

# Calling all Second–Eighth Grade Musicians!

This year we are focusing on our preparation and participation for Mass. We are excited to have second-eighth grade students play an instrument and sing as cantors for mass! If you are interested in playing a piece of music for our masses, please share this memo with your piano/private teacher. To sing for Mass, read below. The purpose of this is to allow you to serve the Lord with your musical talents.

To play for mass, follow these easy steps:

1. **Talk with your piano/private teacher and select the music:** The pieces may be hymns or they may be meditative pieces that are appropriate for church. These may include Airs, Marches, Preludes, or Gavottes in the Baroque, Classical or Contemporary styles. (Please note: During the Lenten season, the church does not use music that has *alleluia*'s in it. If you have a “joyful, alleluia” song prepared, you may play it in the Easter season or before Lent.)
2. **Practice the music:** You may play with music. These pieces do **not** have to be memorized.
3. **Ask your piano/private teacher to sign the piece** when you are ready to play it. This way we know that your teacher has given you the “ok” to play it.
4. **Tell Mrs. Strom that you have a piece prepared.** You may play your pieces at any mass. When you sign up I can hear it, time it, and put it in the most appropriate place in the mass. A copy of it will also be made so that if you forget it the day of the mass, we have it!

To sing for mass, follow these easy steps:

1. **Report to the music room for the scheduled rehearsals.** We will be practicing all sections of the mass including Responsorial Psalms. Rehearsals will be on **TUESDAY** mornings from 8:00 until 8:10. We will be practicing music for several weeks at each rehearsal so it is very important for each student to be at as many of the practices as they can be. Students **must** attend the two weeks prior to their scheduled mass to be eligible to perform.
2. **Practice the music.** These pieces do **not** have to be memorized. After *three* rehearsals have been attended, I will schedule you in a small group and place you in an upcoming mass! The schedule will be sent home by the end of September.

**Practice for Mass will begin August 29 at 8:00!**

We look forward to hearing you play and sing for mass. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Strom at 732-4166.