



# ST. MARY MAGDALENE YOUTH SCHOLAS

*Forming the next generation in the beauty of sung prayer,  
according to the rich tradition of Catholic Liturgy*



## 2022-23 Season

### SCHOLA STELLA [steh-lah] *Preparatory choir in honor of Mary, Morning Star*

**Grades K-2 | Wed 4:00-4:45pm** | Class geared toward non-readers. Space is limited to 15 students.



#### Skills and objectives:

- bodily awareness, mindfulness and focus
- exposure to quality music
- participation with all other choirs in Advent Festival and Spring Concert
- vocal navigation and building healthy singing habits
- preliminary music theory/games

### SCHOLA PACIS [pah-chees] *in honor of Mary, Queen of Peace*

**Grades 2-6\*\* | Tue 3:45-4:45pm**

#### Skills and objectives:

- vocal maturity and autonomy
- music theory/games/sight-singing
- sing for Mass at SMM once/month
- participation in regional youth choir festival
- Advent Festival & Spring Concert

*\*\*Placement at director's discretion. Space limited to 20.*

### SCHOLA PURISSIMA [poo-ree-see-mah] *in honor of Mary, Most Pure*

**Grades 2-6\*\* | Wed 5:00-6:00pm**



#### Skills and objectives:

- vocal maturity and autonomy
- music theory/games/sight-singing
- sing for Mass at SMM once/month
- participation in regional youth choir festival
- Advent Festival & Spring Concert

*\*\*Placement at director's discretion. Space limited to 20.*

### SCHOLA POTENS [poh-tens] *in honor of Mary, Virgin Most Powerful*

**Grades 6-9<sup>+</sup> | Tue 5:00-6:00pm**

#### Skills and objectives:

- tonal sensitivity within 2-part harmony
- intermediate music theory/games/sight-singing
- sing for Mass at SMM once/month
- participation in regional youth choir festival
- Advent Festival & Spring Concert

*\*Placement at director's discretion. Junior High boys with changed voices may be eligible for Schola Justitiae.*

### SCHOLA JUSTITIAE [you-steet-see-eh] *in honor of Mary, Mirror of Justice*

**Grades 9-12+<sup>+</sup> | Sat 9:30-11:30am**



#### Skills and objectives:

- tonal sensitivity within 3- and 4-part harmony
- score literacy and analysis alongside music theory
- sing for Mass at SMM once/month (full schola), plus once/month (men) and once/month (women)
- participation in community event(s), choir weekend trip(s), Advent Festival, Spring Concert

*\*\*Placement at director's discretion. College students eligible.*

• **Enrollment opens Aug 1 (returning SMM families) • Aug 5 (new families) •**

• **Mandatory Choir Parent Meeting: Mon, Aug 29** from 6:30-7:30pm •

**Kick-off boot camp for Pacis/Purissima/Potens: Sat, Sept 10** from 11:30am-3:30pm

**Schola Justitiae kick-off retreat: Sat, Sept 24** from 9:30am-1:30pm

**Weekly classes start Sept 20** (Stella starts 9/28)

**Digital registration forms at [www.smarymag.org/liturgy-music](http://www.smarymag.org/liturgy-music)**

# Key Dates to Save

- Fall semester (weekly classes): **Sept 29-Dec 16** •
  - Final Rehearsal for Advent Festival: **Thursday, Dec 15** •
  - Advent Festival of Scripture and Song: **Friday, Dec 16** •
- [Special sign-ups for Christmas Masses for grade 2 & up]
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- Spring semester: **Jan 10-May 27** •
- Pueri Cantores Festival (Pacis/Purissima/Potens):  
**Saturday, Feb – All day at the Basilica in Phoenix** •
- Potential Spring Justitiae Spring Trip: **Mar 2-4** •
- Spring Retreat for adult, teen, & junior high (Potens) Scholas:  
**Sat, Apr 22 (location TBD)** •
- Final Rehearsal for Spring Concert: **Thursday, May 18** •
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Concert: **Friday, May 19** •