

# TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Community School! 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. A brief description of each is outlined below.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Business Manager, Tracey Kolodziej, at 219-663-0044 or [tkolodziej@stmarycp.org](mailto:tkolodziej@stmarycp.org) if you should have any further questions relating to the assistance available and your family's particular needs and situation.

## **STATE OF INDIANA SCHOOL CHOICE (VOUCHER) PROGRAM**

We are a proud participant in the State of Indiana's School Choice program. Complete program details, as well as an opportunity to see if your family qualifies, are available at <https://www.in.gov/doe/students/indiana-choice-scholarship-program/>. An informational postcard is available in your folder. Please note that the 2024-2025 income limits have not yet been released by the State of Indiana. Please contact our Choice Administrator, Cheryl Crnokrak at 219-663-0044 or [ccrnokrak@stmarycp.org](mailto:ccrnokrak@stmarycp.org) if you have any questions.

## **PARISH SUBSIDY**

If you are a 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.

## **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 thru FACTS) can be found on the Diocesan website <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3GSMZ>. 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 2023 Federal Tax Return must be uploaded by April 18, 2024.

## **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.

## **ASSISTANCE CONTACT INFORMATION**

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