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Dear Saint Joseph Grade School Families,

Lenten blessings to you all! This past week we celebrated the feast of St. Joseph with our grade school students and families. These extra celebrations remind us of St. Joseph's steadfast faith and firm resolve. He acts as the protector of the Church just as he acted to protect the Holy Family. We are blessed to have him as our patron saint. As we continue in this Lenten Season, may St. Joseph guide all of our school families to grow closer to our Heavenly Father who sacrificed His son for our redemption.

It is time to communicate the tuition schedule for the 2023-2024 academic year. First, on behalf of our administration and teachers, I want to warmly welcome all of the new families that will be joining Saint Joseph Grade School next year. Welcome to our SJGS family! We look forward to meeting you in the upcoming months and working with your children as we partner in educating minds and forming hearts, making God known, loved, and served.

### TUITION & FEES

Per child tuition and fees for the 2023-2024 school year are as follows:

\$7,860	Tuition Non-Parishioner
\$6,860	Tuition Parishioner/Teacher
\$260	Enrollment Fee

Families that have already submitted a \$260 *per-family* registration deposit will have it credited towards the per-child Enrollment Fee, which is billed in late May when tuition plans are set up.

Tuition and fees will be billed through the FACTS payment management system. In May, families will receive an email with a link to create a tuition payment plan through FACTS. Several payment schedule options are available. Families will also be billed separately each month through FACTS for incidental expenses for extra programs such as After Care and extra-curricular activities.

### SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Saint Joseph Parish is proud to invest in Catholic education and make it affordable for our families. We understand tuition might especially be a burden for those with multiple children enrolled. We encourage families in need of assistance to apply for scholarships and financial aid by completing a FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment, available at: [online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://online.factsmgt.com/aid). **Assessments are due by Friday, April 28 so that we may apply appropriate scholarships and aid by May 26.**

Please see a description of available scholarships and aid below. For any questions about the FACTS assessment, scholarships, or financial assistance, please feel free to reach out to Carolyn Gibbs at [cgibbs@stjoeparish.com](mailto:cgibbs@stjoeparish.com) or 574-234-3134, ext. 119.



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### ***Indiana School Choice & SGO Scholarships***

Many families qualify for Indiana School Choice Scholarships or Scholarship Granting Organization Scholarships (SGOs). There are eight different “pathways” that enable a student to be eligible to participate in these scholarships, with income limits varying depending upon household size. More information on these guidelines and income limits can be found at [diocesefwsb.org/choice](http://diocesefwsb.org/choice).

### ***SJGS Tuition Assistance***

Saint Joseph Parish is able to provide tuition assistance for school families funded by proceeds from the generosity of our parishioners, the SJGS Excellence Fund, and associated fundraisers such as the annual “For the Kids” Golf Benefit.

### ***“You Can Lend a Hand” Fundraiser***

Each year, SJGS participates in the diocesan-wide "You Can Lend a Hand" coupon sale. Each family will be billed \$30 in March, with an opportunity to sell coupon books to recoup this fee and more if desired.

We look forward to another successful year of educating hearts and minds here at Saint Joseph Grade School. Please always feel free to reach out if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance to you and your family. St. Joseph, pray for us!

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Fase, C.S.C." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fr. Matt Fase, C.S.C.  
Pastor