

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



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Enrollment Application 2017-2018

Entering Grade: _____

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

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

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Last School Attended: _____

Home School District: _____ Student Will Ride Bus: YES NO

(Please Note: Bus service is only available to those students who are eligible to receive busing through the DeKalb School District. If you have questions about whether or not your child is eligible for bus service, please contact the St. Mary School Office at 815-756-7905.)

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: _____

Penance: YES NO If Yes, Date: _____ Church: _____

First Communion: YES NO If Yes, Date: _____ Church: _____

Confirmation: YES NO If Yes, 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

Has This Child Been Attending Special Education or Title 1 Classes? YES NO

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.

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, 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 / Applied to SMART Date _____

Student Record Release Form Received (New 1-8) _____ Form Sent _____ Records Received _____

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

Eye Exam Received (New to IL, K) _____ Dental Exam Received (K, 2, 6) _____



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Tuition and Fundraising Agreement 2017-2018

Full Name of Student (PLEASE PRINT)

Grade Entering 2017-2018

I understand that tuition can be paid in full by August 15, 2017 or paid monthly by utilizing the SMART Tuition Program. (PLEASE INITIAL ONE BOX BELOW)

I will pay my tuition in full by August 15, 2017.

I will pay my tuition in two equal payments. The first by August 15, 2017 and the second by January 15, 2017.

I will be utilizing the SMART Tuition Program to make monthly payments.
(Families need to register for SMART Tuition by going to enrollwithsmart.com)

I understand that I am responsible for selling 15 calendar raffle tickets. (PLEASE INITIAL BELOW)

I will sell 15 raffle tickets at \$15 each by December 31, 2017. If I do not sell 15 raffle tickets, then the \$225 will be added to my tuition on January 1, 2018.

I understand that the amount owed for tuition is based on whether or not I am a contributing member of a local Catholic parish. (PLEASE INITIAL ONE BOX BELOW)

I am a registered and contributing parishioner at this Catholic parish: _____; therefore, I should be charged the parishioner rate.

I am Catholic, but I am not a registered and/or contributing parishioner at any parish; therefore, I should be charged the non-parishioner rate.

I am not Catholic; therefore, I should be charged the non-parishioner rate.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reminder: Registration fees increase to \$125 for currently enrolled students after June 5, 2017.



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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

