

# School Choir and Children's Chorister Program Permission Form 2015-2016

---

Two after-school music programs will be offered this year at St. Thomas More. Students should be aware that they are not only invited but encouraged to take part in both programs. It is only 15 minutes more of a time commitment than School Choir alone was last year, and students get to sing at the 10:00 A.M. Mass once a month on Sundays. *(Please see the reverse side of this form for more details about the Chorister program.)*

Practices for both Choir and Chorister will be held in the extra classroom in Heider Hall.

**SCHOOL CHOIR:** The School Choir will rehearse from **3:00-3:45 P.M. on Thursdays** beginning August 27. The Choir is open to students in Grades K-8 who wish to add to the beauty of our liturgies with choral singing. Students will learn cooperation, self-discipline, and self-expression while helping our congregation become more actively involved in the liturgy at Mass.

**CHILDREN'S CHORISTERS:** Immediately following School Choir on Thursdays, the parish Children's Choristers will rehearse from **3:45-4:30 P.M.** beginning September 3; auditions will be this Thursday, August 27. The Choristers program is open to any 1st - 8th grader in the parish.



My child, \_\_\_\_\_, homeroom \_\_\_\_\_, will participate in the St. Thomas More School Choir and/or the Children's Chorister Program

- After School Choir my child will be picked up by \_\_\_\_\_
- After School Choir my child will go to latchkey (latchkey registration and fee required).
- After Children's Chorister practice, my child will be picked up by \_\_\_\_\_
- After Children's Chorister practice, my child will go to latchkey (latchkey registration and fee required).

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Announcing The St. Thomas More Children's Chorister Program**

Open to any 1st - 8th grader in the parish, the Chorister Program is a unique educational opportunity. Students will learn the basics of reading music and of choral singing while serving God and the parish by singing regularly for Sunday Mass and other services. The choristers will be entirely responsible for the music at one 10:00 A.M. Mass per month and are invited (but not required) to sing at the Noon Mass on the other Sundays. We will rehearse every Thursday, from 3:45 - 4:30, as well as 40 minutes before each service. The Choristers' rehearsal on Thursday afternoon immediately follows School Choir, so it will be as convenient as possible for any students at the parish school who wish to be involved in both choirs. Choristers will also be expected to sing with the Parish Choir for certain solemnities throughout the year, as well as to provide the music for a Christmas Mass, an Easter Mass, and First Communions. All that is required is the ability to match pitch and a willingness to commit to being present at rehearsals and services as a high priority. Auditions will be heard on Thursday, August 27, to determine ability to match pitch (no pressure auditions) and rehearsals will commence on Thursday, September 3. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for fun, and service!

Contact Sean Connolly, Director of Music, at [sconnolly@sttm.org](mailto:sconnolly@sttm.org) with any questions.