



Our 20th Annual Choir Thanksgiving Fundraiser is officially on!

The Choir's biggest fundraiser of the year! This is our 20th year fundraising!

For a number of reasons, we are trying something new this year, selling beautifully boxed chocolates from Raymer's and again selling virtual pies.

Here are 5 ways you can help and be involved:

1. **Buy Chocolates!** We offer [giftable chocolates](#) from Raymer's. Two varieties are offered, a mixed dark and milk chocolate assortment (please note, this assortment contains nuts) and a mixed dark and milk chocolate sea salt caramel; they have been tasted tested and are delicious!. Beyond your own Thanksgiving celebrations, chocolates are a festive way to thank a teacher, coach, doorman, employee, housekeeper, caregiver, dog walker, tutor. The beautifully packaged chocolates will save into the holidays as gifts for friends and family.
2. **Sell Chocolates.** Chocolates are ready for sale on the website, so encourage your colleagues, friends, and family to check out the selection. Anyone can order and pick their chocolates up at school in the days before Thanksgiving. All ordering and pickup info is online at our [Thanksgiving Fundraiser website](#) (Please note: we do not ship chocolates.)
3. **Buy Virtual Pies!** Honoring the tradition and beginning of the Choir Thanksgiving fundraiser, buy a [virtual pie](#) to support the Choir! These "pies" give out-of-town friends and family members a simple (and greatly appreciated) way to support the choir.

The ordering deadline for chocolates is Tuesday, November 15th.

4. **Get Your Chorister Involved.** The goal is to engage the choristers in this project. Help your chorister send an email to aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, friends, etc., asking them to support the choir by purchasing chocolates or a virtual pie--or many virtual pies! This project was designed to put your choristers to work selling chocolates, it wasn't intended that you should only buy them yourselves. With your care - motivate them to sell in your buildings, to colleagues, friends and families; put them to work supporting their program. You feel more connected when you've had a hand in the formation and care of something.
5. **Volunteer.** Parent volunteers are needed to help distribute chocolates on Pickup Day: Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22. Please email us if you can help on Monday or Tuesday. We plan to sell chocolates at **Grace Church School Sunday** on **Sunday, November 20**- please volunteer with your chorister- or just your chorister- to sell at the reception after the 11:00 service.

Finally, many new chorister families may be asking:

Why do we sell chocolates and fundraise?

All of the fundraising we do as a choir family is for the benefit of the Choir Special Projects Fund. This fund provides choristers with special opportunities and resources not covered by the operating budget of the church, including recordings, guest conductors, and international choir tours. This fund was established when the choir began preparing for its first international trip - to Bristol England as choir in residence for the Cathedral of Bristol during one week of the summer of 2004. The monies in the fund help cover the costs of tours, recordings and many other opportunities for the choristers beyond what the regular church operating budget could provide. It impacts the life of every choir family over the time that your family participates in the program and provides seed monies for future projects. The choir resumed touring this past summer with a trip to Ireland.

Dr. Allen says it best:

“The choir tour to Ireland was an amazing and inspiring experience. I am so grateful to everyone who made it possible, which is all of you. Everything we do musically and in community makes such experiences possible. I hope every chorister will participate in at least one tour while in the choir.”

Thank you! Please email us with any questions you may have.

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