



### Registration for 2012-2013

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Attached is your registration for the 2012-2013 after school Religious Education classes. Beginning March 14/15, 2012 from 4:00-6:30 pm we will begin to accept registration for the fall 2012-2013 school sessions. We will have a table outside of the school office where you may register. We hope that you will take advantage of this time. Please stop in to register for next year while dropping your student off or picking them up.

At St. Thomas More, we have a wonderful parish community that believes in the importance of a Catholic education - so much so, that they support the Religious Education classes through a subsidy. Our financial review for this year allows for a continued subsidy. For the budget year 2012/2013, the subsidy is expected to be \$134.00 per child. This subsidy of the parish's budget is \$67,000.00. In return for subsidizing your child's religious education; all they ask is that you and your family be active parishioners. An active parishioner at St. Thomas More Parish is someone who:

- Attends Mass at on Sundays and Holy Days.
- When at Church sings, prays, and participates in other ministries by being a Eucharistic minister, usher, greeter, festival volunteer, etc.;
- Contributes weekly to the Church an amount that truly reflects the way that the parishioner and family have been blessed (this gift is, therefore, a first priority, and not a leftover); and
- Shares his/her gifts of time and talent by nurturing them for God, others, and themselves.

One of the reasons families send their children to Catholic Religious Education classes is to teach their children how to be good Catholics. One quality of good Catholics is for them to be good Stewards of their God-given gifts. This means giving their time, talent, and treasure back to their parish. Educating children in their faith is a combined effort between home, education, and the Church. If the parents are not active and practicing Catholics, then it is very difficult to teach the children to be lifelong Catholics.

Please note that you will need to maintain your active family status throughout the year in order to continue receiving this discount. Families who fail to maintain active parishioner status will be charged non-parishioner tuition for the next six months. The following will be reviewed at a minimum of twice a year:

- The family is regularly attending Mass and is contributing to the parish on Sundays **using their parish envelopes**. Note that there is no specific dollar amount required as a parish contribution. You are asked to contribute an amount that reflects the way you have been blessed. If you are unable to contribute, you should still drop your envelope in the collection basket in order to reflect your attendance.
- Each family participates in at least one parish ministry or organization. Please see the Directory of Ministry Programs and Organizational Booklet for more details.
- There is a completed Sacrificial Giving Card and Time and Talent Form on file in the parish office.

<b>Parishioner Before May 1, 2012</b>		<b>Parishioner After May 1, 2012</b>	
<b>One child</b>	<b>80.00</b>		<b>105.00</b>
<b>Two</b>	<b>150.00</b>		<b>200.00</b>
<b>Three</b>	<b>220.00</b>		<b>295.00</b>
<b>Four</b>	<b>290.00</b>		<b>390.00</b>
<b>Non Parishioner Before May 1, 2012</b>		<b>Non Parishioner After May 1, 2012</b>	
<b>One child</b>	<b>160.00</b>		<b>185.00</b>
<b>Two</b>	<b>300.00</b>		<b>400.00</b>
<b>Three</b>	<b>440.00</b>		<b>590.00</b>
<b>Four</b>	<b>580.00</b>		<b>780.00</b>

**Sacrament Fees**

**Confirmation Fee 30.00**  
**First Penance & First Holy Communion 5.00**  
**American Bible Fee for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up 8.00**

Families that have not paid all their tuition by the end of April 2012 including prior years of *past due bills* will be receiving a separate letter from the Pastor with details on how we can work together to resolve their *past due* bills. If you are behind in payment, new payments will be applied to old balances first.

A baptismal certificate is required to accompany the registration form for new students. **Registration will not be accepted without a baptismal certificate.** If your child was baptized at St. Thomas More you only need to indicate this on the registration and we will verify baptism within the office.

We are always in need of Catechists, aides, hall monitors, and office help. If you would like to volunteer please let us know. You must attend the Virtus Training for Protecting God’s Children to help in any student program. There is no cost for Virtus training if you have lived in the state of Indiana for the last five years. If you live, or have lived, outside of the State of Indiana there is a \$5.00 fee which covers the cost of a criminal background check. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office 836-8610.

Yours in Christ,



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