music Ministry is to support the prayer of the people, and to actively engage each member of the assembly. These are the channels that provide musicians the great joy and privilege of serving our Parish for the weekly celebrations and very special feasts of our faith throughout the year.

SING A NEW SONG!
LET ALL THE EARTH SHOUT FOR JOY!

Psalms 33

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir is an integral component of the Music Ministry at Our Lady of Angels. This choir provides the music for Children's liturgies on the fourth Saturday of the month at the 5 pm Mass. We also sing for other services including the Christmas Vigil, Ash Wednesday, and the First Eucharist Celebration.

Children in 2nd grade and above may join the choir. Older students are put in leadership roles, providing assistance to younger children and new members during rehearsals and liturgies. Although 6th graders are eligible to enter the Youth Choir, they are welcome to stay with Children's Choir if they choose. They may move into the Youth Choir at any time, once they feel ready to make the transition.

Our weekly rehearsals are packed with music, prayer, social time and lots of fun. Choir rehearsals are MONDAYS from **5:00-6:00 pm.** (between Faith Formation Class times). Cantors (leaders for the Gloria and Psalm) require additional rehearsals on certain weeks.

In keeping with Diocesan Safe Environment policy, there must be two CLEARED adults present at all times.

The rehearsal format is:

5:00-5:10	Opening Prayers of the faithful and vocal warm-ups.
5:10-5:30	1st half of rehearsal
5:30-5:35	Break - halfway stretch
5:35-5:55	Last half of rehearsal, announcements and dismissal

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REHEARSALS

ATTENDANCE

Come and have FUN. Although ALL rehearsals are important, many times it is hard to make them all. Please try to attend at least 3 rehearsals a month. At the beginning of each rehearsal, children are to sign the attendance sheet, and put on their name badge.

DROP-OFF and PICK-UP

MONDAY 4:00 PM Faith Formation Students

Students will remain in their classrooms until a Children's Choir volunteer arrives to escort them to the rehearsal space.

Choir will be dismissed at 5:55 pm. A parent or designated adult must come into the rehearsal space to pick up the children.

MONDAY 6:00 PM Faith Formation Students

A parent or designated adult must come into the rehearsal space to drop off the children. (no earlier than 4:55 pm).

Choir will be dismissed at 5:55 pm. At that time, the children will be escorted to their Faith Formation Classrooms or large assembly area by Children's Choir volunteers.

PLEASE NOTE: If, for any reason, a scheduled Faith Formation Class does not have the two cleared adults and the class is cancelled for the week, parents will be called to pick up your child at the end of Choir rehearsal.

LITURGIES

ATTENDANCE

Singing at Mass is the joyful highlight of the work we do every week at rehearsal. The choir experience allows children to have a sense of 'ownership' when we sing for Mass. Even at their young age, the children are learning what it means to serve others as part of the Music Ministry.

DROP-OFF and PICK-UP

Rehearsals before our Saturday Masses are from 4:00-4:50 pm. Parents, please escort your children into the Worship Center, and **before leaving, ensure that there are two cleared adults present.** (If there are not yet two cleared adults, please remain with your child.)

At the end of Mass, children will be dismissed after the choir area has been tidied. A parent or designated adult must come to the choir area to pick up the children.

DRESS CODE

Sometimes it is easy to forget that our Worship Center is a HOLY place, in fact, God's House. When we come to Mass, one way to show our respect and reverence for God is to clothe our bodies in clean, modest ways. For our regular Saturday Masses, children should wear comfortable clothing, preferably a light-colored top and dark pants or skirt. Please refrain from wearing short shorts, mini skirts, jeans, or beach shoes. The Worship Center is usually very cool, so please bring a jacket or sweater to wear.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

CONDUCT

Every child deserves respect and attention from peers and adults. In turn, every child must give his or her respect and attention to all others. Here are the **BASIC RULES**:

- Respect each other.
- Respect the property of the church (classroom equipment, restrooms)
- Respect the property of the choir (instruments, books, sheet music)
- Keep your hands to yourself
- When someone else is speaking, LISTEN.

If a child repeatedly has difficulty following these simple standards, I would like to meet with a parent, and together we will try to form a more effective approach.

Without you, the choir cannot exist! Your help with the Children's Choir is very much appreciated by the children, but even more so by me. If you are unhappy about something, or have any concerns, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. I'll try my best to fix it. If you have any suggestions, bring them to me. I LOVE NEW IDEAS.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Let's keep our kids safe. If you are not yet a cleared volunteer, it's easy to do: just fill out the papers, attend the training class, and get fingerprinted. It's that easy. All information is confidential.

