

# St. Matthew Catholic School



## Tuition Rates and Fees

2025-2026

| Grades K-8  | 1 Student | 2 Students | 3 Students | 4 Students | 5 Students |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| *Active Parish Family Rate  | \$7,000   | \$14,000   | \$21,000   | \$28,000   | \$35,000   |
| Non-Parishioner or Inactive Parishioner Rate  | \$9,250   | \$18,500   | \$27,750   | \$37,000   | \$46,250   |
| *To receive the Active Parish Family Rate, the family must meet the following criteria: be Catholic, be registered parishioners of St. Matthew Catholic Church, participate in the life of the parish and school, and regularly contribute to St. Matthew Catholic Church using Sunday envelopes or through Faith Direct. |           |            |            |            |            |

| Required Annual Fees K-8 | Amount | Description  |
|--------------------------|--------|--|
| Registration Fee         | \$100  | Per Student, Non-Refundable, Due in January for returning families or upon application for new families. This fee is paid online through FACTS Enrollment. |

| Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Rates  | <u>Pre-K 4-year-olds</u><br>(5 days) | <u>Pre-K 4-year-olds</u><br>(3 days) | <u>Preschool 3-year-olds</u><br>(3 half days)** |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| *Active Parish Family Rate  | \$6,350                              | \$3,820                              | \$2,370   |
| Non-Parishioner or Inactive Parishioner Rate  | \$6,970                              | \$4,190                              | \$2,590   |
| Non-Refundable Registration Fee of \$100 per Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten student is due upon enrollment. This fee is paid online through FACTS Enrollment. |                                      |                                      |   |
| *Active Parish Family Rate is available to those families who meet the criteria outlined above in K-8 tuition chart.  |                                      |                                      |   |
| **Extended day option is available. Tuition is double the half-date rate.   |                                      |                                      |   |



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## Tuition Payment Policy

### 2025-2026

#### FACTS TUITION MANAGEMENT

- St. Matthew uses FACTS Tuition Management for the collection of ALL tuition payments, including Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten tuition.
- All families must enroll in FACTS Tuition Management (select a payment plan and enter bank account or credit card information) at the time their students are enrolled (or reenrolled) for the school year. FACTS must be utilized to pay all tuition amounts due.
- St. Matthew staff will enter the tuition charges and amount due from the family after the FACTS account is set up.
- FACTS enrollment fees (maximum of one plan per family) will be covered by St. Matthew. However, if the optional insurance coverage is selected, this charge is the responsibility of the family. Likewise, any fees for returned payments are the responsibility of the school family.
- Families with students in Preschool or Pre-K as well as in grades kindergarten through eighth, should only select one payment plan.

| FACTS TUITION PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE  |               |                                |
|--|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Plan   | # of Payments | Date Due                       |
| Annual   | 1             | July 2025*                     |
| Biannual   | 2             | July 2025* and January 2026*   |
| Monthly  | 10            | July 2025* through April 2026* |
| *Payment due dates are either the 5 <sup>th</sup> or the 20 <sup>th</sup> of the month – your choice |               |                                |

#### Registration Fees

A non-refundable registration fee is due in January for returning students and upon application for new students. The registration fee is paid online through the FACTS Enrollment process.

#### Tuition Due from Withdrawing Student

If a student is enrolled in any part of a quarter, tuition is due for that quarter.

#### Delinquent Tuition and Fees

- All tuition and fees (lunch, extended care, band fees, or other) must be current by June 25<sup>th</sup> for students to be admitted to the Fall Semester and by December 15<sup>th</sup> to be admitted to the Spring Semester.
- Students will not be allowed to participate in school sponsored activities if tuition and fees are not current as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. This includes but is not limited to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington D.C. trip, May Crowning, and graduation ceremonies.
- Report cards and diplomas will be held if tuition, lunch fees, extended care fees, or any other fees are not paid in full. Transcripts will not be sent to another educational institution while there is a balance due for tuition or fees.



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## Parishioner Rate Policy

St. Matthew Catholic School is a ministry of St. Matthew Catholic Church. Parishioners of St. Matthew support our school students and families in many ways. First and foremost, parishioners support the spiritual needs of students along their faith journeys through prayer as well as other means of visible and tangible support. Parishioners have traditionally supported school fundraisers and events and have volunteered their time to the school long after their own children have graduated from St. Matthew Catholic School. Finally, parishioners provide much needed financial support to the school through their Sunday contributions and special appeals.

