

Combined Youth Choir!



“Training in singing, in singing in choir, is not only an exercise of the external hearing and voice; it is also an education of interior hearing, the hearing of the heart, an exercise and an education in life and peace.” - Pope Benedict XVI

What: One combined youth choir for both Strongsville Parishes and the School.

Who: Directed by Melissa and Luke Massery, music directors. Open to 3rd-8th graders.
(You don't have to attend SJJ to join.)

When: 3 “sessions” per year, like a sport, with weekly rehearsals.

Why: To make Mass beautiful, enjoy friendship, learn proper singing/music, glorify God.

Where: Both churches and school Masses - the “School Mass” choir and the Youth Choir are the same. Kids may not sing at School Mass or Christmas unless they join the choir.

Benefits:

- Proper vocal training and technique, to sing without strain or shout.
- Learn to read music, which improves all areas of cognition!
- To foster the beauty of our sung Catholic tradition, especially Gregorian Chant
- Grow in our faith and love of Jesus
- An excellent alternative to a “team sport,” that is still athletic in a different way.

Youth Choir Schedule, 2023-2024

1. Session A, Fall, 2023

Rehearsals: 3 weeks in October 16/23/30 (Mondays) at 7pm-8:00pm at St. Joseph Church

Performances:

Sunday, November 5th St Joseph 10:30am Mass, arrive at 9:45AM

Sunday, November 12th St John Neumann, 11am Mass, arrive at 10:15AM

Christmas Eve 4pm Mass, St. Joseph Church, Rehearsal on Tuesday, Dec. 12th, 7pm-8pm

2. Session B, Winter, 2024 (must have attended session A)

No weekday rehearsals, must have attended Session A

Performances:

Sunday, January 21st: St John Neumann, 11am Mass, arrive at 10:15 AM

Sunday, March 3rd: St. Joseph 10:30am Mass, arrive at 9:45 AM

3. Session C, Spring, 2024 (May attend without joining session A)

Rehearsals: April 11/18/25/May 2 (Thursdays) 7pm-8pm at St Joseph Church

Performances:

Sunday, May 5th St Joseph, 10:30am Mass, arrive at 9:45AM

Sunday, May 12th St John Neumann, 11am Mass, arrive at 10:15AM

The Youth Choir is also be invited to sing at the following Friday School Masses

(Students may not sing at School Masses unless they join the full choir)

Fridays at 8:05 AM (meet in lobby of school at 7:45 AM)

October 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17

February 9, 23, March 1

April 12, 19, 26

If you would like to join, please return the bottom of this paper to Luke Massery at St. Joseph, or Melissa Massery at St. John Neumann, or Miss Webb at SJJ, by September 15 and March 15. You may email to sign up, lmassery@sjohio.org. Students may **not** join only the School Mass choir- they must join the full choir, which will sing at some School Masses.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent's Email _____(You may email to sign up)