

May 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

Budgeting at a Catholic school is a rather complicated process! Initially, the principal creates a hypothetical budget that she/he would LOVE to have for the upcoming school year. The School Committee reviews this tentative budget and offers feedback. The principal then revises the budget based on the School Committee's recommendations. Next, the budget is reviewed by the pastor and individuals who oversee finances for the parish. Usually, changes need to be made to the school budget so that it aligns with the parish budget. Finally, the Parish Finance Council approves the school budget as part of the parish budget. Over the past three months, St. Mary's School Committee, Deacon Greg Urban (with the assistance of Sammi Spizziri), Father Russell, myself and ultimately the Parish Finance Council have diligently worked our way through this process. As of last Tuesday night (April 25), St. Mary School has a budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

There are three main sources of funding for our school: tuition, parish support, and "other", which is predominantly fundraising, donations, and other contributions. During the 2015-2016 school year, the last year that financials are available, 64.3% of our school income was from tuition, 18.7% of our income was from parish support, and 17% of our income was from "other".

Unfortunately, it has been a difficult year for St. Mary Parish because of the needed physical plant repairs. A considerable amount of money had to be invested to repair the leaking roof and remodel the crumbling front steps. Due to these capital improvements at the parish, our support from the parish must be reduced for the 2017-2018 school year by \$36,419.68 (from \$196,419.68 to \$160,000). Therefore, although the School Committee and myself would have liked to remain at a 3% tuition increase (the same increase as this school year); tuition will need to increase 3.5% for the upcoming year. For an individual student, that is an increase of \$129.00 over last year.

To maintain our high quality of education without raising tuition an exorbitant amount, these three changes will also go into effect next year:

- Our dedicated staff, who had their salary "frozen" this year at the 2015-16 rate (65% of DeKalb), will receive a 2% salary increase, based on the DeKalb School District salary scale. That means that each teacher will be receiving 67% of the amount of money that a DeKalb teacher would be making with the same degree and the same number of years experience. For example, if a DeKalb teacher is making \$100 on the salary scale, a St. Mary School teacher with the exact same qualifications will be making \$67!!! Our staff "sacrifices" to remain at our school and committed to Catholic education. For them, it is a ministry, not a job!
- Our Spanish teacher will no longer be full time with benefits. I have created two part-time positions, neither receiving benefits. That amounted to a savings of \$11,580 simply on health insurance.

- Our three-year-old preschool will now be one session only offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, instead of two sessions (Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Tuesday/Thursday). That, also, amounted to a savings of \$11,580 on health insurance.
- Our fundraising endeavors at the school will need to increase to \$83,500 from this year's budget figure of \$78,000 (which we have already surpassed due to our amazing parental support!).

In summary, St. Mary Parish has always been there to support us in the past. This year the school must work creatively to continue our tradition of educational excellence with less parish support. I have no doubts that St. Mary School families will rise to the occasion.

Thank you for your sacrifices to support Catholic education for your children,

Roseann Feldmann, Principal

**FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR ADMISSION AND CONTINUED INCLUSION AT
ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN DEKALB, ILLINOIS**

TUITION FOR 2017 - 2018

Registration Fee[‡] (K-8): \$100 non-refundable registration fee per child currently enrolled
 \$175 non-refundable registration fee per child for new students

[‡] After June 5th, registration fees increase to \$125 per student for currently enrolled families

Kindergarten through Grade 8

Parishioner Tuition Rate

1 Child	\$ 3,811*
2 Children	\$ 6,812*
3 Children	\$ 9,307*
4 Children	\$ 11,482*

*Non-Parishioner Tuition Rate per Child is 1.5 times Parishioner Rate

Pre-Kindergarten – Child must be 4 Years Old by September 1, 2017

(Not eligible for family discount)

Monday through Friday(7:50 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.)	\$ 3,825 per child (\$425/month)
Registration Fee	\$ 175 per child
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only (7:50 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.)	\$ 2,295 per child (\$255/month)
Registration Fee	\$ 150 per child

Preschool – Child must be 3 Years Old by September 1, 2017

(Not eligible for family discount)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (7:50 - 10:50 a.m.)	\$ 1440 per child (\$160/month)
Registration Fee	\$ 75 per child

Before & After School Care (Per Child)

Monday through Friday	7:00 am to 7:45 am	\$ 3.00 per day
Monday through Friday	2: 30 pm to 5:30 pm	\$10.00 per day
Early Dismissal Days	10:50 am to 2:30 pm	\$ 8.00 per day

FUNDRAISING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

St. Mary 365 Day Raffle: Each family is required to participate in the 365 Day Raffle by selling fifteen (15) raffle tickets at \$15.00 each. Tickets are sold from September 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The cost of any tickets not sold by the family is added to the cost of tuition on January 1, 2018.

