

Greetings from St. John Vianney Music Department!

Hello, my name is Keira Knecht and I am currently the Children's Choir Director at St. John Vianney. I am writing to inform you of all of the wonderful opportunities that we have here to introduce your children to music in our parish and afford them the unique opportunity to give of themselves and in service to others—by utilizing their own talents for the glory of God.

Singing in a church choir affords children a way in which to experience the mass in a different way, one in which giving of themselves can bring a closer communion with God, the parish and with each other. In order to accomplish this, we must show our kids that singing is such a huge and integral part of our liturgy.

In our choir, children will learn about the mass, the purpose behind what we choose to sing and the questions that we all have about music as it relates to the liturgy. They will learn breathing and proper vocal technique and how to use their voices together efficiently. Also--since a lot of kids often sing with their school choirs, I am striving to make sure that our choir members understand exactly what we are doing the differences in what school choirs offer and what happens when we sing at mass specifically. Furthermore, since the new mass translation has been approved and will be implemented very soon, it is especially important right now for our children to understand the changes, and what better way to learn the new mass than singing in children's choir??

So in conclusion, I would like to officially invite you and your children to come to our next choir rehearsal and try it out! We meet every Wednesday from 5-6pm and we sing mostly at Saturday vigil masses once a month. We'd love it if you would come and sing with us!!

Thank you very much and I hope to see you soon!

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