

St. Rita Choristers

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Choristers participate in the Living Rosary



The Choristers were honored to participate in the CCD Living Rosary on October 7. We began by singing the Lourdes Hymn, *Immaculate Mary* (in 3-part

harmony!) We moved the digital piano to the courtyard, where the rosary took place.

Liz Olah (piano)

accompanies our musical setting of the Choristers Prayer in our rehearsals.

We had near-perfect attendance for rehearsal on October 7th! Now, if everyone could just remember to bring their binders every time!



Hymn Study: For the Beauty of the Earth

"For the Beauty of the Earth" is set to the hymn tune *DIX*, which was composed by a German musician, Conrad Kocher, and published in 1838. It was adapted by a London organist and teacher, William Henry Monk, and was given the tune name *DIX* because it is also often used with the text "As With Gladness Men of Old," a well-known Epiphany hymn. The text to "For the Beauty

of the Earth" was written by a Britain, Folliot Sandford Pierpoint. *DIX* is a simple tune that can be analyzed AAB, because the melody of the first and second phrases are identical.

See the sheet music and listen to a MIDI file of *DIX* at www.hymnary.org/hymn/PsH/358. We will be singing it at our CCD Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 18, at 6:15 p.m. It's #624 in our hymnal, which is called the Music Issue.



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This is the second issue of our Newsletter. Be sure to look for it every month to help stay informed of our activities! We'll also include articles on hymn studies, music theory, and other fun things relating to music.

Happy Birthday

☺ October 14:

Joseph
Opdenhoff

☺ October 22:

Claudia Gauthier

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Calendar of Events



- ♪ 10-7-09 Rehearsal 4:30;
Living Rosary @ 6:00
- ♪ 10-14-09 Rehearsal @ 4:30
- ♪ 10-21-09 Rehearsal @ 4:30
- ♪ 10-28-09 Rehearsal @ 4:30

Did You Know?

Although the Choristers do not specifically rehearse for the 9:30 Sunday morning mass each week, you are still welcome to join the music ministry for that mass. Be in the music room at 9:00, and we'll help you find a robe. Lottie and Chandler Pinkerton are the most recent Choristers to do this!



Great Music Theory Websites

This month's featured site for FREE music theory lessons is: <http://www.musiclearningcommunity.com/>

There are many free games on it that are fun to play!

Don't forget to also check out last month's recommended sites: www.musictheory.net/index.html, and

www.musictechteacher.com/worksheets.htm



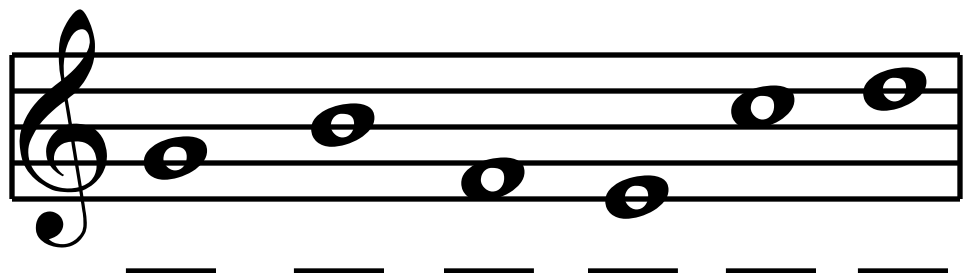
- ♪ 11-4-09 Rehearsal @ 4:30
- ♪ 11-11-09 NO Rehearsal;
Veteran's Day!
- ♪ 11-18-09 Rehearsal @ 4:30;
Thanksgiving Mass @ 6:15 p.m.
- ♪ 11-22-09 Christ the King
Mass @9:30 a.m.
- ♪ 11-25-09 NO Rehearsal!



- ♪ 12 - 2, 9, 16, 23 - 09
REHEARSALS!!!
- ♪ 12-5-09 St. Nicholas Day
Party at Holy Family Center,
11:00
- ♪ 12-12-09 Senior Citizens
Party at HFC, 11:00
- ♪ 12-16-09 Penance Service
- ♪ 12-24-09 Christmas Eve
5:30 mass



November 1st!



Can you name these notes?