Family Obligations for Parishioner Rate*: To qualify for the parishioner rate, a family must be:

- registered parishioners at St. Mary in DeKalb, Christ the Teacher in DeKalb, or a neighboring parish that does not provide Catholic school education
- active parishioners who attend weekly Mass and financially contribute to their church

If you are affiliated with (attend and financially contribute to) a nearby Catholic parish, we will request a tuition subsidy from your pastor. We invite you to talk to and encourage your pastor to participate in the tuition subsidy by agreeing to have your affiliated parish pay this nominal amount.

If it is determined by the pastor of your parish that you are not fulfilling the obligation as set forth above, the tuition that will be charged to you will be at the non-parishioner rate.



St. Mary Catholic School
210 Gurler Road
DeKalb, IL 60115

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3 YEAR OLD 2017-2018 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ Nickname: _____ Gender: _____

Age on September 1, 2017: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____ SS# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home School District: _____

Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic/Latino Hispanic/Latino

Race of Child: White/Caucasian Black/African American Asian

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander American Indian or Alaska Native Two or More Races

(Please Note: St. Mary School is required to collect this information and report it to the State of Illinois each November.)

Child's Religion: _____ Home Parish: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Church: _____

Child Lives with: Both Parents Mother Father Relatives Guardian
 Stepmother Stepfather Other _____

If Divorced, Who Has Legal Custody: _____

Do You Have Joint Custody: YES NO

If No, Certified Copy of Custody Agreement Must be Attached to This Form

Special Needs

Does This Child Have Special Needs/Problems of Which the School Should be Aware? YES NO

If Yes, Please Describe Any Special Circumstances That Relate to the Child's Home/School Situation on a Separate Piece of Paper and Attach To This Form.

How did you hear about our preschool? _____

Father's Name: _____ Email: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address (If Different From Child's): _____ Zip: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Religion: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Married Divorced Separated Deceased Remarried Single

Mother's Name: _____ Email: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address (If Different From Child's): _____ Zip: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Religion: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Married Divorced Separated Deceased Remarried Single

If Applicable, Please Check One and Complete the Following Information:

Stepfather Stepmother Guardian Other: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address (If Different From Child's): _____ Zip: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Religion: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form is not intended to constitute nor should it be viewed as creating a "contract" between the School and the student/parent. The School reserves the right to revoke its acceptance of this application, deny enrollment, and/or dismiss the student in keeping with applicable School and/or Diocesan policies.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Registration Packet Emailed to Parent/Guardian on _____

Registration Fee of \$ _____ Paid by Check # _____ / Cash Date Received _____

Birth Certificate Received _____ School Physical Received (New, PS, PK,K,6) _____

Eye Exam Received (New to IL, K) _____



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PRESCHOOL TUITION COMMITMENT SHEET 2017-2018

Family Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

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Preschool meets from 7:50 am – 10:50 am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

I am enrolling my child(ren) in (PLEASE INITIAL ON THE LINE BELOW):

_____ 3-day 3 Year Old Preschool* that meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. **Tuition Rate for 3-day, 3 Year Old Preschool is \$1440 to be paid in monthly installments of \$160.00 per month.**

*Your child must be 3 by September 1st, 2017.

Payments are due by the first of the month. If payments are not made in a timely manner, continued enrollment will be denied.

_____ I am also enrolling a student in K – 8th grade, please add my Preschool tuition to SMART

I have read this commitment sheet carefully and understand my obligation.

Signature of person responsible for payment of Preschool tuition.

Signature _____ Date _____



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St. Mary School Family Directory 2017-2018

For the 2017-2018 school year, the St. Mary School Family Directory will be generated from your family information in SchoolSpeak. You must indicate whether or not you would like your family information to be included in the directory. Each family will receive a directory regardless of whether their information is included. Please follow the instructions below.

NO. We do not wish to have our family's information included in the family directory.

YES. We would like our family information to be included in the directory.

If you chose NO, please fill in your family name only, there is nothing more for you to do.

If you chose YES, please fill in your family name and check the boxes for the information you would like included in the directory.

Family Name: _____

Father's name Father's email Father's cell phone

Mother's name Mother's email Mother's cell phone

Home Address Home phone number

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENROLLMENT APPLICATION