



# 2019-20 Registration & Tuition Information

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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 Life Director, Mr. Youngers, regarding tuition rates and stewardship.

Thursday February 7	Application Due	<b>FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY:</b> Applications and \$50 non-refundable fee are due to the school office for 19-20 school year. (If TK/Kindergarten student, Mrs. Dominique will call to schedule an appointment for assessment.) The application can be found on the school ministry website.
Thursday February 21	Mandatory New Parent Meeting	At least one parent from each prospective family is asked to attend an information session from 5 – 6:30 p.m. in the View Room. The informal program will include information on curricular and extra-curricular activities, parent involvement, our tuition options, and the process for registration, as well as time for questions.
Wednesday & Thursday Feb 27 & 28	Assessments - TK/Kindergarten Students	<b>FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY:</b> If TK/Kindergarten student, Mrs. Dominique will call to schedule an appointment for assessment.
Wednesday February 27	Assessments - Transfer Students	<b>FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY:</b> Grades 1-7 assessments take place from 1:45 – 4:30 p.m. Assessments are by appointment only. Please schedule with Mrs. Dominique at (530) 677-3591.
Sunday March 3	Stewardship Renewal Begins at Mass	Our annual parish Stewardship Renewal begins at Masses this weekend. To understand more about what drives our parish's mission to create stewards of its parishioners, all families are highly encouraged to attend one of our five Masses this weekend.
Thursday March 7	Make-up Assessments	<b>FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY:</b> 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
Sunday March 10	Stewardship Renewal Continues at Mass	Our annual parish Stewardship Renewal continues at Masses this weekend. Members of our parish who have chosen to live as stewards will tell a little of their "story" and offer encouragement to commit to live a life of Stewardship. All families are highly encouraged to attend one of our five Masses this weekend. Welcome breakfast after morning Masses!
Tuesday March 12	Submit a Written Request for Consideration	<b>FOR FAMILIES WISHING CONSIDERATION AS WORSHIPING STEWARDS ONLY:</b> After listening to the homilies and homiletic reflections at Sunday Mass, and then 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.
Sunday March 17	Stewardship Commitment Sunday	<b>FOR FAMILIES WISHING CONSIDERATION AS WORSHIPING STEWARDS ONLY:</b> Stewardship Commitment forms must be offered at Mass on this date, during our parish-wide Stewardship Commitment Sunday. If a commitment form is not turned in for consideration, it will be assumed that a family wishes the Base Tuition rate.
Thursday March 27	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 19-20 registration packet for parents to complete.
Wednesday April 10	In-Person Registration	In-person registration is offered from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Media Center. <b>This time is reserved for families new to the school ministry.</b> 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 April 19	Tuition Payment Deadline	Last day to either pay 19-20 tuition in full or to sign up for automatic withdrawal. If neither occurs, the school cannot guarantee your child a space in the school.

# 2019-20 Tuition and Fees

## Tuition for 2019-20 School Year

It will cost Holy Trinity Parish approximately \$7200 to educate each child in its school ministry in the 2019-20 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 20% reduction in tuition. With a reduction of \$1425 offered to each student, tuition for each child for the 2019-20 school year is \$5775. *(We note that our Base Tuition is still comparable or less than the lowest tuition at other neighboring private schools.)*

**\$5775**  
per student

All parents also commit to share their talent with the school community as they perform at least 24 Parent Participation Hours during the coming year.

All parents also commit to attend at least two "all parent" meetings each year.

All parents who are Catholic agree to participate in at least three adult faith formation sessions of their choice during the school year. This new initiative is designed to help parents – as the first teachers of the faith for their children – continue to grow in their own faith journey. The parish will offer 10-12 options throughout the year from which to choose (examples include Scripture Study, Speakers Series, Fall into Grace, the parish mission, sacramental formation sessions for children & parents).

## Student Services Fee

A **non-refundable** Student Services Fee of \$660 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.

**\$660**  
per student

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.

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 of \$80 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.

**\$80**  
per student

May be paid in two installments

## An 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 genuinely and actively live** – the explicit commitment to a Stewardship Way of Living outlined in these documents.

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

# Additional Parish Investment for Worshiping 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. 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 \$380,000 – 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.

We are very pleased that we are able to offer **every family** a significant reduction in tuition, charging just \$5775 per student for the 2019-20 school year (about 80% 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 2019-20 school year, the following additional investments are provided to those who apply for and are approved as Worshiping Stewards of Holy Trinity Parish:

	First Child	Second Child	Additional Child
<b>Actual Cost of Educating Each Child</b>	<b>\$7200</b>	<b>\$7200</b>	<b>\$7200</b>
<b>- Investment by Parish for All Students</b>	<b>- \$1425</b>	<b>- \$1425</b>	<b>- \$1425</b>
<b>Tuition for Each Student</b>	<b>\$5775</b>	<b>\$5775</b>	<b>\$5775</b>
<b>- Additional Parish Investment for Worshiping Stewards</b>	<b>- \$3375</b>	<b>- \$3675</b>	<b>- \$3875</b>
<b>Final Tuition for Grades 1 through 8</b>	<b>\$2400</b>	<b>\$2100</b>	<b>\$1900</b>
<b>Final Tuition for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten</b>	<b>\$1900</b>	<b>\$1900</b>	<b>\$1900</b>

This shared sacrifice allows our parish  
to invest \$4800+ toward the actual  
cost of providing a Catholic education for  
our most active and committed parishioners.

**The end result?**

Parents pay no more than \$2400 per student.  
The parish invests an additional \$4800+ per student.

# 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? Do we make time in our busy lives to continually form our faith, recognizing that our relationship with Christ grows as we learn more?

**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, sacrificial and proportionate portion of the treasure He has entrusted to them.**

# Worshiping Steward Q&A

Q

**What is an example of a family eligible for the Worshiping 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. They also carve out time each year to form their faith, recognizing that our relationship with Christ grows as we learn more.

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, sacrificial and proportionate 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 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 “Worshiping Steward” if one doesn’t make communal worship at Holy Trinity a deliberate priority each Sunday.

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 family would ever be turned away or removed from a tuition category because, through no fault of their own or 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 for the Worshiping Steward Tuition Rate

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

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

At each of the Masses on the weekends of March 2/3, March 9/10 and March 16/17, 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.

2

## **Submit a Written Request for Consideration as a Worshiping Steward by Tuesday, March 12**

After listening to the homilies and homiletic reflections at Mass and considering what sacrifices can be made in their lives to return a sacrificial and proportionate percentage of the time, talent and treasure back to God for the upcoming year, parents will offer a written request to the pastor, asking to be considered as a Worshiping Steward, by Tuesday, March 12, 2018.

Because we wish that parents and children will make a thoughtful, sacrificial and proportionate 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 – at a minimum – Sunday Mass at Holy Trinity each week, the sharing of talents in parish ministry, and significant, sacrificial and proportionate giving of the treasure God has entrusted to each of us.

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## **Offer to God the 2019-20 Stewardship Commitment Form at Mass on Commitment Weekend**

After carefully considering what sacrifices can be made in their lives to return a significant, sacrificial and proportionate 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 Sunday (March 17).

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, Letters of Decision about which tuition rate is most appropriate for the family will be emailed by Thursday, March 27, 2019, along with the registration packet for the students.