



# St. Mary's School

Sleepy Eye, MN

## 2010-2011 TUITION

At St. Mary's Catholic School, the cost per pupil is approximately \$5,012. This is \$3,061 less than the average per pupil cost in Catholic schools nationally, and is nearly \$4,671 less than the average public school per pupil cost in Minnesota. The fact that our Catholic school remains so successful is a tribute to the dedication and commitment of our faculty and staff who donate a significant amount to the budget by accepting reduced salaries in comparison to public school salaries and to the countless hours of volunteer involvement by parents, parishioners and friends.

Our 2010-2011 tuition is as follows:

Kindergarten	\$1,700
Grade 1-2	\$2,100
Grade 3-4	\$2,400
Grade 5-6	\$2,450
Grade 7-8	\$2,725
Grade 9-12	\$2,870

**REMINDER:** Private school tuition is deductible on your state income tax return. Please see your tax advisor.

**REMINDER:** Extra-curricular fees and activity fees are in addition to tuition and are paid at the time of participation.

*\*Out of parish families are charged an Instructional Fee. The fee for 2010-2011 is \$180.*

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Because we believe in the importance of Catholic education and what St. Mary's has to offer, assistance is available for families who are unable to pay the full tuition cost. A representative of the school would be happy to meet with you to discuss your financial needs and to explain the necessary paperwork. You may call the business office at 507-794-4841 with questions or to set up an appointment. Our tuition assistance program is determined by an Eagan, Minnesota based company, Financial Aid Independent Review, Inc (FAIR). FAIR provides independent and confidential services as it calculates each family's "Disposable Income" to determine their ability to pay tuition. Assistance is then awarded by FAIR based on need. If St. Mary's does not have enough assistance to cover the need, we will allocate the assistance on a pro-rata basis.

We also offer tuition incentive programs to help offset tuition costs such as:

**SCRIP:** SCRIP is a fundraising program that allows you to earn "free money" to lower your tuition costs and support the school. "Free money" is earned every time you purchase SCRIP gift certificates and cash cards for groceries, gas, clothes, and gift purchases that you make everyday. You purchase the SCRIP certificates for full face value and receive full face value when you redeem them at the participating retailers. The school buys the SCRIP at a discounted price and that discount, which turns into a profit, is split between the family and the school.

**COOKIE SALE FUNDRAISER:** An annual cookie sale is available to families specifically for tuition purposes. They come in boxes ready to bake, quick and easy. This is a sale you can choose to participate in. A percent from this fundraiser is credited to families' tuition statements and, the more you sell, the bigger the bonus!

**WORK STUDY** (grades 6-12): This program is available to families needing tuition help over and above their tuition assistance package. Students and parents are encouraged to consult with administration about the possibility of working off a portion of their tuition balance.

## OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

Each school district is responsible by law to transport their students anywhere they wish to attend school within that district.

St. Mary's Catholic School in Sleepy Eye will provide a van and the fuel to attend our school wherever there are three or more children within that district. Each family is asked to pay a transportation fee. The fee for 2009—2010 is \$3.75 per school day to help offset this expense. In addition, to help defray costs of transportation for St. Mary's Catholic School, we are asking that each family track the mileage to and from the nearest district line and seek reimbursement from their school district. This is done by the family asking the superintendent for the necessary paperwork to complete, annually or monthly. The family will receive the payment, which is in turn given to St. Mary's to help defray our transportation costs.

A mini-bus is provided for the Fairfax families.