



# ANNUNCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026-2027

## Active Parishioner

Annunciation of the Lord Catholic Church seeks, through the work of Saint Ann Catholic School, to exercise one of the essential tasks of the Church—the evangelization and formation of souls for Christ. All members of the parish community contribute to this work through their support of the parish.

In order to ensure that families who are engaged in the work of the parish are fully supported in acquiring a Catholic education for their children, the parish seeks to identify “Active Parishioners” for priority consideration to receive an *Annunciation Scholarship*. In addition, it is important that parents with children enrolled in the school seek the same goals as the school lest the family and the school work at cross purposes. Active status demonstrates a family’s intentional support for the teaching mission of the school, guaranteeing a shared vision for life and education.

“Active Parishioner” is meant to describe those who are registered in and regularly attend the parish, those who financially support the parish, and those who give of their time and talent to the parish. In greater detail, here is what is meant by these requirements.

Registration: Those who have been registered in the parish for at least six (6) months; (please note that if you registered during the last six (6) months in this parish, you must provide evidence that you were previously active members at another parish, for a cumulative period of at least six (6) months).

Regular Attendance: Those who seek to live according to the rhythm of the Church. As Christians we are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (*for example, illness, the care of infants*) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181*)

Financial Support: Those who provide for the material needs of the community. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the fifth precept of the church, “you shall help to provide for the needs of the Church,” means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church. Without your consistent financial support, the church cannot function.

Time and Talent: Those who give of themselves in service of the Church community. Service is a large component of our response to the Gospel as well as our living out our Baptismal call. Holiness is prayer in action; therefore, we serve our brothers and sisters in the local and universal communities. Opportunities for volunteering within the parish abound.

## Basic Scholarship & Financial Need

If you are an active parishioner and are receiving no other form of aid, you qualify for the *Basic Scholarship* (\$1590 minus any payment discounts) by simply completing the attached form and being approved as an “Active Parishioner.”

If you need a greater amount of aid, or if you wish to receive the scholarship in addition to any outside aid, you must complete the attached form and then complete a *Grant & Aid Application*. Find the link to *Grant & Aid* on the “Family Access” page of the Saint Ann website. To complete this step you will need to create a new login separate from the one used in the *Family Portal*.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Please fill out the form below completely, sign it, and return it to the school—we will consult with the church office to assess your application. All information provided is held in the strictest confidence. Once approved, you may find *Grant & Aid* on the “Family Access” page of Saint Ann’s website.



**ACTIVE PARISHIONER VERIFICATION FORM, 2026-2027**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name Father Mother

**List Children:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Registration at Annunciation of the Lord**

How long have you been a parishioner? \_\_\_\_\_

**Mass Attendance**

How often do you attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses? Never \_\_\_\_ Infrequently \_\_\_\_ Regularly \_\_\_\_

**Time and Talent**

Please list the ways that you and your spouse are involved in the ministries and activities of the parish.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Support**

We contribute to the parish: Weekly \_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures of Parents**

The information contained here is complete and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**For Parish Office Use Only:**

This family is **registered** at the parish. YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

Attendance, Time, and Talent: This family is **active**. YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

Financial Support: This family is **contributing**. YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

Pastor's Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor (or his designee) signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that ONLY the pastor or his designee may sign this section of the form.*

**Parishes, please return this form or scan and send it to Saint Ann Catholic School at [secretary3@saintanndecatur.org](mailto:secretary3@saintanndecatur.org)**

**Questions? Email or call us at 256-353-6543**