

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

## FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Welcome boys and girls to the Holy Name of Jesus Children's Choir! My name is Felisha Carnley. This will be my third year at Holy Name of Jesus directing Children's Choir. It brings me great joy to see our children worshipping the Lord wholeheartedly in song. I am not a professional singer, just an elementary teacher who loves to help infuse the Mass with choirs of praise. My music background comes from singing in choirs throughout my elementary and high school years, participating in church choirs at our military parishes (for over 20 years), directing the adult and children's choir in Okinawa, Japan, and recently participating in the choirs here at Holy Name.

I do not expect the children to read music, or even words for that matter. We learn our songs through repetition and practice; the Holy Spirit does the rest. As time permits, I do try to teach what some of the music notation means; however, with rehearsal from 9:00-9:30 AM on Sundays, time flies by.

With that in mind, please have your child ready to sing in the music room at 9:00 AM on rehearsal days. Our **first rehearsal is August 20th**. I will escort the children to their religious education classes at the end of each rehearsal, and on the Sundays we sing at Mass, I will pick them up from RE at 10:30 AM to get ready. Our **first Mass to sing at is September 24th**. Also as a reminder, when the choir is singing for Mass please be sure our singers have eaten breakfast and are **dressed appropriately!**

The children in our choir range from K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but middle school youth are also welcome to join. Please let me know if your child plays an instrument and would like to play at Mass. Our music director here at Holy Name of Jesus is Christa Cloutier, and she will accompany our choir on piano.

On our website, you can check the choir's schedule. Via Flocknote I will send out the song list for the next Mass with links for the children to access the music for most of our songs and to practice along at home. The internet is very useful to us in our ministry, **but please supervise your child's use** as some links may take them to youtube or other sites with our music. I look forward to working with you and your children this year, singing praise to God!

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