



SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

Parent's Guide to **GIVING**

Why do we give?

At Saint Clement School, our children pray, serve, and learn together. They gather as a community and cultivate a powerful sense of belonging. Every day they share their many gifts and talents and serve one another as they develop and grow.

It is only fitting that we follow by example. We are a community of parents who receive God's gifts gratefully and share them lovingly. As members of the Saint Clement School Community, we are expected to contribute to the fundraising needs of both the church and school, which in turn, will strengthen our own sense of belonging.

Where are we expected to give?

Participation in all 3 of the following initiatives is expected of all Saint Clement School families to the extent that we are able.

Sunday Giving Commitment

Crucial to the financial well-being of Saint Clement Church. It serves as the primary source of funding for the parish budget and its diverse range of ministries. To qualify for the Engaged Parishioner Tuition Rate, school families are expected to make a minimum annual contribution to the Parish through the Sunday Giving Commitment. **The minimum amount for 2023 is \$1250.** To simplify this process, we recommend setting up a recurring payment schedule on the PushPay giving platform, either weekly or monthly, to meet the requirement.



Annual Fund



Serves as the foundation of Saint Clement School's fundraising initiatives. Since tuition alone does not cover the expenses of educating each student, the Annual Fund helps bridge this gap. All donations are channeled directly into the school's operating budget, tuition assistance program, curriculum enrichment, and addressing the immediate needs of the school for that year. The school aims for **100% participation** in the Annual Fund, reflecting the high expectations for parent involvement in their children's education. The campaign commences in the fall, with all families invited to pledge their support.

Anchor Ball

An auction and gala that benefits both the church and school, while also fostering a vibrant sense of community within Saint Clement Parish. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Anchor Ball on **Saturday, February 24th, 2024**, at the Marriott Magnificent Mile. The event is held every other year and serves as a fundraiser as well as an opportunity for individuals to come together and celebrate the spirit of the parish. **Attendance, donations, and/or volunteer support** from school families are expected, as it is an important event for the parish community. In alternating years, smaller fundraisers and community-building events will be organized.

