

September 27, 2018

Dear School Family,

God's blessing to you and your family as we begin a new school year here at Most Precious Blood Catholic School.

Many families have been identified as ACTIVE parishioners for parish sponsorship and are receiving a reduced tuition rate. This year your ACTIVE parishioner's tuition was reduced by \$2,025.00 for a single child, \$4,780.00 for two children, \$8,265.00 for three children, and \$12,480.00 for four children which is paid by the parish. In looking ahead, I want to remind you of the three requirements necessary to receive ACTIVE parishioner tuition rates so that you can continue to receive the benefit of a lower tuition rate in the 2019-2020 school year. Please note that for those who have, or will have, children attending a Catholic high school, these same requirements apply. Below are the requirements:

1. Weekly Mass Attendance – Mass is the heart of our Catholic Faith in which we are formed into disciples so that we can serve our families and community. Our gathering together is so important that the Church, and Christ Himself, tells us we must attend Mass every Sunday or Saturday evening (CCC 2180). Of course, there are exceptions, for example, if you or a child is sick or a priest has given you a dispensation.

Effective this year (in order to be eligible to receive parish sponsorship next year), I am requiring the use of envelopes to identify Mass Attendance. Whether or not you are using online giving, you should be receiving envelopes to your home each month. These envelopes have an envelope number that identifies your family and should be put in the collection basket each week that you attend Mass here at Most Precious Blood Church. Please note, if you are using online giving, there is a place on the envelope to indicate so. If you happen to forget your envelope, there are envelopes in the back of church that you can put your name and envelope number on and place in the collection basket. If you are not receiving envelopes, please make sure to contact the parish office.

In order to verify the Mass attendance portion of your sponsorship agreement, your family must have an envelope in the collection basket for at least **8** Sundays starting September 1, 2018, through January 31, 2019. Please note this number has been adjusted since the timeframe is normally February 1 through January 31. In addition, while Mass attendance is a weekly obligation, I realize that there are times that you attend other Catholic churches. If multiple envelopes are received on any given Sunday, it will only be counted as one Mass attended.

2. Time & Talent Stewardship – All ACTIVE parishioners should participate in the life of the Church. My personal preference is that you volunteer for something during the Mass or at our school. For example, being a Lector, Usher, Choir Member, HASA, School Board, or a classroom / field trip volunteer. However, there are many other ways to volunteer you may even have a volunteer idea that can help our Parish.
3. Treasure Stewardship – All ACTIVE parishioners should support the financial needs of the Church no matter how big or small. This is one of the Precepts of the Church.

For many families, these three requirements are already part of your daily life and require no change. For others, I am hoping that it is a gentle nudge to move you and your family closer to Jesus, who is truly the heart of why we send our children to Catholic school.

If you have any questions about the parish sponsorship requirements for our ACTIVE parishioner reduced tuition rate, I encourage you to contact Karen Roesler or myself at 260-424-5535. You may also contact our school principal Stanley Liponoga at 260-424-4832.

In Christ love,
Rev. Joseph W. Gaughan
Pastor