

TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

We hope that you are excited about the possibility of your child(ren) attending St. Mary's, but we also understand that there may be some anxiety about the tuition. Please know that there are several programs that you may qualify for to assist you in paying tuition for students in **Kindergarten through 8th Grade**. A brief description of each is outlined below.

STATE OF INDIANA SCHOOL CHOICE (VOUCHER) PROGRAM

We are a proud participant in the State of Indiana's School Choice program. Complete program details are available at <https://www.in.gov/doi/students/indiana-choice-scholarship-program/>. The State will be updating the income guidelines for 2023-2024 soon! For the current school year we have 237 students who received awards averaging \$5,600.

SGO AWARD

This is a \$500 scholarship for families who meet the Choice income guideline, but who do not have the required Track. Receipt of one of these awards in their first year gives the student a Track for School Choice (voucher) the next school year if the family continues to meet the income guidelines. The income guidelines are the same as the School Choice Program.

PARISH SUBSIDY

If you are an active Catholic family and registered parishioner at St. Mary's, or one of the surrounding Catholic parishes, you may be eligible to receive the parish subsidy listed on the Tuition Schedule. St. Mary's families would complete the *Application For School Tuition Subsidy Form* (salmon colored) that will be in your enrollment packet once we have an approved admission. Catholic families from other parishes would complete the *Parish Affiliation Form* (gold colored). The opportunity to apply for a subsidy is available for students in Grades K-8. Forms are also available from the school office. Subsidy amounts are indicated on our Tuition Schedule.

DIOCESE OF GARY TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Catholic families who belong to a Diocese of Gary parish and have their children enrolled in any diocesan school, Kindergarten – Gr. 12, may apply. Pre-School students are not eligible. The application (managed through the Diocesan FACTS account) can be found on the Diocesan website (Schools Office) or by using this link:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3GSMZ>

Note: This FACTS account is different than the St. Mary's account that you will create when applying for admission. Be sure to make note of your user name and password.

The Bishop has committed significant funding to assist Catholic parents in providing Catholic faith formation, strong academic programs, and safety for their children in our Catholic schools. ***Even if you are not 100% certain about enrollment at St. Mary's please complete the assistance application.*** We can easily decline the assistance if you end up not enrolling. You can submit an application with just your 2022 W-2's – but a completed 2022 Federal Tax Return must be uploaded by April 17, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Business Manager, Jan Mucha, if you should have any further questions relating to the assistance available and your family's particular situation.

ASSISTANCE CONTACT INFORMATION

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