

Tuition Policies as of 02.05.2021

1. The St. Mary School Registration Form, Family Registration Fee, and Family Fundraising Fee are all due by no later than April 30.
2. The Family Registration Fee cannot be rolled into your FACTS payments. For returning families, if this fee is not paid in full by April 30, it will increase to \$250. The Family Registration Fee is non-refundable.
3. The Family Fundraising Fee, if not paid in full by April 30, will be added to your June, July and August FACTS payments (\$100 each month). The \$100 will be deducted in addition to any tuition that may be due those months. FACTS accounts with an August or later start date will have their agreements extended to include the months of June, July and August for this purpose. Any FACTS fees associated with that increase are the responsibility of the family. The Family Fundraising Fee is non-refundable.
4. Any family that has not finalized their FACTS payment plan with Mrs. Lohrey by May 28 will incur an additional \$100 Late Processing Fee. This fee cannot be rolled into your FACTS payments, and it is in addition to the Family Registration and Family Fundraising Fees.
5. Families that desire any reduction in tuition must apply to the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) through FACTS (opens Jan 1 annually, <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/41WD5>) and submit all required paperwork by no later than March 1st annually. Families must also apply for Empower IL tax credit scholarships annually in January (<https://empowerillinois.org>).
6. Tuition (per child) can only be reduced to 3.5% of the tuition charged for 1 student (currently \$155 per student, $\$4,435 \times .035$). This amount is similar to the registration fee for a K-8 student to attend PCUSD 88 schools. The sole exception to this policy is if a family receives a 100% tax credit scholarship through Empower Illinois or a combination of scholarships through Empower Illinois and the CEF.
7. Tuition is due in full by June 1 for the following school year. For families who need to make installment payments throughout the year, St. Mary School will utilize FACTS to manage and collect those payments. The benefit of being able to pay tuition in installments does not cancel the understanding that tuition is due in full by June 1 prior to the beginning of the school year. When you enroll your child(ren), you agree to pay the amount of tuition agreed regardless of the number of months you utilize to pay that tuition. There are no refunds on tuition.

Tuition is applied in the following order:

1. Family Payments
2. Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships
3. CEF Scholarships
4. Other Scholarships or Tuition Assistance
5. Parish Subsidy

An example of how tuition is applied:

- A family registers two students.
- The total cost to educate both students is about \$11,500 (\$5,750 per student).
- The tuition charged to a family with two students is \$7,395.
- The Parish Subsidy (the amount that the parish still pays) even if that family pays full tuition is \$4,105 (\$11,500 - \$7,395).

8. Tuition is only prorated or reduced if a student starts school after the first day of attendance. Tuition is not prorated or reduced if a student is dual enrolled, attends Honors Math at Rosary High School, or for other reasons is absent from St. Mary School for a portion of the school day. Tuition cannot be reduced or offset in exchange for goods and/or services.
9. All families will be charged the same tuition rate for the 2021-2022 school year regardless of where they live or the parish that they attend.
10. All fees are the responsibility of the family and cannot be offset by any scholarship, financial aid or parish subsidy. This includes if a family receives a 100% Tax Credit Scholarship through Empower Illinois. By law the fees that St. Mary School charges cannot be covered by the Invest in Kids Act.
11. Unless tuition is paid in full by June 1, all families must have a FACTS account.
12. St. Mary School can at any time revoke scholarships, financial aid, and/or parish subsidy for any family in which a parent, student or a family member is not meeting the academic or conduct/disciplinary policies of the school/Diocese of Joliet.
13. Any professional, legal and banking fees that become necessary to collect tuition and fees are the sole responsibility of the family and will be charged to the family. This includes interest if applicable.
14. All families must assist with fundraising and the various volunteer needs of the school. Each family must sign up and volunteer for 10 hours of service to the school from the list of events provided by the school. Parents who do not show up for their volunteer event will have a \$50 charge for each hour missed added to their tuition bill. Missing the event constitutes permission to charge the family for the hours. If hours are not completed by Memorial Day, \$50 per hour not completed will be added to the family's tuition bill. These fees are subject to the same collection policies as any other tuition and fees.
15. All currently enrolled families who win cash prizes from school events such as the Royal Raffle, Sandwich Fair 50/50 Raffle, Queen of Hearts, etc... must first apply the winnings to any outstanding balances. This includes prior year balances of any kind, tuition due on a current school year FACTS payment plan, and delinquent/unpaid fees such as after care, athletics, hot lunch, etc. After all such balances are satisfied, a check will be cut to the winner for the amount of winnings less debts paid.