

Saint Pius X Catholic Parish

Stewardship and Catholic Education Policy

Many parishioners of Saint Pius X Catholic Church have embraced the message of stewardship as a way of life. Centered on the Sunday Eucharist, they spend time in prayer thanking God for the blessings bestowed on them. Committed to parish life, they give a portion of their time and talent in service to the community. Trusting that God will provide their needs, they share a generous portion of their treasure, providing financial means for the parish to carry out its mission. Because of stewardship, Saint Pius X can offer a wide variety of services, including a Catholic elementary education.

By definition, good stewards of Saint Pius X are committed to:

- **Family participation at Sunday Mass every weekend and in a daily regimen of prayer.** With the Eucharistic Celebration as the Source and Summit of the prayer life of the parish, faithful stewards spend time in prayer, acknowledging God as the source of all that we are and have.
- **Giving service to the parish.** Faithful stewards make a commitment of time and talent in humble service to Saint Pius X, enabling the parish to be an active presence in the community. Parishioners are invited to match their gifts and time constraints with a list of parish needs.
- **Sharing a portion of treasure with the parish.** Faithful stewards share a portion of their income to Saint Pius X on a regular basis, using their envelopes as a form of accountability. Because parishioners are blessed with different amounts, there is no set expected amount. However, we recommend as a guideline the Biblical tithe of 10% and encourage parishioners to take steps in faith to meet that goal over time.

In faith, good stewards of Saint Pius X Catholic Church are entitled to the parish rate of tuition, when they choose to invest in Catholic education. Having borne the burden of funding the new building which houses the parochial school, they also realize that the

actual cost of the education of each child at Saint Pius is \$6,500. Good parish stewards are also entitled to a tuition reduction of over \$1,400 at the local, Catholic high schools – a benefit offered only to active members of local Catholic parishes.

In justice, those requesting the parish rate of tuition or the discount at Marian or Saint Joseph High Schools are expected to be good stewards. Of necessity, the parish must examine evidence of faithful stewardship to determine eligibility for the parish rate of tuition and discount at our Catholic high schools.

Presuming weekly participation at a weekend Mass, such evidence comes in many forms, both formal and informal. At a minimum, for your part, please be mindful to engage in two simple acts of stewardship that serve to record your own faithful stewardship more broadly. First, please indicate as requested each year, during the renewal of stewardship of service during the Easter Season, those parish ministries through which you are taking a step in faith to share your time and talent. Second, please use envelopes at Mass. Even if you use Online Giving to share your treasure within the parish community, we encourage you to use envelopes to signify all gifts that you bring to the Eucharistic Celebration. Simply write EFT on the outside of your envelope and drop it empty into the basket.

The active stewardship of all is welcome. Indeed, it is only through such stewardship that the educational benefits that the parish offers to faithful stewards are possible. We will continue to invite parishioners to take a step in faith in stewardship each year. At the beginning of each calendar year, all those who request the parish rate of tuition or the discount at Marian or Saint Joseph High Schools will be evaluated. Those who have not met their stewardship commitments will not be eligible for the same parish benefits of those who have demonstrated these principles of stewardship in their lives.



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