



In-Parish Tuition Policy

Holy Family is a community of faith. A primary reflection of our faith is our shared values, and a primary expression of these values is our school. While some Catholic schools have closed in recent years, our school continues because of the extraordinary commitment of Holy Family parishioners. Only through responding to God's call to share our time, talent, and treasure has this been accomplished. Our Holy Family Catholic School will be able to thrive for decades to come if we can maintain this commitment. It is in this spirit we adopt this policy.

A portion of funds contributed through parish pledges and weekend Mass offertory collections are distributed to the school to offset tuition costs. Based on these contributions, we are able to offer reduced "in-parish" school tuition rates to families that actively engage with the parish faith community by sharing their time, talent and treasure. The pastor determines which families are sufficiently engaged in parish life to warrant in-parish tuition rates, taking into consideration the following:

- Time***
 - Your family is registered at Holy Family Parish.
 - Your family attends Mass most weekends with the Holy Family community.
 - Your family participates in parish activities. See Parish Affiliation Commitment form for examples.
- Talent***
 - Your family (all children in 5th – 8th grade and at least one parent) share their skills and expertise with the Holy Family community by participating in parish ministries. See Parish Affiliation Commitment form for examples.
- Treasure***
 - Your family gives financial support to the parish, pledging a minimum of \$800 per child to the parish (unless the pastor determines a lesser amount is appropriate under your financial circumstances).

The Parish Participation form is signed by the pastor each year to affirm your family's time and talent activities. For the treasure component your family is expected to stay current on a monthly basis with offertory contributions consistent with the amount pledged to the parish offertory. Families are encouraged to enroll in regular monthly automatic payments (ACH) to guarantee remaining current on their pledge. In the event a family receiving the in-parish tuition rate does not remain current on its pledge, the pastor, after considering all relevant circumstances, may withdraw the in-parish rate at his discretion.

This policy does not apply to preschool tuition which only has one rate. Preschool families that are Holy Family parishioners, however, are strongly encouraged to support the parish through participation in the annual commitment, making regular offertory contributions, and contributing time and talent to the ministries.

We are all asked to respond to Christ's call, each according to the measure granted. Working together we can guarantee the future of Holy Family Catholic Parish & School.

What does it take to be an active family at Holy Family Parish?

- Registration on file in the Holy Family Parish Office.
- Attend weekend Mass at Holy Family Parish most weekends.
- Participate in Parish activities and ministries. 5th – 8th graders and at least one parent are expected to participate in Parish ministries. See Parish Affiliation form for a list of ministries and activities.
- Holy Family Parish annual commitment on file in the Parish Office.
- Current on a monthly basis with the amount pledged to the Parish offertory.

How do I find out if my family is registered at Holy Family Parish or my commitment was received?

Please contact the Parish Office at (503)774-1428 x102 or churchlady@holyfamilyporland.com.

How do I check that my family's contributions are current?

Annual statements are mailed to parishioners at the end of January for tax records and to help confirm your monthly contributions. You can ask the Parish Office at any time by contacting (503)774-1428 x102 or churchlady@holyfamilyporland.com. The Parish also helps inform families that are not keeping current with pledge contributions.

What are Parish activities/ministries and how is my family's participation measured?

The list of parish activities and ministries are on the Parish Affiliation Commitment form, and cover a range of opportunities from Altar Server to helping with Parish Friend-raising events. Check off activities and ministries to be involved with on the Parish Affiliation Commitment form. The pastor will review and make a determination. With the wide range of ministries there is something for everyone.

My family gives to St. Vincent de Paul and donates directly to other parish ministries. Are these gifts counted toward my Holy Family commitment?

No. While these other ministries are valuable and important, only money contributed directly to the Holy Family offertory is counted in the annual pledge portion of the In-Parish Tuition policy. We have many great ministries: CYO, St. Vincent de Paul, Rosary Club, etc. These ministries benefit from a financially strong Holy Family Parish. To keep the parish itself financially secure we need all families to contribute to the general offertory.

We are new to the Parish. Are we eligible for the In-Parish Tuition?

Yes! You just need to complete the parish registration, the Parish Affiliation Commitment form, and have the pastor sign it.

The expected minimum offertory contribution is \$800 per student per year. The prorating is $(\$800/12)$ per student per month. If a family joins Holy Family Parish in July then they are expected to have contributed $(\$800/12) \times 6 = \400 per student by the end of the calendar year.

What if my family belongs to a different parish?

If your current parish does not have an elementary school, the Archdiocese has guidelines for parishes to provide a subsidy to supplement your child(ren)'s Catholic education. You must meet the active family guidelines of your parish. You may obtain a subsidy form from the Holy Family School office for your pastor to complete. If your parish has an elementary school without sufficient room for your child(ren), please speak to your pastor regarding the subsidy.