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Singing praises to mom helps Children's Choirs

If you're still searching for the right gift for mom on Mother's Day, how about considering giving her a singing telegram personally performed by some of the best young singing voices in greater St. Louis?

The St. Louis Children's Choirs, under the direction of Ethelyn M. Sparfeld, who also is the music specialist at the Principia Schools in west St. Louis County, will be sending out small groups of their best and brightest to sing the telegrams for St. Louis moms and give to give them a fresh flower.

The charge for the service is \$20, which will go to the group's tour fund. The money raised will help finance the 145-voice group's concerts this summer in Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas. But that's just a stroll down the road for the choirs compared to next year's travel schedule, which includes Russia, Czechoslovakia and Austria.

Choir members, who range in age from 6 to 18, come from more than 20 municipalities, 70 schools and 12 school districts. If you'd like to arrange a singing telegram for Mother's Day (or Father's Day), call 537-3150. The service start May 12 after school and continues through May 14, which is Mother's Day.

The group also will put on a free concert at 2:30 p.m. May 21 at at Ballwin Baptist Church, 15101 Manchester Road.