

TUITION POLICY

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL, GODFREY ILLINOIS

Each year the school budget is prepared for the **July 1st** beginning of the fiscal year.

Financial Support

The financial support of the parish depends upon the good will and cooperation of the **entire** parish community. The capability of the parish to subsidize the school portion of our ministries presumes the full cooperation of all who benefit from our parish school. Those who find themselves in financial stress may apply for financial assistance by contacting the Pastor or Business Office, who will then refer you to the Parish Finance Council. The Parish Finance Council will assist the pastor in determining the availability of funds and the eligibility of candidates according to objective criteria.

SCRIP Program

Another asset to the financial security of St. Ambrose Catholic School is the SCRIP program which is a major fundraiser for the school each year. **Each family (K-8 and full time Pre-K)** will be **REQUIRED to participate** in the SCRIP program through the purchase of **SCRIP Cards (online or through the Parish Office)**. A family can purchase gift cards online at www.shopwithscrip.com by signing up under St. Ambrose using the enrollment code (**FC7AE65B7459**). Online purchases include e-gift cards, reloadable gift cards, and physical gift cards. They can be purchased using a credit card or bank account and can be mailed to the family's home address, sent to the Parish Office for Pick up, or sent home in the children's backpack. The **minimum annual purchase amount for each family is \$2,000**. The purchase period runs **May 1st – April 30th** each year. Friends and Family members may purchase on behalf of the school families to help them reach their commitment. If a family are unable to meet the \$2,000 minimum, they will be responsible for **10% of the remaining balance as of April 30 each school year**. If a family chooses NOT to participate, they will be required to **"buyout"** the fundraiser as stipulated in the student handbook. It is important to remember that purchasing SCRIP can help keep tuition rates as low as possible.

Tuition Rates

St. Ambrose School has two tuition rates, a parish rate, and a non-parish rate. To **qualify for the parish rate**, families must meet the following requirements:

1. Families must be registered members of St. Ambrose Parish prior to school registration in March. (Special consideration will be given to transferring Catholic families who leave their past parishes in good standing.)
2. An honest commitment to the signed "Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois FAMILY SCHOOL AGREEMENT" which includes:
 - a. Children and families must be attending weekend Mass. Catholic formation in our school is meant to reinforce the role of the parents, not replace it.
 - b. Envelopes should be used to contribute to the support of the Parish. THE USE OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES WILL ALSO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY MASS, THEREFORE, ENVELOPES **MUST** BE USED WHEN PARTICIPATING IN MASS AT ST. AMBROSE. EVEN IF YOU CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE ANONYMOUSLY, OR CONTRIBUTE ELECTRONICALLY, PUT YOUR ENVELOPE IN EMPTY. EXTRA ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH.
 - c. Family participation in the programs of both church and school, as time and circumstances permit, and to participate in the major school and parish fundraisers.

Volunteer Hours

The Parish requires ALL families with children attending St. Ambrose School to provide a minimum of **16 hours per year**. If a family does not meet their volunteer minimum each year, they will be billed **\$10 per service hour shortage** not to exceed \$160. Volunteer opportunities may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Golf Tournament
- b. Dinner Auction
- c. Trivia Night
- d. Athletic Association- coaches/
volunteers
- e. Applefest
- f. Library
- g. Game Night/Recreation Night/
Movie Night
- h. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- i. Hot Lunch
- j. Vacation Bible School
- k. Nurses
- l. Book Fair
- m. Santa's Secret Shop
- n. Uniform Resale
- o. Grandparents Day
- p. Apple Dash
- q. Godfrey Knights of Columbus
- r. Ladies Auxiliary of the KC