

## Tuition Assistance 2010-2011

Each year through the generosity of the St. Mary parishioners, St. Mary Catholic School is able to offer financial assistance to families who might not otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education. Families of students in kindergarten through grade eight are eligible to apply.

**To be eligible for tuition assistance, parents or guardians must:**

- 1. Be an “active parishioner” at St. Mary Catholic Church**
- 2. Demonstrate financial need by filling out the Grant & Aid Application**
- 3. Abide by the Tuition Assistance Timeline.**
- 4. Families who receive tuition assistance are required to pay a minimum of \$1,000.00 per student.**
- 5. All tuition from the previous school year must be paid in full.**

***Am I an Active Parishioner at St. Mary Catholic Church?***

*To be classified as an active parishioner at least one parent of the child, and the child, must meet the following guidelines:*

**Be Formally Baptized**

Baptized by water and word is the way in which all Christians (including Roman Catholics) are made part of the life of Christ in His Church.

**Profess the Roman Catholic Faith and Participate in Sacramental Life of the Church**

Part of being a Roman Catholic involves carrying out the promise to profess all that the Holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God. For the adult, this profession of faith includes having completed initiation through Communion and Confirmation. For the child, this includes preparation for the completion of sacraments.

**Have Current and Active Registration as a Parishioner at St. Mary Catholic Church**

If you are not certain if you are registered, please make an appointment with the pastor.

**Regular and Frequent Participant in Worship at St. Mary Catholic Church**

It is expected that our school families attend Saturday/Sunday Mass on a weekly basis with their child/ren.

**Exercise Stewardship - Contribution of Time, Talent, and Financial Resources**

Anyone requesting tuition assistance must be a part of the ministry of the parish and school; volunteering their rich offerings of time and talent to the welfare of the parish. Utilizing contribution envelopes is also an indication that you are an active parishioner. It is expected that a family requesting tuition assistance would contribute to the weekly parish offertory according to their means and personal circumstances.

***How do I Demonstrate Financial Need?***

Parents or guardians must demonstrate financial need by completing the Grant & Aid Application, which is available in the registration packet and on the school website. The policy for determining the financial need is based on the principle that both parents are responsible for the support and educational expenses of their children to the extent that they are financially able to assume responsibility.

The goal of the above criteria is to provide a solid foundation for Catholic education at St. Mary Catholic Church and School. We have been entrusted with the responsibility of raising our children in the practice of the faith. Together we can meet the challenge of providing both a strong Catholic school education and a vibrant parish where our children will mature in faith, hope, and love.

***What is the Tuition Assistance Timeline?***

<b>By March 12, 2010</b>	<b>By June 30, 2010</b>
<p>Complete Enrollment Application/s and return them to the school office with Enrollment Fee/s.</p> <p><i>Proof of Application of:</i>  <u>Tuition Assistance Grant through the Archdiocese of Detroit</u></p> <p>FACTS Automatic Tuition Payment Agreement completed for 2010-2011.</p> <p>FACTS Grant and Aid Application completed for 2010-2011</p>	<p>Families will be <u>notified via letter</u> regarding the amount of tuition assistance available.</p> <p><u>The first tuition payment begins in the month of July.</u> After the award notification, the school will adjust the FACTS Automatic Bank Payment accordingly.</p>