# Tuition Policy for 2023-2024

St. Ann Catholic School provides a comprehensive Catholic education supporting each student's development and personal success. The tuition charged is well below the actual cost of education. Donations from St. Ann parish and other community sources pay over 30% of school expenses which are not covered by tuition and scholarship, primarily.

Active Parishioner						
	Tuition	Registration	Discounted Registration if	12 Monthly		
		Fee	paid before 3/1/23	payments		
1 Child	\$5,220	\$200	\$50	\$435		
2 Children	\$6,624	\$300	\$100	\$552		
3+ Children	\$7,812	\$400	\$150	\$651		
Non-Parishioner						
1 Child	\$5,676	\$200	\$50	\$473		
2 Children	\$8,880	\$300	\$100	\$740		
3+ Children	\$11,904	\$400	\$150	\$992		

# Tuition for the 2023-2024 School Year

# Registration

- There is a registration fee due at registration. Registration is not considered complete until this is paid.
- Families registering and paying the down payment before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, will receive a discounted rate of \$50 per child.
- The registration fee is non-refundable and is not prorated for families enrolling after the start of the school year.
- Discounts and refunds for incomplete school years, either starting late or leaving early, will be prorated from total tuition, not including the registration fee, by the number of days enrolled.
- New families must complete at least one monthly payment of at least 1/12 of tuition before their student is admitted to class.
- All applications from current students received after March 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered new applications and acceptance is not guaranteed but contingent on space and the discretion of administrators.
- Tuition for previous years must be current, or there must be a payment plan in place and followed on time for three consecutive months before a student's registration will be considered final for the new school year. If by the beginning of the new school year, there have not been at least three consecutive months of payments made on time per the payment agreement, the student will not be allowed to start the school year. After three consecutive months of payments or the payment of all debt to St. Ann, the student can be re-enrolled at the principal's discretion.
- To receive the "Active Parishioner" tuition rate a family must be an active member of St. Ann Parish. "Active" means:
  - A registered parishioner
  - At least one parent or guardian and all household children attending St. Ann Catholic school are baptized Catholic and identify as Catholic.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The family regularly attends Sunday Mass at St. Ann with their children.
  - The family contributes financially to St. Ann Parish in the Sunday offertory.

If a family is fails to meet these criteria, i.e., does not attend Sunday Mass regularly or contribute to St. Ann Parish using Sunday envelopes, they can lose their "active" status and be held responsible for payment of the year's tuition at the Non-Parishioner rate.

#### SCRIP Program

SCRIP, gift cards, purchased through our SCRIP program in a family's name have 3% of the face value of all purchases applied towards their tuition obligation. Participating vendors include Amazon, BP, Starbucks, Dominos, and Walmart.

#### Scholarships

Scholarships of up to \$2000 per child are available for students attending St. Ann Catholic school. These scholarships can be applied for through the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation: <a href="http://www.ttef-stl.org/">http://www.ttef-stl.org/</a> Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis.

#### Payments

- There are several options for paying tuition:
  - Tuition may be paid in full to St. Ann Catholic School on or before July 20<sup>th</sup>. This can be done by check or credit card. (Additional fees apply to credit card transactions.)
  - Tuition may be paid in two equal installments on or before July 20<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup>. This can be done by check, automatic debit, or credit card. (Additional fees apply to credit card transactions.)
  - Monthly tuition payment plans are be paid through FACTS Management. Payments are to be made monthly from July to June. Payment is due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. This is to be paid via automatic withdrawals or by credit card for an additional fee, at a day of the month chosen by the family using the FACTS system.
  - Special circumstances may be discussed with the parish bookkeeper with all plans subject to approval by the pastor.

# Volunteering Requirements

Parents are expected to volunteer at a minimum of 10 hours per year, which may be completed in a number of ways. Any school activity or donation may be counted as part of your obligation. These may include:

- Being a room parent,
- Coaching an athletic team
- Being a Scout leader
- Volunteering to help with events like, the Advent Filled with Love Project, the Sponsor's Dinner Dance and Auction, or Field Day
- Helping with classroom parties
- Donating commercially baked goods/snacks

- Volunteering in the classroom
- Volunteering to help prepare, at home, projects for the teachers
- Chaperoning field trips
- Working on any school committee
- Working an additional recess/ lunchroom duty
- Donating paper or other materials to the school/classroom

Any volunteering involving working with children requires compliance with our Safe Environment Policy including a Protecting God's Children class, online training program, and criminal background check.

# **Delinquent Payments**

At St. Ann Catholic School, we want to make a Catholic education as affordable as possible. By enrolling in St. Ann Catholic School families promise to pay tuition, minus any scholarship received, according to the schedules listed above. This is a serious promise. As circumstances occasionally make an on-time payment impossible, we do not charge a late fee nor a fee for returned checks or electronic chargebacks beyond any fees charged us by our bank. Tuition pays the salaries for faculty and staff. Many school families work hard to plan and sacrifice to pay tuition on time. It is a matter of justice and an expectation that every family will be current with tuition or, as circumstances require, maintain a payment plan that will bring them current as a condition of enrollment.

- If a family is not able to make a payment because of a change to their financial circumstances they must contact the parish office to discuss the situation. Five days' notice is necessary to stop payment on a scheduled electronic debit.
- FACTS Management will charge families a fee for payments returned for insufficient according to their terms of service. FACTS will automatically attempt to reprocess failed payments according to their policy.
- Families will not have access to report cards, or progress reports if they have a past due balance.
- If a family is behind by two months, they must contact the parish bookkeeper to develop a payment plan to be approved by the pastor to bring themselves current.
- If a family has missed consecutive monthly payments, then a weekly tuition payment must be arranged with the parish bookkeeper. If a weekly payment is not paid by the close of business on Monday, the student will not be allowed to attend school on Tuesday. These absences count as unexcused absences per the school attendance policy.
- A debt owed to St. Ann Parish or School equivalent to two months' tuition or more can be grounds for terminating a student's enrollment in St. Ann school at the discretion of the administration.
- No records will be forwarded to the school to which a student transfers until all tuition and fees outstanding are paid in full.
- St. Ann School reserves the right to pursue debts aggressively using all means legally available.

# Extended Care

Extended care is offered school days with a few exceptions from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Availability is subject to change based on demand and staff availability. Families that are excessively delinquent in Extended Care fees may be restricted from using the program. It is billed weekly and can be paid through FACTS Management.

Morning Care Fees					
Arrival Time	1 Child per Day	2 Children per Day	Per Additional Child		
Between 6:30 AM and 7:00 AM	\$4.00	\$7.00	+ \$1.50		
Between 7:00 AM and 7:30 AM	\$2.50	\$4.50	+ \$0.75		
Between 7:30 AM and 7:45 AM	\$1.00	\$1.75	+ \$0.25		
After Care Fees					
Pick-up time	1 Child per Day	2 Children per Day	Per Additional Child		
Before 4:30	\$3	\$5	+ \$1.00		
Between 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM	\$6	\$10	+ \$2.00		
Noon Dismissal After-Care					
Pick-up time	1 Child per Day	2 Children per Day	Per Additional Child		
Before 2:00 PM	\$6	\$10	+ \$2.00		
Between 2:00 PM and 3:30 PM	\$10.50	\$17.50	+ \$3.00		
Between 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM	\$13.50	\$22.50	+ \$3.50		
Between 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM	\$16.50	\$27.50	+ \$4.50		
Overtime					
After 5:30 PM	\$1 per child per minute				

# Lunch Payments

Lunch is billed on a weekly basis and can be paid through FACTS Management. Families will be unable to participate in the lunch program after owing \$100 in lunch bills.