



Catholic Steward Tuition Rate FAQ's

General Process & Deadlines

Is there a webpage dedicated to the stewardship application process?

Yes, you can access that site here: <https://www.stmichaelcary.org/steward-tuition-rate/>

We applied last year and were approved; do we have to apply again?

Yes, the St. Michael Catholic Steward Tuition Rate approval is only for one year. Families must apply every year.

When is the St. Michael Catholic Stewardship Application deadline for the 2026-2027 school year?

Your deadline depends on the students you have in your family. *Only ONE APPLICATION is accepted per family, per year.* For example, if you have one CGHS student and one StMS student, you need to include BOTH students on your ONE application. Please note CGHS families must submit the Parish Affiliation Form provided by CGHS.

Application deadlines are as follows:

October 24, 2025 – Families with RETURNING Cardinal Gibbons High School Students

January 3, 2026 – Families with NEW Cardinal Gibbons High School Students

March 1, 2026 – All other families

How will I know if my application for the St. Michael Catholic Steward Tuition Rate is approved or denied?

Families will be notified by email once their application is fully processed.

Will my application be denied if I forget to include information or have missing information?

No, you will receive an email stating what information is missing and documents needed by the Finance Office.

Is the St. Michael Catholic Steward Tuition Rate the same as Financial Aid?

No, Financial Aid and Stewardship have separate applications and guidelines. To find information regarding Financial Aid, please visit the [St. Michael Catholic School Financial Assistance](#) website.

Criteria

What are the criteria for St. Michael Catholic Steward Tuition Rate approval?

- 1.** Registration as St. Michael Parish Members
- 2.** Catholic Steward Family Activity & Identifiable Giving
- 3.** Age-Appropriate Sacraments.

Criteria 1: Registration as St. Michael Parish Members

How do I check if I am registered or begin the registration process?

Check your registration at [Realm Login](#) or begin the process at [St. Michael Cary – I'm New](#).



Criteria 2: Catholic Steward Family Activity & Identifiable Giving - Time, Talent, & Treasure

Are there a required number of Time & Talent hours?

At this time, there is not a required number of hours. The focus is on being active through meaningful engagement to best support our community. We invite you to prayerfully consider your commitments as you engage with our St. Michael family.

What activities are part of participation at the church or the school?

Participating in a parish ministry or group, and/or volunteering at our parish school. Volunteer opportunities at St. Michael Preschool and St. Michael School include but are not limited to: volunteering as a Room Parent, committee chairperson or PTO board member, helping staff with bulletin boards, book fairs or field trips, coaching, etc. For engagement ideas, please email pto@stmccary.org or consider [signing up for a ministry](#).

How are Time & Talent hours tracked?

Your active participation in our St. Michael community is verified by ministry & group leaders as well as parish school leadership. For your own records, we recommend keeping a log of your participation to support your Catholic Steward rate application process. St. Michael's families have the *option* to use the Family Portal as a convenient way to track hours, by going to Family>Home>Service Hours>Add.

Are Time & Talent hours counted by calendar year or school year?

Hours are encouraged throughout the calendar year to support an active parish life.

What amount of Treasure is required and how often should we be making contributions?

At this time, a specific amount has not been set. Please donate according to your financial abilities as an active Catholic Steward family. We will review your history of donations. Your regular and identifiable contributions to St. Michael Church are tracked in your Realm online account and/or through *labeled* offertory envelopes. To make online donations, visit [GIVE - St. Michael the Archangel Church](#).

Which contributions are considered part of our family's offering of Treasure in our faith community?

Identifiable and tax-deductible donations are considered Treasure, including St. Michael Church offertory gifts and school donations (i.e. Angel Fund, Queen of Angels Endowment, and other tax-deductible school donations).

Criteria 3: Age-Appropriate Sacraments

How do I find out if my child's age-appropriate sacraments are recorded properly?

Sacramental paperwork can be sent to stewardship@stmccary.org; if anything is missing, you will be notified.

Additional questions? Please email stewardship@stmccary.org.

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