

### **An invitation to St. Cecilia Children's Choir**

I am excited to announce a newly formed Children's Choir for ages **Kindergarten – 2nd grade**, led by Ms. Judy Guard!

#### **St. Cecilia Children's Choir (K - 2nd grade)**

Beginning Wednesday, October 6th

5:30 - 6:00 pm

Upper Parking Lot

Dear Parents of St. Benedict's young children,

My name is Judy Guard and I am a very new member of St. Benedict's. I would like to introduce myself and invite your children to join an exciting venture planned for your children at St. Benedict's. The St. Cecilia Choir is forming for Kindergarten to Second Grade children at St. Benedict's. The purpose of The St. Cecilia's Choir will be:

- To fill a void in a musical offering now for children in this age group.
- To encounter the wonder and love of God in the richness of sacred music.
- To learn to serve God and praise Him with music.
- To develop friendships in their peer group at St. Benedict's.
- To prepare them for joining the Trinity Choir when they reach third grade.

These plans are being made with St. Benedict's wonderful choir director Valerie Pool. It is an honor to work with her and have the opportunity to work with your children.

The St. Cecilia's Choir will meet on **Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 until 6:00 pm in the Upper Parking Lot beginning on October 6th**. In the event of rain we will meet in the Nave, wear masks and work on rhythm instruments. During their choir rehearsals the children will learn songs that are liturgy based and planned to go along with the seasons of the church year. We will sing (using motions to help us remember the words), play musical games and learn that praising God by singing in church is an important ministry. The St. Cecilia will sing in church at scheduled times during the year. In participating and having the experience of singing in the St. Cecilia's choir, members will be prepared to move easily into the next level of singing at St. Benedict's with the Trinity Choir.

Because I am new to St. Benedict's I would like for you to see some of my experiences with children:

- Youth Choir Director for St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Birmingham, AL
- Public School Music Teacher for all grades in Fulton, AL
- Director of Christian Education at Church of the Atonement, Atlanta, GA
- Director of the CHERUB CHOIR at St. Catherine's Church in Marietta GA
- Veteran Christmas Pageant director at the following churches: Church of the Atonement and St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA

- Music Director for the following Vacation Bible Schools: St. Peter & St. Paul, Atlanta, GA and Church of Atonement, Atlanta, GA

As you may have guessed after reading this list, I love children.

I look forward to working with the children of St. Benedict's and am excited to be a part of this wonderful adventure. Please call or email me with any questions you may have: 404-444-8162 or email [judy.guard@yahoo.com](mailto:judy.guard@yahoo.com).

Faithfully,

Judy Guard

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