

Tuition Assistance

Each year the cost of living increases – and so does the tuition needed to support one child in a Catholic School. Each family is asked to pay tuition and participating families in Our Lady Parish receive an approximate \$1,000 parish grant. While Our Lady's per pupil cost is low compared to South-Western City School's per pupil expenditure, families who desire a Catholic education for their children at Our Lady often struggle to pay tuition while supporting other family costs.

We work hard to keep tuition increases low by depending on volunteers rather than hiring additional staff. Currently, approximately 89% of the budget goes to staff salaries and benefits. We also continue to explore ways to help our school families who are in need of financial assistance reduce the burden of tuition.

Several programs are available to families.

Diocesan Tuition Grant

This grant is offered by the Diocese to families who have children enrolled in Catholic schools. Applications are usually available in January for tuition assistance for the following school year.

Guardian Angel Tuition Grants

This tuition assistance, made possible through the generosity of our parishioners and other donors, is offered to active, registered members of Our Lady parish. Those families experiencing financial need may apply for this grant. The grant is offered twice a year in January and in May. All information is confidential with the Pastor determining grant awards. Families who wish to donate to this program may use the Tuition Assistance envelope in their parishioner envelope packet, use an offertory envelope found in the pews, or send a Guardian Angel donation to the Parish Office.

SCRIP/Kroger Card/Market Day

These programs allow you to earn tuition credit by buying gift cards to various businesses through the SCRIP program, shopping at Kroger or making purchases through the school's Market Day program. From the money the school earns from each of your purchases, 75% is applied to your next year's tuition account and 25% is donated to the Parent Teacher Organization. This program has the potential to provide tuition assistance to all our school families, whether they are experiencing financial need or not. Friends and family may also sign up for the program and be linked to the school family's ID number. Tuition credit earned can be transferred to a student's account at a Diocese of Columbus High School.