



St. Matthew Catholic School

Parishioner Rate Policy

St. Matthew Catholic School is a ministry of St. Matthew Catholic Church. Parishioners of St. Matthew support our school students and families in many ways. First and foremost, parishioners support the spiritual needs of students along their faith journeys through prayer as well as other means of visible and tangible support. Parishioners have traditionally supported school fundraisers and events and have volunteered their time to the school long after their own children have graduated from St. Matthew Catholic School. Finally, parishioners provide much needed financial support to the school through their Sunday contributions and special appeals.

A significant amount of the 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 the tuition rate of an Active Parish Family.

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

An Active Parish Family 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.