

Father Singer Memorial Scholarship Award

In 2014, Nativity granted four scholarships to college students who were members of Nativity. This came about as a result of the parish's participation in the Archdiocesan "Changing Lives Together" campaign. Nativity's involvement included a plan to distribute as scholarships one sixth of the funds returned to the parish from the Archdiocese. 2016 would have been the final year to distribute scholarships. However, due to past donations and a generous bequest from our late pastor, Father Jerome Singer, funds were available for continuing scholarship support. As a result, the scholarship was expanded to include parochial primary and secondary education as well as higher education.

Sr. Jolene Van Handel and the finance committee worked to establish a sustainable system so that the investment of the funds, which is overseen by the Archdiocese, would generate yearly revenue for scholarships for eligible members of the Nativity family. Donations to the Fr. Singer Memorial Scholarship Fund are welcome and can be mailed to the church office.

In 2018, the oversight was expanded to include participants from St. Charles. In 2020, provisions for an Outreach Scholarship were added.

Scholarships are distributed annually. Yearly award amounts may fluctuate dependent upon available funds. Scholarships will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first come first served basis until funds are exhausted.

Oversight of all scholarship activity rests with the scholarship committee. Interested students may contact any member of the scholarship committee for the application package which includes eligibility requirements and the application form. The application period varies some each year but is generally from the last week in April to June 1st. All applicants will receive written notice from the scholarship notice from the scholarship committee by July 1st of whether they have been granted an award.