

# SAINT ANDREW CHORISTERS

October 2011

Dear Saint Andrew School and PSR Students,

You are invited to become a part of the *St. Andrew Choristers*, an after-school choir for students in third through eighth grades. Rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday afternoons, 3:00-4:00**, on a “seasonal” basis. In other words, we will have a series of rehearsals to prepare for a specific event/liturgy, and then a new session begins. You will be asked to re-commit for each session based on your availability.

As many of you already know, I’ve been a music teacher and have directed children’s choruses for a number of years. It’s always a pleasure helping young people discover and share their musical talents. I’m looking forward to working with another talented group of singers again this year and I’m happy that Mrs. Frilling will once again be assisting.

The calendar for the first Chorister session is attached. Please look it over and see if this is a schedule that you would be able to commit to at this time. Since participation in this choir requires a certain level of commitment from both student and parent, I ask that both (student and parent) sign the attached form and return it by next Tuesday, October 25, 2011. If, by chance, the number of interested students exceeds our maximum allowed number of singers, then students will be accepted on a “first-come” basis.

Parents, you also play an important part in this project. Please help your child discern if this choir is something he/she would be interested in and if you will be able to commit to the rehearsal/Mass schedule. Also, we may occasionally ask parents to assist with snack time supervision prior to our rehearsal. (see note on attached form).

In an effort to accommodate individual dietary restrictions and food allergies, we are asking that *each child bring his/her own snack to eat prior to rehearsal*. We will gather at approx. 2:45 for snack, water and restroom break, followed immediately by rehearsal. Finally, **for the safety of all students, parents should meet their children in the back vestibule of the church after rehearsal**. Children should *not* be wandering the parking lot on their own.

If you have questions, please contact me at the parish music office: 614-451-1839 or via e-mail: [plortz@standrewparish.cc](mailto:plortz@standrewparish.cc). I hope you will consider becoming a part of this exciting musical opportunity! I look forward to singing with you!

Mr. Lortz

Mr. Philip Lortz  
Director of Music, St. Andrew Catholic Church

**Note to PSR Students and parents:** *I realize that many of you will be coming from other schools and locations around town and may not be able to arrive by 3:00 pm. Please do not let this deter you from becoming a part of the Choristers. Just get here as soon as you can each week. Also, since there may not be adequate time for you prior to the first rehearsal, PSR students may just bring their permission slips with them to the first rehearsal on October 26. Please let me know if you have questions.*