If you have any questions, CALL me, Nina McKay, at 469-467-9669 or email: nmckay@ourladyofangels.com

Our Lady of Angels Parish Children's Choir Schedule 2009-'10

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REASON</u>
MONDAY	09/07/09	<u>No Rehearsal</u>		<u>LABOR DAY</u>
MONDAY	09/14/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Parent Meeting & Rehearsal
MONDAY	09/21/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
<i>Saturday</i>	09/26/09	4:00 – 6:15 p.m.	W.C.	Children's Liturgy (5 p.m.)
MONDAY	09/28/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	10/05/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	10/12/09	<u>No Rehearsal</u>	W.C.	<u>NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES</u>
MONDAY	10/19/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
<i>Saturday</i>	10/24/09	4:00 – 6:15 p.m.	W.C.	Children's Liturgy (5 p.m.)
MONDAY	10/26/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
FRIDAY	10/30/09	4:00 – 5:00 pm	New Building	HALLOWEEN PARTY
MONDAY	11/02/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	11/09/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	11/16/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	11/23/09	<u>No Rehearsal</u>		<u>NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES</u>
<i>Saturday</i>	11/28/09	4:00 – 6:15 p.m.	W.C.	Children's Liturgy (5 p.m.)
MONDAY	11/30/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal for Christmas Mass (even though there are NOT Faith Formation Classes, choir will meet)
MONDAY	12/07/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal for Christmas Mass
MONDAY	12/14/09	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal for Christmas Mass
MONDAY	12/21/09	1:00-4:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal for Christmas Mass & party
<i>Thursday</i>	Dec 24th	2:45 – 5:30 p.m. (Christmas Eve)	W.C.	Christmas Children's Mass (pageant 3:30—Mass 4:00 p.m.)
<i>Saturday</i>	12/26/09	4:00 – 6:15 p.m.	W.C.	Children's Liturgy (5 p.m.)
MONDAYS	12/28/09 01/04/10	<u>No Rehearsals</u>		<u>Happy New Year!!! NO REHEARSAL TO-DAY. Enjoy your Christmas vacation.</u>

MONDAY	01/11/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	01/18/10	<u>No Rehearsal</u>		NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Saturday	01/23/10	4:00 – 6:15 p.m.	W.C.	Children’s Liturgy (5 p.m.)
MONDAY	01/25/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	02/01/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	02/08/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	02/15/10	<u>No Rehearsal</u>		NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Wednesday	02/17/10	4:00 PM	W.C.	ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD
MONDAY	02/22/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
Saturday	02/27/10	4:00 – 6:15 p.m.	W.C.	Children’s Liturgy (5 p.m.) (also First Reconciliation in a.m. - Children’s Choir will not sing for reconciliation service)
MONDAY	03/01/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	03/08/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	03/15/10	<u>No Rehearsal</u>		<u>Enjoy your break from Choir!</u>
MONDAY	03/22/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal (even though there are NOT Faith Formation Classes, choir will meet)
Saturday	03/27/10	4:00 – 6:15 p.m.	W.C.	Children’s Liturgy (5 p.m.)
MONDAY	03/29/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	04/05/10	<u>No Rehearsal</u>		<u>EASTER MONDAY! HAPPY EASTER</u>
MONDAY	04/12/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	04/19/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
Saturday	04/24/10	4:00 – 6:15 p.m.	W.C.	Children’s Liturgy (5 p.m.)
MONDAY	04/26/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	05/03/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
Saturday	05/08/10	9:30 AM & 1:30 PM	W.C.	1st Eucharist Masses (Morning & Afternoon; lunch provided)
MONDAY	05/10/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
MONDAY	05/17/10	5:00 – 6:00 pm	W.C.	Rehearsal
Saturday	05/22/10	4:00 – 6:15 p.m.	W.C.	Children’s Liturgy (5 p.m.) & End-of-the-year party. (pizza & ice cream)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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FRIDGE CALENDAR REMINDER

OUR LADY OF ANGELS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

2009-2010 Calendar

August 2009						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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February 2010						
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March 2010						
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April 2010						
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May 2010						
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Children's Choir Mass: 4th Saturday each month-5 PM
(children to arrive by 4:00 PM)

Special Children's Choir Events marked accordingly
(see below for details)

Scheduled Rehearsal - Mondays 5:00-6:00 PM
(no rehearsals when No Faith Formation (2 EXCEPTIONS))

R **Seasons of Advent & Lent**

OCT 31 (Friday) 4 - 5 PM HALLOWEEN PARTY!

R **5-6pm Rehearsal-even though NO FAITH FORM. CLASS**

DEC 21 - CHRISTMAS PRACTICE AND PARTY

DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS & PAGEANT

DEC 26 - MASS (4th Saturday) - CHILDREN WILL SING!

FEB 17 - 4:00 PM - ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

MAY 8 - 10AM & 1:30PM - FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

MAY 22 - FINAL MASS & END-OF-THE-YEAR PARTY

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