A significant amount of the parish subsidy directly benefits school children of parishioners in the form of reduced tuition rates. To ensure the continuity of these reduced rates, we rely on all active parishioners, even those currently paying tuition to the school, to contribute to St. Matthew Catholic Church on a regular and ongoing basis. As stated below in the definition of Active Parish Family, one of the requirements for parish families to receive the reduced tuition rates is that they “regularly contribute to St. Matthew using Sunday envelopes or through the Faith Direct Program.” At least twice per year, the contribution records of school families who are receiving the Active Parish Family tuition rate will be reviewed. Tuition for those families who are not contributing to St. Matthew Catholic Church on a regular basis will be increased to the Inactive Parishioner Rate. Parishioners with extenuating circumstances that prohibit them from making regular contributions to the church should call the parish office to schedule a confidential meeting with the Pastor. The Pastor will have the final decision as to whether a family retains the tuition rate of an Active Parish Family.

To be eligible for the reduced parishioner rate, families must meet all the requirements for an Active Parish Family as defined below:

*An Active Parish Family is one that is Catholic; is registered in St. Matthew Parish, participates in the life of the parish and school, and regularly contributes to St. Matthew Church using Sunday envelopes or through the Faith Direct Program.*



# St. Matthew Catholic School

## Tuition Assistance

### 2025-2026

All tuition assistance at St. Matthew is determined by criteria set by the state of Indiana or based on need as determined by an independent service and the St. Matthew Financial Aid Committee. Tuition Assistance at St. Matthew is available in the following forms:

- Indiana Choice Scholarship (Voucher)
- Tax Credit Scholarship from a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)
- Financial Assistance directly from St. Matthew

#### **Indiana Choice Scholarship (Voucher) Program**

This program provides scholarships to eligible Indiana students (enrolled in grades kindergarten or higher) to offset tuition costs at participating schools, including St. Matthew Catholic School. Students will qualify for a 2025-2026 voucher if their family's household Adjusted Gross Income does not exceed the amount determined by the state of Indiana. The income limits established for the 2025-2026 school year are listed in the chart below. Household size is defined as the total number of people who reside in the student's primary residence at the time the Choice application is submitted.

An application along with a copy of your 2024 Federal Income Tax return is required for the 2025-2026 school year.

| Indiana Choice Scholarship (Voucher) and Tax Credit Scholarship (SGO) Income Limits |                               |                |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Household Size  | Annual Household Income Limit | Household Size | Annual Household Income Limit |
| 1   | \$115,810                     | 6              | \$319,310                     |
| 2   | \$156,510                     | 7              | \$360,010                     |
| 3   | \$197,210                     | 8              | \$400,710                     |
| 4   | \$237,910                     | 9              | \$441,410                     |
| 5   | \$278,610                     | 10             | \$482,110                     |

Indiana Choice Scholarship Award Amounts vary by the school district in which the student resides and are set annually in March. (The rates for the 2025-26 school year will be finalized in March 2026.) The estimated 2025-26 award amount for selected townships is listed below:

| <b><u>Township</u></b>      | <b><u>2025-26 Estimated Award</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lawrence Township           | \$6,939                               |
| Washington Township         | \$6,797                               |
| Hamilton Southeastern       | \$6,205                               |
| Warren Township             | \$7,150                               |
| Indianapolis Public Schools | \$7,330                               |

## **Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO) and Other Financial Assistance**

Families seeking assistance above the amount of their voucher awards (and determined to have additional need by FACTS), may receive additional assistance through SGO funds or directly from St. Matthew. Private donations make SGO grants possible through the Institute for Quality Education. Families wishing to be considered for this additional assistance must complete an online Grant and Aid application in their FACTS account. Awards are made annually, so an application must be submitted each school year. **Applications for the 2025-26 school year must be completed by May 15, 2025.**

### **FACTS Grant and Aid Applications – General Information**

- FACTS calculates a family's financial need based on family resources and expenses. If there are extenuating circumstances that a family believes are not taken into consideration by the FACTS Financial Aid application or the federal tax records, applicants are encouraged to explain the circumstances in the Comments Section of the FACTS application.
- Families must use the specific St. Matthew FACTS account link to apply for financial aid.  
<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3XR18>
- Awards are made annually; applications must be submitted each school year.
- Applications for 2025-26 school year are due by May 15, 2025.
- FACTS charges a fee (currently \$45) to process a grant and aid application.

[Begin Financial Aid Application through FACTS](#)

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