

The Catholic Schools in Decatur Illinois

Holy Family, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Patrick

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Thank you for choosing our Catholic School for your child(ren)'s spiritual formation and academic education. In partnership with you, we seek excellence for your child(ren) and our students.

The Pastors of our Schools continue the process to focus our Catholic Schools in Decatur most centrally on our core competencies of faith and education. We also gladly welcome families of varying faith traditions whenever possible. We have compiled this checklist for you to enhance clarity of our mission and responsible funding of our ministry.

Please check ONLY the boxes that apply to your family:

- ☐ I am a Catholic parishioner who is registered at and attends Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and will receive a parish subsidy.
- ☐ I am a Catholic Parishioner who needs to be registered at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to receive the parish subsidy.
- ☐ I am a Catholic, registered at another parish.

Name of Parish: _____ City: _____

- ☐ As a Catholic, I understand that weekly Sunday Mass attendance is required by Divine Law, the Ten Commandments, and the Precepts of the Church and my family will plan on attending Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at least 51% annually.
- ☐ I understand that our attendance at Mass will be tracked through weekly parish envelope contributions. It is vital that I place an envelope in the collection basket, regardless of whether there is a contribution inside or not.
- ☐ I belong to another faith tradition and my family will receive the base rate tuition that includes a smaller parish subsidy.

Please initial the following:

_____ I understand that the average full cost of education in our 3 schools is approximately \$7,200 per student.

_____ **Base Rate (K-8):** I understand that **2026-27 tuition**, which will include a smaller parish subsidy, will be assessed based on the agreement detailed on the following page.

_____ **Parishioner Rate (K-8):** I understand that **2026-27 tuition**, which will include a more substantial parish subsidy, will be assessed based on the agreement detailed on the following page.

_____ I understand 20 volunteer hours are required by all families, or else families will incur a \$400 support fee.

_____ A \$400 non-refundable registration fee per student (K-8; \$150 for Pre-K) must also be paid at the time of registration.

☐ My Family uses "F.A.C.T.S." verification to determine eligibility for parish tuition assistance.

☐ My Family receives support for free or reduced priced lunches. Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Pastor of School: _____

Principal Signature: _____ Pastor of Parish: _____

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Catholic Parishioners and Families of Various Christian Faith Traditions

We, the undersigned family, freely enter into this agreement. We understand that this agreement expects and entails an active witness and participation in the Catholic faith by our daily teaching and living, making discipleship a way of life. We will respect and cooperate with those who provide Catholic education—the priests, parishioners, and all school personnel, as well as their policies.

Further, we understand that a practicing parishioner is defined as follows:

- ☐ Active involvement in the various parish ministries, each according to his or her time and talents. This also entails the full participation of the child(ren), according to age and ability.
- ☐ Our child(ren) must be baptized or in the process of preparing for baptism.
- ☐ The entire family's participation at Mass in the parish every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation is expected as set forth both in Divine Law, the Ten Commandments, and the Precepts of the Church. This participation will be tracked through the weekly use of the parish envelope. The parish understands that families do travel or may at times attend other parishes on Sundays for special reasons.
- ☐ All families will strive to support our parish financially, in so far as possible, understanding that our tuition payment is not a contribution to the parish but a payment for our child(ren)'s education, which is subsidized by the parish family as a whole.
- As Catholic parishioners we ask the parish to help us provide our child(ren) with a Catholic Education. We understand and agree that our child(ren) will be taught the teachings of the Catholic Church in their fullness. Pastors recognize that some families are desirous of fulfilling these teachings but are not yet there. These families are highly encouraged to meet with their pastor to discuss a path forward to full participation in the life of our Church and parish. We further accept the commitment to the stewardship way of life as practiced in our parish. We pledge our full cooperation with the school and parish to prepare our child(ren) to be disciples of Jesus Christ. We will make every effort to supervise our child(ren)'s commitment to this agreement.

—The parish accepts your requests for a Catholic education and your commitment to active participation with your child(ren) in the life of the parish. The parish is committed to subsidize your child(ren)'s tuition. We also acknowledge our obligation to assist you in your task of nurturing your child(ren) in the practice of the Catholic faith. We will make our best effort to form your child(ren) as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- My family is of another faith tradition, and we thank you for welcoming us to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School. We will respect and cooperate with those who provide this Catholic education—the priests, parishioners, and all school personnel, as well as their policies. We understand that our child(ren) will receive an education that reflects the teachings of the Catholic Church on faith and morals.

—This parish accepts your request for Catholic education at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School and will follow in the spirit of our previously stated agreement to assist you in the education and formation of your child(ren) as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Parent Signature: _____ Pastor of School: _____

Principal Signature: _____ Pastor of Parish: _____

1st Child's Name/Grade: _____ 4th Child's Name/Grade: _____

2nd Child's Name/Grade: _____ 5th Child's Name/Grade: _____

3rd Child's Name/Grade: _____ 6th Child's Name/Grade: _____