



Hands & Hearts

Make StMCS a Family



Supporting & Serving StMCS through Volunteering and Fundraising

The spirit of St. Michael Catholic School is a direct result of family involvement and support! Our expectations for participation in fundraising, school events, and other opportunities are designed to ensure that all families contribute to our success while sharing in a fun-filled, joyous community.

The StMCS Home & School Association, our parent-teacher organization, has the mission to lead events that help generate both funds and fun each year. Along with steadfast prayer, it takes many hands and generous hearts to cultivate the spirit of our Catholic school. We ask that every family "lends a hand" by meeting or exceeding the volunteer requirements.

Expectations

Families have the ability to choose which type of volunteer opportunity best matches their interests and schedules. All families are expected to complete a minimum of 10 hours throughout the 2025-2026 school year. Hours that go unmet will result in a fee of \$100 per hour. We value your involvement and need "people power." It is our goal to have 100% participation and assess zero fees.

In addition to fundraising and school events, volunteers are also needed on a daily basis to share their time for the benefit of our students - the heart of our school. Daily school tasks include:

- Kitchen and cafeteria help
- Recess supervision
- Staff workroom projects
- School garden maintenance
- ... and more

Fundraising

Fundraising is an important part of our annual revenue stream and it helps keep tuition affordable. Meeting our 2025-26 fundraising goal of \$435,000 will save approximately 12% per student in tuition this year. We operate in good faith that our goals will be met and set tuition with that savings already in place. Therefore, your help and participation becomes essential in order for us to succeed. Three key events that help us meet our fundraising goal are the annual Marathon (October), the Catholic Schools Raffle (winter), and Bids for Kids (spring).

Marathon Reminder

Our Catholic school Marathon has been a tradition for 51 years! It is a fun event that brings our community together and provides us with an opportunity to showcase our school. With your 2025-2026 registration, each family agreed to raise or contribute \$400 toward our annual marathon. Many do this with a spirit of friendly competition and work to exceed this obligation.

- \$400 (or more) in marathon pledges is expected to be met by October 31, 2025.
- Families can meet this goal through pledges, use of a company match, direct payment with a tax-deductible donation, etc.
- After October 31, 2025, unmet commitments will be invoiced and due upon receipt of the invoice.

Volunteer Requirements

All school volunteers must be in compliance with the Archdiocesan mandated volunteer requirements. This includes a Background Check, Online Training and a signed Code of Conduct. Please check your status at virtusonline.org. If you don't have a Virtus account, you can find instructions for setup on our website [HERE](#).

Contact: Keri Schoen, kschoen@stmcatolicschool.org

Sign ups will open on Monday, August 18.

Watch your email for a link and directions