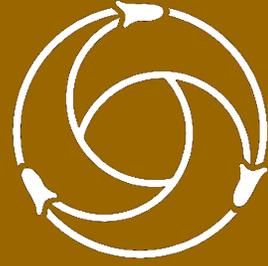


2017-18 Registration & Tuition Information
for families with children already enrolled



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MINISTRY
A Ministry of Holy Trinity Parish

2017-18 Registration Timeline

for Families with Children Already Enrolled

Please contact Mrs. Dominique in the Education Center at (530) 677-3591 if you have any questions. The principal of the school ministry, Mr. Nelson, is available to meet with prospective families if desired, as is our Parish Administrator, Mr. Lopez, regarding tuition rates and stewardship.

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| Friday February 10 | Application Due | FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY: Applications and \$50 non-refundable fee are due to the school office for 17-18 school year. (If TK/Kindergarten student, Mrs. Dominique will call to schedule an appointment for assessment.) |
| Thursday February 16 | Return "Mid-Year Progress Report" | FOR CURRENT YEAR WORSHIPING STEWARD FAMILIES ONLY: After reviewing the family's progress toward their current year's Stewardship Commitment of time, talent and treasure, parents and children will complete and return a "Mid-Year Progress Report" by this date. The progress reports will be emailed to all families and posted on Beehively. |
| Wednesday & Thursday March 1 & 2 | Assessments - TK/Kindergarten Students | FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY: If TK/Kindergarten student, Mrs. Dominique will call to schedule an appointment for assessment. |
| Wednesday March 1 | Assessments - Transfer Students | FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY: Grades 1-7 assessments take place from 1:45 – 4:30 pm. Assessments are by appointment only. Please schedule with Mrs. Dominique at (530) 677-3591. |
| Tuesday March 7 | Submit a Written Request for Consideration | FOR FAMILIES WISHING CONSIDERATION AS WORSHIPING STEWARDS ONLY: After reviewing the family's progress on their current year Stewardship Commitment and considering what sacrifices can be made in their lives to return a percentage of the time, talent and treasure back to God for the upcoming year, families will offer a written request to the pastor, asking to be considered as a Worshiping Steward. The application for consideration as a Worshiping Steward will be emailed to all families and posted on Beehively. |
| Sunday March 12 | Stewardship Commitment Sunday | For those families wishing to be considered for the "Worshiping Steward" tuition rate, Stewardship Commitment forms must be offered at Mass on this date, during our parish-wide Stewardship Renewal. If a commitment form is not turned in for consideration, it will be assumed that a family wishes the Base Tuition rate. |
| Wednesday March 15 | Make-up Assessments | FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY: Make-up assessments by appointment for all grades take place at 3:15 p.m. in the Media Center. Please schedule with Mrs. Dominique at (530) 677-3591. |
| Friday March 17 | Letters of Decision | Letters of Decision are emailed to all parents of new and transfer students. Letters of Decision will also be emailed for those families asking to be considered for the additional Worshiping Steward tuition investment. All accepted students will receive the 17-18 registration packet for parents to complete. |
| Wednesday March 22 | In-Person Registration | In-person registration is offered from 12:30 – 7 p.m. in the Media Center. All registration fees are due at this time; there are no exceptions to this policy. Students are not considered "officially enrolled" until all registration fees are paid and all forms are completed. Incomplete forms will not be accepted at registration. |
| Thursday March 23 | In-Person Registration | In-person registration is offered from 12:30 – 5 p.m. in the Media Center. All registration fees are due at this time; there are no exceptions to this policy. Students are not considered "officially enrolled" until all registration fees are paid and all forms are completed. Incomplete forms will not be accepted at registration. |
| Friday March 31 | Tuition Payment Deadline | Last day to either pay 17-18 tuition in full or to sign up for automatic withdrawal. If neither occurs, the school cannot guarantee your child a space in the school. |

2017-18 Tuition and Student Services Fee

Tuition for 2017-18 School Year

It will cost Holy Trinity Parish \$7023 to educate each child in its school ministry in the 2017-18 school year.

However, in order to make a Catholic education more affordable to those we serve, our parish has purposely chosen to offer all of its students a generous 29% reduction in tuition. With a reduction of \$2023 offered to each student, tuition for each child for the 2017-18 school year is \$5000.

\$5000
per student

All parents also commit to:

- perform the required Parent Participation Hours in service to the school ministry community
- attend two General Parent meetings of the Parent Association

Student Services Fee

A **non-refundable** Student Services Fee of \$625 per student is due at the time of registration. Our fee is unique in that it covers the cost for most activities and materials for the entire year. *We do not ask for additional funds during the year.* Although our actual costs rise each year, we are mindful to keep any increases in our fee to a minimum.

