



St. Rose Children's Choir
 2010-2011

Children's Choir – Boys and Girls, grades 2-6

- All experience levels, no audition required.
- Meet on Mondays from 5:30-6:10 pm, starting September 13
- Sing every 4-6 weeks – 4:30 Sat or 10am Sunday and Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday.
- Optional singing for 1-2 other area churches annually and participation in annual show.
- Sing service music, lead congregation, choral anthems, traditional to contemporary

The Mission of the St. Rose Children's choir is to ...

lead sung prayer, learn proper singing techniques and musical language, learn new music, in multiple languages, mixing new and challenging with familiar, develop enjoyment for making music, and to create a small, safe, caring faith community.

What's new this year? The age breakdowns and new leadership opportunities! Anyone interested should let Mrs. Strahan know by 9/13.

Secretary-Take roll, keep track of absences and attendance for upcoming events, keep track of member birthdays, attend regularly (& on time)

Treasurer- Help with selling tickets for show/DVDs, coordinate cards for choir members who are ill or dealing w/family matters, etc.

Librarian-Help with organization of music - numbering, distributing, collecting and filing in music cupboards.

What you should expect of Mrs. Strahan:	What Mrs. Strahan expects of you:
Be Respectful to all	Be Respectful of Mrs. Strahan, Dana, and co-members
Be on time	Be on time
Come 100% of the time	Come 75%+ of the time (average)
Have music organized at the beginning of rehearsal	Keep your music organized
Will place choir members by people that will help them succeed	Respect placement decisions of director
Communicate upcoming singing events/changes	Listen to directions, pay attention (no reading books!)
	Watch the director while singing
	Bring labeled water bottle, if needed

Cantoring: To be considered to cantor, you must attend the 2 rehearsals prior to the mass, and must demonstrate continued leadership, preparedness, respect for other choir members and the director, and demonstrate proficient knowledge of the music. You must audition first!

Attire: Children should wear white or light color tops and black or dark colored bottoms. This can be a skirt or pants, no shorts please. Please do not wear high heels or backless shoes for safety. Nice outfits on holidays. Dress code for other events will be communicated with the choir and with parents via email.

Slippers: In order to foster a "safe" zone where everyone is comfortable and welcomed, children are encouraged to bring slippers to rehearsal. They may wear socks if they forget/don't have slippers. Please leave wet, muddy outside shoes in the entry area so things stay dry inside.

Show – Production TBD The production is a "Tradition" that the children look forward to. It is a great community builder. Please let me know of your participation plans by December 15. See schedule for dates.

Behavior: All children are welcome to participate. If a child is uncooperative or disrespectful, they and their parents must meet with the director to find a reasonable solution before they may return to choir.

I expect parents/adults to... Let me know of any problems, absences, help your child be on time (and pick them up on time), help out at rehearsals and masses (see volunteer corps below), help your child be respectful of children they do not know or understand.

Parent Booster/Volunteer corps – Group of parents who help with calling, driving, attending rehearsals, planning choir parties, helping with "The Show".

Rehearsal Volunteers: Duties include controlling the outside door, being available if a child is sick or needs personal attention, help with other projects as needed. Please arrive at 5:25 and stay until all children have been picked up.

Sunday/Holiday volunteers: Help prior to mass, distributing music, monitoring seating chart. Oversee bathroom breaks. Be available during mass for emergencies. Assist with cleanup after mass.

Treat provider: The first Monday rehearsal of the month is for celebrating birthdays with treats. Two parents will be assigned each month to bring a small non-peanut snack for everyone. Choir members will bring the treats home in case they did not eat prior to rehearsal.

Show Parent Volunteer- Need 1-2 parents willing to attend show rehearsals and be present at all shows – Mary Engstrom would like to "retire".