



St. Mary's Catholic School

Carline Drop-Off and Pick-Up Etiquette

Do not cut in line.

Drop-off and pick up lines are moving more quickly every day. Please practice patience and, for the safety of the other families waiting in line, do not cut into the line.

Pull forward.

There is no reason to leave a car's length of empty space in between your car and the vehicle in front of you. All of our St. Mary's parents are trying to get their children to or from school every day and it takes much longer when parents do not pull forward.

Do not park in the line and get out of your vehicle.

The pickup and drop off lines are supposed to be moving lines. If you have to park for some reason, then find a designated parking spot and park your vehicle there. Otherwise, please stay in your vehicle during drop off and pick up times. Any conversations you need to have with your child should happen on the way to school or while waiting your turn in the drop-off line; our goal is to keep the line moving.

Get off your phone and pay attention.

Remember, no phones in school zones. Please put it down until you are at home or at work.

Make sure your child is ready to get out of the vehicle when they need to be.

School drop-off time is not the time to chat about after school plans, put on coats, find masks, or fill out forms. When it is time for them to get out of the car, please make sure that they are fully dressed and ready to go so you do not hold up the line.

Let your child out in a designated area only.

The school has designated drop off and pickup areas for a reason. Letting your student out in the middle of the parking lot may seem like a great way to avoid the car line when you are in a hurry, but having them run through cars in the car line is dangerous!

Pick up your student(s) and continue the flow of traffic...

Please do not take time to get everything organized or have a conversation about the day before you pull away from the curb. Have children buckle up and then pull away from the line when it is safe to do so, allowing other parents to pull up and get their children. If your child is in a car seat or booster and needs extra help with their buckles, please pull into a parking space to assist them.

Lastly, be patient.

We are all working to keep our children and families safe. Honking at other parents or kids or displaying any other form of road rage is not necessary and is not in keeping with the Christian environment which we promote.