

SCHOOL FAMILY STEWARDSHIP & ENGAGEMENT POLICY

A parish family shall be defined as "active" for purposes of school enrollment priority and subsidized parishioner tuition rates by the following criteria:

1. A Catholic family registered in the parish.
2. A Catholic family actively participating in Sunday liturgy. All active families are expected to worship at St. Jude Church. Attendance at weekend Mass will be verified by the use of parish giving envelopes placed in the collection an average of 50% or 2 Sundays per month. Envelopes may be empty. Those using Faith Direct MUST use attendance cards available through Faith Direct. The 50/50 envelopes are not tracked for attendance.
3. A Catholic family practicing stewardship of time and talent to the parish community. Areas of giving may include, but are not limited to, adult religious education programs, choir, sacramental preparation, commissions, committees, school volunteer opportunities (see 4) below), and other parish volunteer opportunities. Each year the Parish will conduct a Stewardship Campaign at which time families indicate how they will be involved with the Parish during the upcoming year. Both spouses should indicate how they will be involved.
4. A Catholic family engaged in at least three School Commission approved activities during the school year that enhance the student, teacher, parent, and family experience. The School Commission will make available a list of approved activities and provide details on engagement reporting each year. The School Commission will also provide engagement opportunity updates in Raider's Edge and contact families who are at risk of losing their active status.

Families with children in St. Jude School receiving subsidized parishioner tuition rates are required to meet the definition of active members throughout their child(ren)'s attendance at St. Jude School.

Families failing to sustain their status as active, registered members of the parish will be notified that they must meet their membership obligations or be considered non-active and not eligible for subsidized parishioner tuition rates. Upon losing active parishioner status, families will be responsible for paying the parishioner subsidy amount. for the following school year.

If a family returns to active, registered membership status, they will once again be considered eligible for subsidized parishioner tuition rates. The criteria for re-establishing themselves as "active" will require a renewed history of participation as outlined in this stewardship & engagement policy.

Families receiving the subsidized parishioner tuition rates but failing to meet the requirements set forth during a student's eighth and final year at St. Jude will not be eligible to have a letter sent to Roncalli verifying their active status to receive that school's subsidized tuition rate.

New families wishing to enroll children in the school for the first time must have an established record of being active, registered members of St. Jude Church to be eligible for subsidized parishioner tuition rates. If a family has recently registered with St. Jude and they wish to be eligible for subsidized parishioner tuition rates, they must provide evidence in the form of a letter from the pastor of their prior parish attesting to their active participation in that parish.

All families not meeting the criteria outlined above will be required to pay the non-parishioner tuition rate per student. Also, not meeting the criteria for subsidized parishioner tuition rates could change a family's enrollment priority.