

The CHORISTERS

AT ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The parish of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and children's choirmaster Daniel Koplitz are pleased to announce the establishment of a new children and youth choir, **The Choristers**. As the choir approaches its first term this fall, the choirmaster is seeking interested young singers to join and begin to develop what is hoped to be one of the finest ecclesiastical choirs in the Milwaukee area.

The Choristers will provide high-caliber music education and performance opportunities to any child, regardless of creed, ethnicity, economic status, or previous musical experience. Using the foremost Anglican curriculum for young singers, the Royal School of Church Music's VOICE for LIFE, choristers will develop their vocal skills, their musical understanding, and their knowledge and appreciation of choral repertoire all within a comfortable and fun learning environment. In addition to providing musical education, the curriculum will also emphasize what it means to be a part of a choir. Discipline, commitment, punctuality, responsibility, and cooperation are all addressed in VOICE for LIFE, growing the choristers as people as well as musicians. For young singers who identify as Christian, being a member of **The Choristers** will give them the opportunity to serve the Church through music ministry as well.

EXPECTATIONS

The choir's primary duty will be to assist in worship at St. Mark's, and they will be expected to sing once a month during the Sunday service, at 9:30 a.m. and participate in the Lessons and Carols service on December 2 at 4 p.m. In order to prepare for these services, the choir will meet to rehearse in the beautifully reverberant sanctuary each Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., starting September 23. The first stand alone concert will occur during the spring term. The tuition for each term is \$50; however, there is financial aid available to assist qualifying families.

THE AUDITION PROCESS

The Choristers is open to any child entering grades 4 through 12 (those entering grade 3 will be taken on a case-by-case basis), and the audition process is easy! The choirmaster will spend one-on-one time with the child to listen to them sing. Parents may sit in and listen to the audition if the child is comfortable with having them present. Each young singer will be asked to repeat melodic patterns from the piano and sing a short song they know such as "Happy Birthday." No other prepared piece is necessary for the audition.

TO SCHEDULE AN AUDITION

All auditions will take place in the sanctuary at St. Mark's (2618 N Hackett Ave) and are by appointment only. To schedule an audition in August through mid-September or ask any questions regarding **The Choristers**, please contact choirmaster Daniel Koplitz at 715-432-3256 or daniel@stmarksmilwaukee.org.