ADULT CHOIR DATES JAN-JUNE 2024 The basic plan: Tuesdays 6:30-8:00, Sundays 10AM

Tues, Jan 9–back to normal practice schedule Sunday, January 28 – Catholic Schools Week (choir still sings) Wed, Feb 14 -Ash Wednesday, choir sings at 7 PM (Meet 6:45 in pews) Friday, March 29 - Good Friday, choir sings at 3PM (pews by 2:55 PM) Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil 8PM (choir room at 7:30 PM) Sunday, March 31 - Easter, choir room at 10AM April 14-16- Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions Tues., April 16- choir sings at Eucharistic Devotions, 7PM (meet in church 6:50 PM) Thursday, May 9 - The Ascension of the Lord, choir sings at 7PM (meet in church 6:50 PM) Sat. May 11 - Confirmation, choir sings at 10am (rehearse at 9 in choir room) Tues., June 4, last choir practice – collect most of music! Sunday, June 2 –Corpus Christi Sunday-- last choir Mass of summer, rest of music collected

PLEASE TRY AND GET HERE A FEW MINUTES EARLY SO THAT YOU ARE READY TO SING AT 6:30.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: IN ORDER FOR US TO GROW TOGETHER AS AN ENSEMBLE, AND DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN OUR TECHNIQUE AND REPERTOIRE, WE NEED TO BE COMMITTED TO ATTENDING REHEARSALS. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND A REHEARSAL ON A GIVEN TUESDAY, PLEASE SING WITH THE ASSEMBLY, INSTEAD OF THE CHOIR, ON THAT SUNDAY. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE IS IF YOU HAVE ARRANGED TO GET THE MUSIC, AND ARE PROMISING TO REHEARSE ON YOUR OWN WITH THE DROPBOX RECORDING—THEN YOU MAY JOIN THE CHOIR ON THAT SUNDAY. PLEASE NOTE ANY ANTICIPATED TUESDAY OR SUNDAY ABSENCES ON THE CHOIR CALENDAR! THANKS!

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: IF THE WEATHER FORECAST IS BAD, I HAVE TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISION ABOUT CANCELLING PRACTICE. If practice is cancelled, I will 1) Post on our FB Page, 2) send an email or txt to all email/txt addresses that I have 2) attempt to reach all other members via phone. Please verify via FB, email or txt if you receive a cancellation message. Otherwise, I will try to call you. In these situations, I need to know that you will use your best judgment about your safety. If we have practice but you feel that the roads are too dangerous, please use your own judgment! Thank you!! ③

2023 prayer for the beginning of choir practice:

Creator God, you have made us in your image to reflect your goodness. You are the potter and we are the clay. Help us to be confident that your creative love enables each of us to sing, and that you have called us to use these gifts to build up your kingdom. As we begin this rehearsal, we seek your grace and transforming presence. (pause here)

Help us to develop our gifts, to use our skills to your glory, to grow as a choir family, and to inspire those who hear us sing. Saint Columba, pray for us. St. Cecilia, pray for us. (Saint of the day) pray for us. In the name of Christ and through the Holy Spirit we pray, Amen.