

Children's Choirs

Rules To Sing By

Dear Parents,

Thank you for enabling your child to become part of the Music Ministry and for entrusting your child to my care. I will try to give the children in the choir a sense of ministry and develop their musical and choral skills. I will keep you informed by periodic updates to our choir calendar.

Dear Choir Members,

In order to have an enjoyable and successful choir year, I ask several things of you:

1. **Attend all activities** from beginning to end;
2. Listen to and follow my directions;
3. Not bother other choir members or other people in church;
4. Always be kind;
5. Handle music with care;
6. Bring snacks for the choir when scheduled (something simple, individually wrapped for each choir member. **No drinks, please!**).

Concerning absences:

1. **Parents** should notify me -- in advance if possible -- if their child must miss any activity on the schedule. They can write a note. They can call **629-8092x202** Tuesday through Friday during the day or **694-4013** in the evenings up to 10pm any day. They can also email to RSaalfeld@yahoo.com.
2. If a choir member misses *two rehearsals in a row*, whether the absence is excused or not, he/she may not sing at a liturgy or other event until he/she has been to another rehearsal.

Concerning behavior:

I will make every effort to maintain a positive and affirming atmosphere in the choir rehearsal. However, if a choir member does things that disturb the rehearsal or Mass, such as talking to or bothering other choir members, or waving to friends or making funny faces at people on their way to communion (not to give anyone ideas, but these things have happened!), certain steps need to be taken.

The first time a choir member misbehaves, I will bring it to the attention of the choir member, and will ask him/her not to do it again. If this happens a second time, I will contact the parent and discuss the problem with him/her. If the behavior continues, the choir member will be suspended or dismissed from the choir.

Parents, you are welcome to sit in on rehearsals. I may even ask for your help. Someone may need an escort to the rest room, or I may need help with passing out or collecting music or distributing snacks, etc. On the registration form you will see other opportunities for helping with the choir.

I look forward to working with both choir members and parents this year. Please contact me (see above) if you have any questions.

The Lord be with you!

Richard Saalfeld