This fee reserves placement for your child for the coming school year. In addition, the fee also covers costs associated with registration, as well as the Diocesan assessment and accident insurance which must be paid on every student enrolling.

\$625
per student

May be paid in two installments

This fee also allows us to keep our commitment to provide the following to your student without needing to ask parents for additional funds throughout the year. The Student Services Fee supports:

- a yearbook for each student
- a planner for each student
- class funds for field trips
- Parochial Athletic League (PAL) fees
- uniforms and supplies for most athletic programs
- athletic tournament fees
- the FAME program
- the annual Christmas presentation
- Kindergarten promotion and 8th grade graduation
- Scholastic Reader materials
- school assemblies
- most curricular- and extra-curricular programs

(The middle school science trips, overnight retreats and Robotics Teams are not included in the Student Services Fee.)

Additionally, the fee supports the Holy Trinity Parent Association to help in its mission as a social and educational association, as well as to subsidize family events, social gatherings, speakers, and activities that enrich the shared education experience.

Technology Fee

In addition to continual upgrades to our existing computer lab, our Technology Fee will allow us to begin the purchase of portable devices and a mobile cart for use by teachers and students. The fee also helps in insuring the devices against unintentional damage, as well as for necessary repair and maintenance.

\$75
per student

May be paid in two installments

Additional Parish Investment for Worshipping Stewards

As a Stewardship parish, Holy Trinity is unique in the Sacramento Diocese.

Holy Trinity Parish places a priority on the ministries which seek to form our shared Catholic faith – whether it be our Faith Formation Ministry or our Holy Trinity School Ministry. As such, we have chosen to invest so greatly in these ministries because they speak most directly to our relationship with God.

Significantly, since the school ministry opened, our parish has invested nearly \$4 million toward the ministry's annual operating costs. While the average parish in the Sacramento Diocese contributes just 3% of its school's annual operating cost, Holy Trinity proudly boasts a contribution of nearly 25% -- or more than \$350,000 – each year to its school ministry.

This extraordinary contribution is possible due to the dedicated commitment to stewardship by so many parishioners in our Holy Trinity community. Our parishioners' stewardship of all the blessings God has provided is manifested in how our parishioners generously share their time, talent and treasure in our parish.

 **The net effect of this shared sacrifice is that our parish investment for our most active and committed parishioners is \$4500 or more toward the cost of educating their child.**

We are very pleased that we are able to offer **every family** a significant reduction in tuition, charging just \$5000 per student for the 2017-18 school year (about 70% of what it actually costs our parish to educate a child).

However, for families who have made – and **who actively live** – the extraordinary commitment to a Stewardship Way of Living, the parish is pleased to offer an additional investment by our parish in their child's spiritual and academic education.

For the 2017-18 school year, the following additional investments are provided to those who apply for and are approved as Worshipping Stewards of Holy Trinity Parish:

| | First Child | Second Child | Additional Child |
|--|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| Actual Cost of Educating Each Child | \$7023 | \$7023 | \$7023 |
| - Investment by Parish for All Students | - \$2023 | - \$2023 | - \$2023 |
| Tuition for Each Student | \$5000 | \$5000 | \$5000 |
| - Additional Parish Investment for Worshipping Stewards | - \$2600 | - \$2900 | - \$3100 |
| Final Tuition for Grades 1 through 8 | \$2400 | \$2100 | \$1900 |
| Final Tuition for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten | \$1900 | \$1900 | \$1900 |

 **For Worshipping Stewards, the total investment by the parish begins at over \$4600 for the first child, rising up to over \$5100 for additional children – with parents paying just \$1900 to \$2400 per child in tuition.**

A
Very
Important
Caution

Although we encourage and invite every family to consider making the commitment to become a Worshiping Steward, we know that accepting the commitment to live as a Christian steward isn't a commitment everyone wishes to make.

Living as a steward means restructuring one's life to place God first in all things.

It requires replacing our desires with God's desires.

Living as a steward requires a real commitment to sacrifice and generosity.

At Holy Trinity, we take this decision to be a steward very seriously.

In justice, the parish will only offer this additional investment to families who have made – and **who actively live** – the extraordinary commitment to a Stewardship Way of Living.

The following pages explain the expectations to be considered a Worshiping Steward at Holy Trinity Parish, as well as the procedure for being asking for consideration.

