

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

The Nativity Youth Choir sings at all School Masses, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8:30 a.m. Other occasions are the Veteran's Day Celebration, the Christmas Concert, the Spring Musical, and First Communion. Specific times and dates will be on our annual calendar or informed through the school newsletter and/or the Parish bulletin.

Members of the Nativity Youth Choir are also invited to sing or cantor at the Youth Masses, which happen on the second Sunday of each month, unless announced otherwise.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents are a vital part of our activities. They are not only invited to observe rehearsals, but also to help chaperone the group at practices and at Masses. Throughout the whole year, we need helping hands for all our activities. If you wish to help, please, contact Dr. V. by phone or e-mail.

MISSION

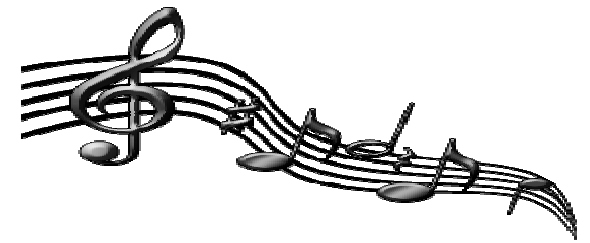
Singing for the Liturgy is the primary mission of the Nativity Youth Choir. The program also offers two special activities which aim to expand the musical experience of the singers: the Christmas Concert and the Spring Musical.

As the singers progress in musicianship and liturgical knowledge, they are assigned roles of responsibility. Some choristers will help younger members, while others may eventually serve as cantors at liturgy or as assistants to the directors.

ABOUT THE DIRECTORS

The Nativity Youth Choir is under the direction of Dr. V. and Mrs. Carolyne Craven. Dr. V. has been the Music Minister at Nativity for the last eight years and taught General Music for six years at Catholic Schools. Mrs. Craven is back to Nativity Parish after working as the Music Minister at Saint Joseph the Worker for 14 years.

NYC
NATIVITY YOUTH CHOIR



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**NATIVITY YOUTH CHOIR
3rd to 8th Grades
REGISTRATION FORM**

(Singer's name)

(Address)

(e-mail address)

(Phone numbers)

(Parent/Guardian Names)

(Parent/Guardian Names)

(Grade)

(Birthday)

Registration Fee: total of \$17 per child (\$10: musical booklet-refundable at the end of the year; \$7: musical CD)

***Cash or check payable to:
Nativity of Mary Parish
Please send registration form and
payment to Dr. V. through the
School Office.***

***ABOUT THE
NATIVITY YOUTH CHOIR (NYC)***

The NYC is a music and religious program for Nativity students from 3rd to 8th grades. There are no auditions for the activity, but a short meeting with the directors, when singers are asked to share their verbal and musical skills with them as well as their expectations about the schedule. Participants in the NYC program are actively involved in the spiritual and liturgical life of the church. They serve as ministers of music at selected liturgies throughout the year.

ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

The NYC program is committed to fostering excellent musicianship, knowledgeable participation in liturgy and an active prayer life. These will include fundamentals of music theory, vocal technique, and expressive singing along with the understanding of basic liturgy and involvement in the prayer life of the community.

***THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
NATIVITY YOUTH CHOIR***

The objective of the NYC program is best summed up by Ruth Krehbiel Jacobs, founder of the National Choristers Guild:

"Training the worship attitude of our children is like tending a rare plant. The seed must first be planted and the soil kept in a condition that encourages growth. Once the seed had been planted, it requires patient care until it reaches full flower. When it does put forth a bud, fragrant with the richness of true worship, we may be humbly grateful for the privilege of having been the gardeners."

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

The NYC rehearses in the church on Wednesdays from 3:10 to 4:50 p.m.

Weekly rehearsals begin on August 24th and continue until Christmas break. Regular activities resume on the first Wednesday of January and conclude with the last school Mass.

A detailed schedule will be available in September; it will include dates and times of the choir's expected attendance of liturgies and concerts.