

Admission into All Saints Catholic School

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Receiving a Catholic School education is always a privilege and should not be thought of as a right. The single most important reason to have Catholic schools is to assist parents in the fulfillment of their responsibility as the first teachers of their children's Catholic Christian faith. Therefore, all families that will be a part of All Saints Catholic School will be expected to live and exemplify our faith as it is taught and professed by the Church.

The following items will be required of all Catholic families seeking admission into All Saints Catholic School. By Catholic families means one or both of the parents are Catholic.

1. The written request of the parents (new school families), asking that their children be admitted to All Saints Catholic School, and why. Written requests should be addressed to the pastor.
2. To be registered in the parish at least one year. (Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Pastor only for families moving into the Wichita area from other parts of the State or from other States in the country. Parents seeking to transfer students into All Saints from other Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Wichita will need verification from their previous school's principal and pastor that they have been registered for at least one year and have lived the Stewardship way of life while they were part of that parish.
3. Parents that have not been registered in All Saints for at least a year will only be considered for admission after meeting with the pastor.
4. When one or both parents are Catholic they must be married in the Church. They must present proof that they have been married by a Catholic priest. Parents that are cohabitating or married out of the Church will not be allowed to enroll children until they have formally* begun the process of seeking validations of their marriages or have formally* begun the preparations for getting married in the Church. If parents are separated or divorced or in the process of doing so they must notify the pastor right away. This is also important for the church and school office to have the most recent contact information as changes at home may be occurring in the life of our students.
*(*Formally beginning this process means meeting with the Pastor to determine what action needs to be taken to resolve these situations that are inconsistent with Catholic Teachings.)*
5. Annually complete, sign and return their Stewardship of Time and Talent pledges.
6. Annually complete, sign and return their Stewardship of Treasure pledges.
7. The fulfillment of their Stewardship pledges for the previous year.
8. Faithfully attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days at All Saints Parish.
9. The annual completion of the "Parish Family Agreement" document.
10. All required documents such as birth certificates, baptismal certificates, immunization records of incoming students, etc., must be turned into the school office by enrollment day for the upcoming year.
11. All financial requirements such as school fees, latchkey and lunch fees must be paid in full by stated deadlines.

In addition to the above admission requirements being fulfilled, priority will be given in the following order when on waiting lists:

Waiting List Priority

1. Registered families in our parish boundary who are fulfilling their commitments to the Stewardship way of Life and already have older children in our school.
2. Registered families in our boundary who are fulfilling their commitments to the Stewardship way of Life with no older children already in our school who have been registered and active in our parish since their child (ren) were born.
3. Registered families in our boundary who are fulfilling their commitments to the Stewardship way of Life with no older children already in our school who have been registered and active in our parish for at least a year.
4. Families that recently re-located to our parish boundary from other cities and states that are currently registered and active who are fulfilling their commitments to the Stewardship way of Life.
5. Recently registered families in our boundary who are fulfilling their commitments to the Stewardship way of Life with no older children already in our school who have not been registered and active in our parish for at least one year.
6. Families that are registered with other parishes that currently do not have a school whose pastor has agreed to fund the education costs of their children providing we have room in that particular grade.
7. Non Catholics that wish to send their children to our school who pay direct tuition providing there is room in a particular grade.

Funding Catholic Schools through the Parish

“In the Diocese of Wichita, we are committed to stewardship as a total way of life for every activity that makes up parish life. Active stewardship refers to returning to God a portion of the blessing we have received from Him, and doing so sacrificially, generously, and willingly, without expectation of a tangible reward. That means that the ministries of the parish including Catholic schools are the responsibility of the entire parish, not just those who use them. In the stewardship way of life, Catholic schools are parochial; they are funded by the entire parish. They are not private schools that are owned and operated by those who use them.”

(Stewardship and Catholic Schools-Catholic School Office, www.cdowk.org)

Therefore, every parish family is expected to contribute financially to the parish by biblically tithing their income. In the Diocese of Wichita, it is suggested that the biblical tithing of 10% be divided 8% to the parish and 2% to charities and agencies in the community.