

St. John Neumann Catholic Church

Tuition Grant Agreement Form

Family Name: _____

Dear Parents,

We are blessed that you have chosen to join with us in your family's faith journey as together we live out our parish mission to be a witness to Christ. **Prayer, Formation, and Service.** What do those three pillars mean to you and your family? At St. John Neumann, we are called into a relationship with Jesus; He wants to know us and He wants us to go beyond just knowing Him during Mass. Jesus desires that each of us develop a relationship with Him. This begins with prayer and continues with life-long faith formation and service to others.

We are all called to be disciples. In order to answer that call and to develop in our faith, we must continually surrender our lives to Jesus, moving closer to Him and inviting others to Him. Trends show that parents, who continue to develop their own faith as adults and model faith to their children, when the children become adults, are more likely to keep practicing their faith. Therefore, parents can expect St. John Neumann Parish to offer a variety of opportunities for them to develop their own faith in order to pass the faith to their children. Likewise, the parish expects parents to be invested and involved in their own faith development in order to receive a grant from our parishioners to help support their children's education while attending a Catholic school. The parish has an obligation to be good stewards of the financial resources its parishioners offer us for the mission of the parish. Filling the expectations of the grant ensures we are good stewards in the support of families who are truly invested in developing their faith and perpetuating it.

Parish Grants are available to help fund Catholic education for students in kindergarten through high school, based on the school they are attending, and are bestowed on the basis of meeting the following expectations:

- 1) Catholic Parents are living their Catholic Faith by attending weekly Mass, as well as engaging in daily prayer;
- 2) Examples of both Parents are growing in their Catholic/Christian Faith by attending Discipleship Groups or other on-going adult faith formation or utilizing FORMED.org;
- 3) The family is serving others in the mission of the Church;
- 4) The family is a registered and participating member of St. John Neumann, pledging and contributing a gift to the annual offertory program in an identifiable way (EFT, envelope, check).

A family is acknowledged as a "Participating Member" based upon these expectations. If there are any hardships in meeting these expectations, please contact the parish business manager. Exceptions can be made in situations where there is need.

We ask that the family completes this Tuition Grant Agreement Form in the spring of each year. If a current Offertory Commitment Form is not on file, one must be turned in with the completed agreement. This allows the parish the benefit of including the amount of the grant into its projected budget for the coming fiscal year, starting July 1. If the family does not return this form with an Offertory Commitment form for budget inclusion, they may not be able to receive support, since there will be no amount budgeted for them. In January, if the parents do not meet the expectations, the parents and the school will be notified that the family will be paying the full per pupil cost.

Calendar of Dates

March 1 – Tuition Grant Agreement Form available

June 30 - Tuition Grant Agreement Form due to parish office

October – Any revisions to tuition amounts given to parents (set by the school).

January– Review of Agreement; schools to be paid by St. John Neumann parish based on level of assessment or informed if the parents will be paying the balance.

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Parent Name: _____	Catholic? Yes	No	Participating? Yes	No
Parent Name: _____	Catholic? Yes	No	Participating? Yes	No
*Student Name: _____	School _____	Grade _____	Amount \$ _____	
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Total amount billed to St. John Neumann by the school(s) and requested to be given through offertory: \$ _____

***The amount is determined by the school in September, you will be notified of any changes to this amount.**

Prayer – Please describe how your family worships, especially in the weekly Mass and other prayer. Please be specific about how often you attend Mass, where, and at which times. Also note if you participate in Eucharistic Adoration.

When we devote time to the Lord in prayer we open our hearts to all that He wants for us. We encourage you to find opportunities to pray in your daily life such as praying with scripture, spending time in our adoration chapel, attending weekday Mass. Take some time to reflect on how to make time for prayer.

Faith Formation – Please describe any parish faith formation activities such as bible study, discipleship group, retreats, conferences or speakers the parents and children are involved in – or plan to be involved in beginning in the fall.

We are formed by developing a deeper personal relationship with the Lord. Through prayer & study, we come to know ourselves & others as Christ knows us. Each of us is committed to a lifelong spiritual growth to be formed in our faith so that we pass our faith to our children.

Service– Please describe ministries your family contributes time and talent in serving others in the Church or community: Liturgical, Festival, Good Samaritan Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, Catechist, other service to others.

We are called to put our faith into action through service to others. Every act of service is meaningful and builds the kingdom of God on earth. Each of us are sent to serve the mission of the Church in some concrete, meaningful way; bearing fruit by leading and serving others in the parish and beyond the church walls.

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Giving – Please describe your family’s stewardship of treasure, specifically its consistent financial support of the parish’s mission and works through regular offertory and other tithing. Please attach your Offertory Commitment Form, if not already submitted. If you are unable to give financially, please describe extenuating circumstances.

Giving – as our Catholic tradition invites us into a lifestyle of stewardship, each of us are “intentional givers” – sacrificially and proportionally sharing our blessed time, talent and treasure to the mission of Christ’s Church and the good of others.

Recognizing some families are blessed with financial resources that others are not, the Parish Grant Application encompasses two levels. We are asking families to take a careful look at their finances and discern their level of need.

I request a **Level 1 Parish Grant**: gift to offertory will exceed the tuition amount paid by the parish to school(s) and will comply with expectations to the best of our ability. **Yes No** _____

Signature Date

I request a **Level 2 Parish Grant**: additional grant assistance is needed as we can’t meet the tuition amount paid by the parish to the school(s); I request a meeting to discuss. **Yes No** _____

Signature Date

I request a meeting to discuss our family’s inability to comply with the expectations that are spiritual in nature: attending weekly Mass, attending faith formation activities, or serving the church and community.

Yes No _____

Signature Date

If there are any hardships in meeting these expectations, please contact us.

For Office Use Only:

Level 1 – Parish Grant Amount _____ Approved _____ Declined _____ Date: _____

Level 2 – Parish Grant Amount _____ Approved _____ Declined _____ Date: _____

Spiritual Expectations Called _____ Formed _____ Sent _____ Meeting Date _____ Approved Date: _____

Notes:

I hereby attest that the family is in good-standing in this parish and that Saint John Neumann Parish will assume responsibility for the tuition grant, provided the family is in compliance with the above expectations.

Reverend Paul Noble, Pastor St. John Neumann Parish

Date