



ST. ANTHONY
—DE PADUA—
CATHOLIC PARISH

October 1, 2021

RE: Active Parishioner Status for the 2022-23 School Year

Hello St. Anthony School Families,

It is our belief that we are transformed and nourished by sacred scripture and by the receiving of the sacrament of Holy Eucharist when we join together for weekly Mass. With this in mind, I write today to share what our expectation is to be considered an active parishioner at St. Anthony.

Active parishioner status is reviewed by the Pastor each January using your completed parishioner affidavit form. For the 2022-23 school year, to receive the benefits of active parishioner status you must meet the criteria of:

1. Being registered with our parish, and
2. Being present at Mass regularly. **Regular Mass attendance is considered three out of four Sundays a month and Holy Days of Obligation.**

To ensure you are eligible for active parishioner status, I want to stress the importance of Mass attendance. Currently, we have 132 St. Anthony school students who are designated as parishioners. I will expect to be seeing these students and their families at Masses in order for them to retain active parishioner status for the 2022-23 school year. Should there be extenuating circumstances, you will need to reach out to discuss those with me.

As a reminder, the benefits of active parishioner status include:

1. Discounted rate on tuition for children attending St. Anthony School (parishioner subsidy).
2. Discounted rate at Marian or St. Joe High School, since the local pastor is asked to vouch for church attendance.
3. Qualifying for Pastoral Scholarships.

Without St. Anthony Parish, there would be no St. Anthony School. Everything we do here at the school, Monday through Friday, is directed toward and is nourished by the Holy Eucharist we receive at Mass on Sunday.

Blessings,

Father Ben Muhlenkamp