

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

Parish Membership Requirements

To be considered an active member of Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, particularly for purposes of baptisms, weddings, Catholic school tuition rates, and godparent and Confirmation sponsor certification, the following requirements are to be followed:

- 1. A complete registration in the parish census. To be complete, the record is to include: (a) names of Catholic family members who live at the address and are actively Catholic; (b) a headshot photograph of each person in (a) above;
- (c) contact information to include home address, a primary telephone number, and a primary email address.
- **2.** A commitment to the other members of the parish family through the sharing of one's time, talent and treasure for a period of at least three months after registration.
- (a) all members are encouraged to participate in a parish ministry;
- (b) financial support that is an expression of the household's religious priorities attained through ongoing prayer and discernment. Support is in the form of a check or via online giving; cash is not accountable.
- 3. Participation in weekend and holy day Masses as outlined by the precepts of the Catholic Church and the Ten Commandments.

Sunday Mass and holy day participation is obligatory for all Catholics. According to biblical standards and Church teaching, non-participation requires confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When not out of town, absences from parish Masses may void a family's certification of parishioner membership for Catholic tuition rates.

Households that lapse in weekly Mass attendance and/or financial support of the parish will be declared by the pastor to be "inactive households" and will be subject to losing parishioner tuition status immediately as well as other parish benefits.