

St Mary School/Parish SCRIP Program

SCRIP – By now, you have probably heard about St. Mary's fund-raising program called SCRIP. SCRIP is a term that means "substitute money". When people buy SCRIP, they are purchasing negotiable gift certificates that are used just like cash.

Here is how it works: The Great Lakes SCRIP Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amount of SCRIP from grocery stores, department stores and other retailers. Because SCRIP is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. St. Mary buys the SCRIP from GLSC at a discount, and resells the certificates at full face value. The Discounts can be substantial – from 1/5% up to 13% or more. 50% of the profit goes to SPO, and the other 50% can go to school or PSR tuition for your child, a grandchild or a friend's child. It is free money that requires no selling on your part.

Why does SCRIP work? The reason for the effectiveness for SCRIP is simple: Families produce revenue by making purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchases with SCRIP.

How can buying SCRIP gift certificates lower my school or PSR tuition? Since 2000, St. Mary's SCRIP has been providing tuition credit for PSR and school families. The profits earned from a family's purchases are split 50/50 between tuition credit and SPO. Families with students in Pre-K through eighth grade are eligible to receive tuition credit. Money can not be accumulated for payment of preschool tuition. Credit earned is 'banked' for tuition for the next year. (If a family does not return to St. Mary for any reason the following year these credits are not transferable and revert to SPO funds.) However, if an eighth grade student plans on attending a Catholic high school, money earned will be paid to that high school during the summer prior to the start of school. The SCRIP accounting cycle is April 1st through March 31st of the next year. Family statements will be issued once a year, at the end of the accounting cycle. The final amount of credit earned will be deducted from your tuition owed for the next school year.

Can my family receive credit from relatives/friends/co-workers SCRIP purchases? Yes. There is a place on the registration form to designate up to two families which will receive the tuition credit. This information can only be changed once a year at the start of the accounting cycle in April.

Who are the SCRIP retailers? The most popular retailers are listed on the order forms. There are many more to choose from, the complete list is in the SCRIP office and you can also view it on line at www.glscrip.com . Kohl's is the only retailer who will accept SCRIP gift cards for use in paying charge card accounts.

How can you order SCRIP?

ENVELOPE SALES: For St. Mary school students, you will receive an envelope in which to order SCRIP. Orders are filled Tuesday through Friday. You complete the order form and send in payment in the envelope. All SCRIP is routed through the school office, then a SCRIP volunteer fills your order and returns it to your child's teacher at the end of the school day, who will pass it back to your oldest child to bring home.

WALK UP SALES: The SCRIP office is open Friday, from 2:00 p.m. till 2:30 p.m during the school year. This SCRIP office is located in the school commons, beside the cafeteria.

AFTER MASSES: The SCRIP office is open after every Mass on the weekends. The SCRIP office is closed on holiday weekends.

Can Orders be place on line? You can order electronic cards and reload your current cards via the shop with scrip website at www.shopwithscrip.com. You must pay using the Presto pay method. New cards can not be ordered via the website, these must be purchased via the SCRIP office.

If you have additional questions, please contact the SCRIP office by phone at 740-362-8961 ext 5 or by e mail at stmaryscripdel@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!