

ST. JOSEPH YOUTH BAND

The St. Joseph's Youth Band consists of a choral group accompanied by a wide range of musicians. At various times and for various songs, the instrumentation has included everything from guitar and bass (both acoustic and electric) to keyboard, electric drums, trumpet, flute, violin, oboe, clarinet and more. The ensemble's repertoire is very eclectic – from traditional Latin chant, to folk-rock, to contemporary “praise and worship” music. **Music Director Jean Cooper** works with the group to fine tune their music skills while imparting an understanding of the liturgy.

The band's main function is to provide the music for the Sunday 5:00pm Liturgy throughout the school year (September through June.) From time to time, the Youth Band is also asked to provide music for various special liturgies such as the annual Beach Mass, Christmas Vigil, Holy Week, feast day of St. Joseph, Advent and Lenten vespers, and some Faith Formation special events.

Rehearsals: **Tuesdays** from 7:00-8:30 pm in room 254 in the Parish Center. In addition, the band meets 40 minutes before the Mass each Sunday to review the music for that liturgy; those members who have occasional conflicts with school activities on the band's rehearsal night find this helpful.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are in grades 7 – 12, have been blessed with the talent to sing or play an instrument, and would like to share that gift with your parish family, you are warmly invited to come to a Youth Band rehearsal. Call 669-0068 ext 108 for information, or see a band member any Sunday during the school year after the 5 pm Mass.

