

PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE

Thursday May 23, 2019

Dear Immaculate Parishioners:

Bottom Line, did you know that the Owensboro Catholic School Assessment is the largest single item paid by our church each year? Did you also know that over 230 kids and about 136 families benefit from that generosity in the form of an excellent Catholic education?

Parish vouchers help families afford the cost of a valued Catholic education. Our Catholic School Assessment is an annual payment based on the number of vouchered students that attend OCS from our parish. At 47% of our budget we have a monthly bill of about \$47,000 each month to pay, in addition to our church operations. Payment of our assessment has become more irregular, but the bill for the assessment is not. Currently, we are about \$55,000 behind on those payments.

This letter is to inform you of that shortfall, and to seek your help to "Catch Up" on that payment. As a finance committee, we were thinking about simple ways to make a big impact. One simple way to help Immaculate "catch up" would be for each household to skip one fast food meal per week.

The math works like this:

800 households x \$5 per week X 4 weeks in the month = \$16,000. If we can do that over the course of the next three months, that gets us \$48,000 towards our goal of catching up. If we did that each week for a year, that gets us to \$208,000 and a 1/3 of the way to our assessment.

We know not every household will participate, so we are hoping some will cut out a supersize meal and make a \$10 weekly contribution or \$40 monthly.

Your investment will:

- Send 230+ kids to Owensboro Catholic Schools and provide an excellent faith filled education
- Save you calories by skipping a fast food meal

The members of the finance committee have been the first to take the challenge and have committed to help the parish "Catch up" by skipping the Ketchup, burger, fries, and the large drink.

Please join us in our mission of serving the Church, serving the schools and building the kingdom of God.

Sincerely,

Immaculate Finance Committee

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