

St. Matthew Catholic School Tuition Policy

2022-2023

St. Matthew Catholic School understands the demands on, and sacrifices made by families to afford a Catholic education. However, tuition alone does not cover the cost of attending St. Matthew. In fact, all school families receive some support from the financial contributions of St. Matthew parishioners. This financial support is currently approximately \$200,000 per year.

A significant amount of this parish subsidy directly benefits school children of parishioners in the form of reduced tuition rates. To ensure the continuity of these reduced rates, we rely on all active parishioners, even those currently paying tuition to the school, to contribute to St. Matthew Catholic Church on a regular and ongoing basis. As stated below in the definition of Active Parish Family, one of the requirements for parish families to receive the reduced tuition rates is that they "regularly contribute to St. Matthew using Sunday envelopes or through the Faith Direct Program." At least twice per year, the contribution records of school families who are receiving the Active Parish Family tuition rate will be reviewed. Tuition for those families who are not contributing to St. Matthew Catholic Church on a regular basis will be increased to the Catholic Tuition Rate. Parishioners with extenuating circumstances that prohibit them from making regular contributions to the church should call the parish office to schedule a confidential meeting with the Pastor. The Pastor will have the final decision as to whether a family retains its status as an Active Parish Family.

To be eligible for the reduced parishioner rate, families must meet ALL of the requirements for an Active Parish Family as defined below:

An <u>Active Parish Family</u> is one that is Catholic; is registered in St. Matthew Parish, participates in the life of the parish and school, AND regularly contributes to St. Matthew Church using Sunday envelopes or through the Faith Direct Program.

FACTS Tuition Management

All families must enroll in FACTS Tuition Management by the stated deadline and utilize the system to pay all tuition amounts due.

Delinquent Tuition

Families may be asked to withdraw their student(s) during the school year if they are in arrears of their financial obligations, including but not limited to tuition, technology fees, lunch fees, and extended care fees. All financial deficiencies <u>must</u> be resolved prior to enrollment for the next school year and/or transferring of student records to another school.