



Chorus Angelorum Welcome & Orientation

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Chorus Angelorum is one of five Blessed Sacrament Church choirs that participate in the music ministry. As part of that ministry, we assist the presiders in the proclamation of the Word, lead the assembly in prayer through song, sing music that both praises God and provide an atmosphere which enables the assembly to worship God. (From "Welcome to Blessed Sacrament Church" pamphlet). ***We also have a great time doing all of this.***

Director

Our choir director is Jackie Schnittgrund. She established this choir over 30 years ago.

Mass Time

Chorus Angelorum (also known as the 5:30 Choir) sings at the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass.

No Try-outs

There are no choir try-outs. If you are interested in singing, you are welcome.

Practice Time

The choir practices on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Warm-up Practice before Mass

The choir meets in the Parish Center Room 107 Room at 5:00 p.m. to rehearse music that will be sung at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Place on Risers (sopranos, basses etc.)

The choir sings on risers in the sanctuary behind the altar. Looking at the risers, the sopranos are in the left section, the basses are in the top center section, the tenors are in the middle center section, and the altos are in the right section.

Storing Your Music

There is a cabinet in Room 107 where we store our music. You will be given a numbered black folder that you will use to store your music and other relevant items; your folder will have its corresponding numbered slot in the cabinet. The music that you have in your folder will have the same number on it as the number of your folder.

Handing in Your Music

Usually, once we sing a song, we hand that piece of music in. Handing your music in once you've sung it keeps the music in your folder manageable. Hand your music in after Mass, either placing it on top of the organ or in boxes on top of the cabinet in Room 107. Handing your music in during Mass is noisy and distracting.

Absences

It's understood that we may not be able to attend all practices and/or Mass. If you know that you won't be able to attend practice or Mass, please let the director know so that she can take that into account for planning purposes.

Christmas and Easter Schedule

For these Masses, we may be singing at a different Mass, e.g., Sunday 9:00 a.m. The Mass time is determined by Blessed Sacrament leadership.

Extra Singing Events

Sometimes we will be asked to sing at other liturgies or events, e.g., ordinations, Holy Week.

Singing Season

The choir takes the summer off, starting after Labor Day and ending around Memorial Day.

Sunshine Committee

This is a small group of choir members who help with important events for the choir and their loved ones, e.g., Christmas Party, farewell parties, sympathy cards etc. If you interested in helping on this committee, contact Carman Timmerman 718.4189.

Recruiting Choir Members

We are always looking for new choir members. If you hear someone singing at Mass whom you think would be a good recruit or if you talk with someone who's interested in the choir, tell Tammy. There may be a free steak dinner in it for you.

Discouragement

When we first start singing with the choir, we typically feel inadequate and may wonder why we ever thought joining the choir was a good idea. Hang in there—everyone feels that way when starting. You will more comfortable each time you sing.