Living as a Worshiping Steward

Each year, parishioners at Holy Trinity are invited to make an annual commitment to a Stewardship Way of Living. Stewardship isn't a program or just a way to bring in more volunteers or money. **Stewardship is a Way of Living** – where Christians see everything good as a gift from God.

Although God invites us each to live as stewards, accepting the commitment to live as a Christian steward isn't a commitment everyone wishes to make. Living as a steward means restructuring one's life to place God first in all things. It requires replacing our desires with God's desires.

Living as a steward requires a real commitment to sacrifice and generosity. At Holy Trinity, we know it's a commitment worth the effort.

TIME



Prayer and Worship

DO WE GRATEFULLY RESERVE THE ONE HOUR EACH WEEK WHERE WE MEET JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST?

God gives all of us 24 hours in a day and 168 hours in a week. For each of us, time remains our most valuable commodity as we seek to balance all the competing demands in our life. We need to find time for work, family, service to others, recreation, rest and, of course, prayer and worship.

But as Christians, aware that our lives are gifts from God, do we make "time for God" a priority in our busy lives? Do we join together on Sunday with our parish community to worship as the Body of Christ? Do we center our lives around the Eucharist, making it the "source and summit" of our life as Catholics?

Worshiping Stewards have made a commitment to join in communal worship each Sunday at Holy Trinity, have a vibrant prayer life and commit themselves to ongoing formation of their faith.

TALENT



Sharing in Ministry

DO WE GRATEFULLY SHARE OUR TALENTS FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF OUR PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY?

Talents are the special gifts that are uniquely ours. Every member of our faith community has been given talents as gifts from God.

Holy Trinity Parish boasts over sixty ministries. Do we share the talents which God has uniquely given to us in these ministries? Do we use our aptitudes, interests, passions, skills and abilities to further God's kingdom in our parish?

Worshiping Stewards return the talents given as gifts from God through service in two or more parish ministries.

TREASURE



Sacrificial Giving

DOES GRATEFULLY GIVING BACK TO GOD COME FIRST IN OUR LIST OF SPENDING PRIORITIES?

We are stewards – not owners – of the treasure and possessions in our care. All we have, including our money, are gifts from God, who gave us these gifts so that we would care for them and use them to improve the lives of others.

We all have different levels of income and different material resources, yet – even in such difficult times – the least affluent among us are rich in comparison to the rest of the world. As such, we are not called to equal giving, but we are called to equal sacrifice.

Our spending habits say a great deal about our values, priorities, and wants. How much do we spend on dining out, entertainment, the latest electronic gadget, or paying on a car? In comparison, how much do we spend on building God's Kingdom?

Scripture tells us "Honor the Lord with the first fruits of all you produce." (Proverbs 11:24) Have we established a purposeful, intentional, annual plan for honoring God with our treasure?

Worshiping Stewards return to God a significant and genuinely sacrificial portion of the treasure He has given to them.

“Worshipping Steward” Q&A

Q

What is an example of a family eligible for the Worshipping Steward tuition rate?

A

Joe and Kathy Smith made a conscious and deliberate decision to adopt a Stewardship Way of Living, acknowledging God as the source of all good things in their lives. Taking their commitment seriously, the Smiths made a covenant with God – and their faith community – to return to God the first fruits of their time, talent and treasure.

In terms of time, Joe, Kathy and their children attend one of the five Masses offered at Holy Trinity each weekend, except when traveling or sick. They are committed to making community worship a priority in their busy lives.

In terms of talent, after reviewing the list of 60 ministries which serve our parish, Kathy volunteers in the school ministry as an art docent, and Joe serves as a Eucharistic Minister for the parish.

In terms of treasure, the Smiths committed themselves to a significant and sacrificial gift of treasure back to God. The Smiths have a family income of \$96,000 annually (the average in our county); this year, they decided to commit their family to budgeting a minimum of 3-4% of their annual income this year to God's work in the parish.

Q

What if my family does not attend Mass each week?

A

As Catholic Christians, aware that our lives are gifts from God, we are both called to and want to make “time for God” a priority in our busy lives. Most importantly, we exhibit our love for God by joining together each Sunday with our Holy Trinity community to worship as the Body of Christ. Centering our lives around the Eucharist, we make it the “source and summit” of our life as disciples of Christ.

Sunday Mass each week is fundamental to being a Christian steward. It would be incongruous therefore to consider someone a “Worshipping Steward” if one doesn't make communal worship at Holy Trinity a deliberate priority each Sunday.

Q

What factors determine whether a family will receive the Worshipping Steward rate?

