

## **Chancel Choir Report**

The dedicated and sincere choristers of our parish continue to be a cooperative and friendly group. Though we again lost some members due to changes in work schedules and other commitments, we continue to be a vibrant musical presence in our parish life.

Besides providing choral music every Sunday from September through the beginning of June, we also participated in the GRIP concert in March, and were part of the Senior Center Fundraiser in November. Though not directly responsible, many in the ensemble were there to support the special musical offerings, which were presented on evenings in June, July, and August. The most successful of these, Taize Prayer Around the Cross, should be repeated in 2010.

In order to make sure that the ensemble has an active prayer life, musical prayer forms have been utilized as part of the regular rehearsal. We also participated in an internal Choir Survey to help the parish understand the needs of the individual choristers.

The choir has returned to a space in the nave of the church, a position which is, in the opinion of many choral directors, not the optimum for singing the anthem, but which functions very well for supporting the assembly. We continue to look forward to a time when the stalled redesign of the chancel space will become a reality.

Chris Todd has done an absolutely exemplary job as our accompanist for the year. It is sad that she will not continue in this role with the choir in 2010, as she has decided to take a break from church music.

It is hoped that the group will continue to work on choral repertoire which is both familiar and challenging.

Goals for the coming year are much like the year past:

- Improve the ensemble's overall choral tone quality.
- Discern the unique voice and sound for the CLC Chancel Choir.
- See if it might be time to share our musical gifts with other parishes.

Respectfully submitted,  
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