



## ST. MARY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL 2017-2018 Tuition Rates, Fees, and Payment Options

### **Preschool Tuition Rates: 3 year old program**

3-days a week (full day M,W,F) \$2,200 per year

2-days a week\*\* (full day T,TH) \$1,500 per year

\*\*The 2-day T/TH program will only be offered if a minimum of 10 students are registered

### **Young 5 Tuition Rates: 4-5 year-old program**

5-days a week (full day M-F) \$3,000 per year

### **Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Tuition Rates**

See criteria for both tuition rate schedules below to determine which rate your family qualifies for:

#### **To receive the Parishioner Tuition Rate, a family must meet ALL of the following criteria:**

1. Must be registered parishioners at one of the three parishes of the Northern Lights Catholic Community that provide St. Mary Cathedral School with financial support, or are members of another parish that choose to subsidize school tuition on behalf of their parish families. St. Mary Cathedral School is a ministry of St. Mary Cathedral parish and the rates below include a contribution made by St. Mary Cathedral to support each family.
2. Attend Mass regularly and practice active stewardship at their parish and school.
3. **Contribute a minimum of \$750** annually towards their parish offertory in the prior calendar year.
4. Agree to sell the required number of school raffle tickets each year.

**TOTAL COST TO EDUCATE:** \$6,225 per student (K-8); \$6,725 per student (9-12)

**PARISH CONTRIBUTION FOR TUITION:** Ranges between \$1,730 - \$3,500 per student (based on families with up to four students) and is reflected in the rates below; actual amounts are calculated based on number of students and grade level.

**FUNDRAISING CREDIT:** A discount of \$1,245 per student is reflected in the rates below.

#### **COST TO FAMILY (after parish contribution and fundraising credit):**

1 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$3,250	1 in High School (9-12)	\$3,750	1 in HS & 1 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$5,700
2 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$5,200	2 in High School	\$6,000	1 in HS & 2 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$7,325
3 or more in K-8	\$6,825	3 or more in High School	\$7,875	2 in HS & 1 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$7,625

#### **If a family does NOT meet ALL of the above criteria, the following tuition rate schedule will apply.**

In addition, families receiving this tuition rate:

1. Agree to practice active stewardship at school through their contribution of time and talent;
2. Agree to sell the required number of school raffle tickets each year.

**TOTAL COST TO EDUCATE:** \$6,225 per student (K-8); \$6,725 per student (9-12)

**PARISH CONTRIBUTION FOR TUITION:** Up to \$1,905 per student (based on families with up to four students) and is reflected in the rates below; actual amounts are calculated based on number of students and grade level.

**FUNDRAISING CREDIT:** A discount of \$1,245 per student is reflected in the rates below.

#### **COST TO FAMILY (after parish contribution and fundraising credit):**

1 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$4,750	1 in High School (9-12)	\$5,480	1 in HS & 1 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$8,330
2 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$7,600	2 in High School	\$8,800	1 in HS & 2 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$10,705
3 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$9,975	3 in High School	\$11,550	2 in HS & 1 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$11,175
4 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$12,350	4 in High School	\$14,300	2 in HS & 2 in K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$13,550

## **Registration Fee**

In addition to tuition, a nonrefundable registration fee of \$100.00 per family is required with registration form.

## **Tuition Payment Plans**

**Every school family is REQUIRED to have a FACTS account AND select a tuition payment plan each school year.**

Enrolling in a FACTS tuition payment plan allows each family to select a payment option that best suits their financial situation; FACTS then communicates this information with St. Mary School so they may plan accordingly.

There are four payment plan options currently offered through FACTS by St. Mary Cathedral School.

***Payment in Full:*** The total tuition is paid in full at the beginning of the school year (in July, August or September).

Payment may be made directly online through FACTS or to the school with check or cash.

***Semi-Annual, Quarterly, or Monthly Payments through FACTS Tuition Management Service:*** Tuition is paid based on the selected payment plan beginning in July for that school year through June. FACTS Tuition Management Service will electronically deduct the payment from your bank account, or charge your credit card on the process date you select (available on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>) or through invoice. To reduce payment amounts, an initial down payment may be made at registration. Adjustments to payment plans can be made at any time throughout the year by contacting Tina Makarewicz at St. Mary Cathedral School 989.732.5801. If you have problems or questions with your FACTS account, families can also contact them directly at 866.441.4637.

## **Responsibilities of Tuition Payment Agreement, Guidelines and Student Eligibility**

St. Mary Cathedral School expects that all families who have one or more children enrolled in the school will pay their tuition and fees promptly when due. Failure to pay tuition and fees when due impairs the ability of the school to provide quality education for all students. Please refer to the tuition policy in the school handbook for further information at [www.gaylordstmary.org](http://www.gaylordstmary.org). Tuition must be up-to-date for a student to participate in extracurricular activities, receive a report card, participate in graduation, enroll in the upcoming school year or have permanent records transferred to another school. **It is the responsibility of each family to communicate with the school immediately should a situation arise that directly effects the family's ability to adhere to their agreed upon tuition payment plan.**

## **SCRIP**

Earn money to help pay tuition by using SCRIP, a program where gift cards or gift certificates are purchased and used for the full face value and a percentage of the face value is given back as credit toward tuition. Apply online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or contact the school office or visit our website for more information.

## **Tuition Angel Scholarships/Assistance Program**

The Tuition Angel Program is an integral part of the St. Mary Cathedral School legacy. On average, about \$100,000 is awarded to students and their families each school year. Through the generosity of parishioners, alumni, school families and friends, this program extends the opportunity of a Catholic school education to everyone. Tuition scholarships are awarded to K-12 students on the basis of financial need as determined by the successful completion of a FACTS Financial Needs Assessment. The entire assessment process, including any amounts awarded, is strictly confidential. You can apply online at <https://online.factsmgt.com>.

Tuition Scholarships are awarded in the following order of priority:

- Currently enrolled students whose families are parishioners in good standing at St. Mary Cathedral, have pre-registered, and paid the registration fee – awards of up to 75% of tuition.
- Children of registered and contributing members of other Roman Catholic parishes – awards of up to 60% of tuition.
- Children of non-Catholic families – awards of up to 50% of tuition.

## **Free Tuition for One Quarter**

New K-12 families are eligible to receive free tuition for one quarter. Contact the school office for more information.

## **Student Referral Plan**

Attracting new students and families to St. Mary Cathedral School is integral to not only the success of our school, but to the development of our Catholic faith community. As a part of our ongoing marketing efforts, it is important for us to attract new students at all grade levels. This tuition reduction program is provided for St. Mary Cathedral School families and staff who play a primary role in the admission of new K-12 families to St. Mary Cathedral School. Please contact the school office for more information.