A

We are very pleased that we are able to offer every family a significant reduction in tuition, charging just about 70% of what it actually costs the parish to educate a child.

To be considered for the additional investment by the parish offered to Worshipping Stewards, the parish will consider, among other things:

1. the family's Stewardship Commitment in all areas of time, talent and treasure for the coming year (this commitment is to be made during the parish's Stewardship Renewal in March 2017), as well as the other items outlined during the registration process
2. whether or not the family fulfilled its Stewardship Commitment in all areas of time, talent and treasure for the current school year

Q

What happens if a family doesn't fulfill its commitment of time, talent, and treasure?

A

Recognizing that we are a community of believers called to love each other as God loves us, our parish community wants to help those families which, *for reasons of legitimate hardship*, cannot fulfill their commitments to the community. We realize that factors beyond one's control – such as job loss or the need to support an elderly relative – may cause parishioners to need to alter their commitment to the parish.

Whenever a family cannot fulfill its commitment, the parent(s) should meet with the pastor, who will work with a family to make other arrangements, as needed. No student would ever be turned away or removed from a tuition category because, through no fault of its own because of a genuine hardship, a family cannot fulfill its commitment.

When families decide, however, not to seek a personal meeting with the pastor to discuss their particular hardship, families wishing to re-enroll at the school for the next school year will automatically enroll at the standard tuition rate.

Applying for Consideration as a Worshiping Steward

Although God invites us each to live as stewards, accepting the commitment to live as a Christian steward isn't a commitment everyone wishes to make. Living as a steward means restructuring one's life to place God first in all things. It requires replacing our desires with God's desires.

Living as a steward requires a real commitment to sacrifice and generosity. We are happy to give consideration to all those who wish to make a genuine and sincere commitment to a Stewardship Way of Living.

Should a family wish to apply for consideration as a Worshiping Steward at Holy Trinity Parish, we ask that they complete the following four items.

1

Return "Mid-Year Progress Report" on 16-17 Stewardship Commitment by Thursday, February 16

After reviewing the family's progress toward their current year's Stewardship Commitment of time, talent and treasure, families will complete and return a "Mid-Year Progress Report" no later than Thursday, February 16, 2017. The progress reports will be emailed to all families and posted on Beehively.

2

Consider Homilies and Reflections from Stewardship-Focused Masses in February and March

At each of the Masses on the weekends of February 11 & 12 and March 4 & 5, the homilies and homiletic reflections will focus on God's desire that we live in relationship with Him as real and active stewards. Parents and children are strongly encouraged to use these talks to engage in a "family discussion" about how God is inviting each of us to commit ourselves to live as generous stewards of what He has entrusted to us.

3

Submit a Written Request for Consideration as a Worshiping Steward by Tuesday, March 7

After reviewing the family's progress on their current year Stewardship Commitment and considering what sacrifices can be made in their lives to return a percentage of the time, talent and treasure back to God for the upcoming year, parents and children will offer a written request to the pastor, asking to be considered as a Worshiping Steward, by Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The application for consideration as a Worshiping Steward will be emailed to all families and posted on Beehively.

Because we wish that parents and children will make a thoughtful, serious and sacrificial commitment to a Stewardship Way of Living, we stress the importance of reviewing carefully and prayerfully both the "Living as a Worshiping Steward" and "Worshiping Steward Q&A" information in this packet, as well as the annual Stewardship Renewal materials mailed to each household.

Please remember: *in justice, only those families who can offer concrete examples of how they consistently live as real and active stewards in all three areas of time, talent and treasure will be considered for the Worshiping Steward rate.* In our parish, this commitment means Sunday Mass at Holy Trinity each week, the sharing of talents in parish ministry, and significant and sacrificial giving of the treasure God has entrusted to each of us.

4

Offer to God the 2017-18 Stewardship Commitment Form at Mass on Commitment Weekend

After carefully considering what sacrifices can be made in their lives to return a significant and sacrificial percentage of the time, talent and treasure back to God, parents and children will offer their Stewardship Commitment forms to God during Mass on Stewardship Commitment Weekend (March 12).

For examples of what is reasonably expected from a Worshiping Steward at Holy Trinity Parish, we stress the importance of reviewing carefully and prayerfully both the "Living as a Worshiping Steward" and "Worshiping Steward Q&A" information in this packet, as well as the annual Stewardship Renewal materials mailed to each household.

Once the information completed by the families has been reviewed, decisions about which tuition rate is most appropriate for the family will be emailed by Friday, March 17, 2017, along with the registration packet for the students.