



**ST. ANTHONY
—DE PADUA—
CATHOLIC PARISH**

Dear St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School Parents,

It is hard to believe we are already looking ahead to the 2019-20 school year. I would like to welcome our returning families to another great year and, on behalf of our entire school community, I welcome all of the new families that will be joining St. Anthony Catholic School. Welcome to our Panther family! If you ever have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to reach out. I look forward to meeting you and your children!

I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas season with your families. As we move from one season to another we gather and thank God for our blessings. These next few weeks leading up to Lent, is a time to enter deeper into prayer in preparation for the great celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter. I invite you to join us at St. Anthony de Padua Parish! I hope you can make time for prayer and quality time with your family as we begin to enter into this Holy Season.

TUITION

I write to you today to communicate the tuition schedule for grades K-8 for the 2019-20 academic year. The cost for St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School to educate each student is **\$6,350**. This cost, determined after careful review of the budget by school administration and the Parish Finance Council, establishes our standard per child tuition rate. This rate allows us to continue to offer the level of excellence for which St. Anthony's is known, taking into account modest teacher and staff salary increases, curriculum and instruction improvements, utility and insurance costs, and facilities needs.

Each year, St. Anthony de Padua Parish contributes a generous subsidy towards the tuition cost for registered, active parish families that exercise good stewardship of prayer, service, and sacrificial giving.

Next school year, the Saint Anthony de Padua Parish subsidy will provide the following tuition benefit:

- 1 Child Subsidy: \$1,524 ----- 24% of the cost of education for the 1st child enrolled
- 2 Children Subsidy: \$4,508 ----- 47% of the cost of education for the 2nd child enrolled
- 3 Children Subsidy: \$8,445 ----- 62% of the cost of education for the 3rd child enrolled
- 4 Children Subsidy: \$13,843 ----- 85% of the cost of education for the 4th child enrolled

The full tuition schedule is as follows:

2019-2020 Tuition Schedule				
# Children	1	2	3	4
Standard Tuition:	\$6,350	\$12,700	\$19,050	\$25,400
Parish Subsidy for Active Parishioners:	(\$1,524)	(\$4,508)	(\$8,445)	(\$13,843)
Parish Subsidized Rate of Tuition:	\$4,826	\$8,192	\$10,605	\$11,557

This is a 1% increase from last year.



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The parish is proud to invest in Catholic education for our active parishioner families, and to especially ease the burden for those with multiple children enrolled. Although these subsidies are generous, this year returning families with multiple children enrolled will experience a slight increase in total tuition costs. We understand that this increase may be difficult for some, and we encourage families to look into financial assistance options available here at St. Anthony's, as detailed under the Financial Aid header below.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PARISH SUBSIDY

The diocese requires each parish to obtain an "Affidavit of Active Parishioner Status" from each family wishing to apply for the parish subsidy. This affidavit will be generated as part of enrollment in January. For registered parishioners at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Parish, I will review and sign off on the affidavit or send a letter inviting your family to greater participation in the parish. Consistent Sunday Mass attendance at St. Anthony de Padua Church is foundational for subsidy eligibility. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Those registered at other parishes will receive a request to have your pastor review and sign an affidavit.

FEES & STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT

Enrollment Fee: The non-refundable Enrollment Fee for 2019-20 will increase to \$150 per child or \$200 per family. The breakdown of this cost is \$50 for investment into an endowment for the school as well as \$100 going to capital improvements. This fee is paid outside of tuition, tuition assistance, and school choice. This is a change from previous operating procedures and may be assessed through FACTS.

Stewardship Support: As followers of Christ Jesus, we are reminded that all things, including life itself, are gifts from God. Support of the parish is essential to ensure a bright future for the school, so that we can continue to give glory to God and spread the good news of the Gospel. Please fill out the parish time and talent ministry sign up form included in this letter and return to the office.

FACTS BILLING

Tuition and fees will be billed through the FACTS payment management system. In May, families will receive an email with a link to create a tuition payment plan through FACTS. Several payment schedule options are available. Families will also be billed separately each month through FACTS for incidental expenses for optional programs and extra-curricular activities.

FINANCIAL AID

School Choice Scholarships & Indiana Tax Credit Scholarships in past years, some families have been surprised to find they qualify for School Choice Scholarships (vouchers) or Indiana Tax Credit Scholarships (SGOs). We encourage families to explore this possibility. For your convenience, a Choice Scholarship FAQ is attached to this letter. As the FAQ explains, there are eight different "pathways" that enable a student to be eligible to participate in School Choice, each with different household income limits. More information on these guidelines and income limits can be found at www.doe.in.gov/choice under the "Student Eligibility" section. Families that expect to qualify for these state programs should contact Pam White at pwhite@stasb.org or 574-233-7169, ext. 111, or Kari Jambor at business@stasb.org or 574-282-2308, ext. 211, by Monday, April 15, to complete an application.

St. Anthony de Padua Tuition Assistance Fund



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In addition to state scholarships other donations provide support to our St. Anthony Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund for families. Families wishing to apply for this assistance should complete an application at: <https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/3FFKJ>. This application is also used to give consideration for assistance from our SGO fund and the diocesan Large Family Fund. Applications are due by Monday, April 15, so that we may make award decisions by mid-May. For any questions about financial aid, please contact Pam White at pwhite@stasb.org or 574-233-7169, ext. 111., or Kari Jambor at business@stasb.org or 574-282-2308, ext. 211.

Finally, please dedicate time to pray for our parish and school community: that we serve our parishioners, students, and wider community well; that the sacramental and liturgical life of our parish remains vibrant; and that all who enter here come to know and love the Lord in a deeper way.

Thank you again for choosing to give your children the gift of a Catholic Education, which will not only prepare them well for their lives in the world but will most importantly guide them on the path to Eternal Salvation. May Our Lady keep your families under her protecting mantle and may we all strive to be like our patron, St. Anthony de Padua.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Robert Garrow
Pastor