

Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church

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My dear Fatima School parents and parishioners,

The parish will begin a new process for verifying parishioner status at Our Lady of Fatima for the 26-27 school year and beyond. The past policies related to active parishioner status and out of parish fees will no longer apply in the future with this update.

The goal of these changes is to provide a solid foundation for Catholic education in our community. We have been entrusted with the responsibility of raising our children in the practice of faith. Together we can meet the challenge of providing both a strong Catholic education and a vibrant parish in which our children mature in faith, hope, and love.

The new process will focus on three areas — worship, ministry, and stewardship. To be considered an active and supporting member of the parish, families must attend Mass regularly at our church, participate in the life of the parish and make, to Our Lady of Fatima Church, trackable donations of \$500 or more to the offertory or the building and maintenance fund.

Current and future Fatima school parents, please make note that to achieve Active Supporting Parishioner status and be exempt from paying the \$500 out -of -parish subsidy upon registration at school, you must complete the Parishioner Verification Form by October 31st. On the form you will verify your involvement in the church. If you do not attend Fatima Church, nor contribute in some way to the life of the parish, you are not required to complete this form.

We encourage you to be a part of Fatima Church. Active parishioners are vital to the functioning of a church community. When members actively participate in their faith by serving others and contributing to the church's mission, the church can fulfill its purpose effectively.

Thank you for your understanding of our new policy and we encourage you to become an essential part of our parish and school.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Thomas Voorhies

Pastor