

Old St. Mary's Church

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Dear Families,

Earlier in June I shared the decision by parish leadership to implement an Engaged Parishioner tuition rate for the 2022-2023 Academic year (not this coming school year), as a way to help solidify the financial viability of both the Parish and the School.

Below, as promised, are some of the elements of the plan for Engaged Parish Households (Engaged Parishioners). Certainly, a household without children or with children that do not attend Old St. Mary's School can also be an Engaged Parish Household with the same expectations.

An Engaged Parishioner

- Is fully and completely registered in the parish database (which also provides essential data for the school). All information is kept strictly confidential.
- Regularly participates in Sunday Mass, Holy Days, and Church Sacramental celebrations.
- Volunteers for social activities, ministries, outreach, leadership, or other activities as a participant in the parish community.
- Recognizes their own need for personal growth and participates in faith sharing and educational opportunities for adults, thereby becoming better disciples, able to nurture and sustain Catholic education for family, school, and community.
- Commits to stewardship of the mission of the parish through financial support described below.

The stewardship commitment for the **2022-23 academic year** will be prorated based on the period from July 1 to December 31, 2021. This inaugural commitment level is a request for a minimum parish contribution of \$15/week, \$65/month (\$390/6-months). The 12-month regular parish contribution would be \$780. Parish contributions, which are tax deductible, are reported in the end of year statements issued in January.

Actual tuition rates for the 2022-2023 Academic year will not be known until winter 2021-22. And, as stated last year, we expect tuition increases each year to keep pace with inflation and other programming and infrastructure costs. Engaged Parish Household tuitions, and parish giving expectations will also change to keep pace with need.

The opportunities to participate in the life of the parish are available now. By summer's end a more extensive listing of opportunities to help families choose their areas of parish involvement will be forthcoming.

You may begin or continue your contributions to the parish by following this link: [Pushpay](#). Connected with *pushpay* and to help you with registration and parish involvement, we are in the early stages of launching our own parish app. This will allow for better registration information, enable us to connect better as a parish, and an integral part of being engaged parishioners. Informational changes, updating and additions will be under your control. Please be patient with us as we launch the details and know that we are moving to this structure for the overall well-being of Old St. Mary's School and Parish.

Blessings for a happy and healthy summer!



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