



New Exciting Changes Coming to SCRIP

What is SCRIP?

For more than 10 years, St. Mary's Parish has been involved in SCRIP, which means Substitute Currency Reaps In Profits. This program was organized by a priest in California to help parochial schools raise money for their parishes.

The SCRIP program allows the retail community to support parochial programs. The program is simple. St. Mary's purchases SCRIP certificates from stores at a discounted price and resells them to you at face value. It costs you nothing extra, but earns big profits for our parish. The SCRIP order form lists all the participating stores and their percentage of discount they offer St. Mary's. Most major grocery stores and gas stations are participating, along with many restaurants and retail merchants.

In one year's time our SCRIP program had almost \$684,000.00 in sales with roughly 115 families using the program. Here at St. Mary's we have approximately 1350 families. As you can see the SCRIP program has great potential for growth, but needs your participation.

Here's the exciting news. The SCRIP program in the past has given 50% of the profit made from these purchases to St. Joseph School families to help with their tuition. We now would like to extend this opportunity to help other organizations in our parish such as the HAITI Mission, the Hope Clinic, BOOH fund, and St. Mary's Youth Group. If your child no longer attends St. Joseph and goes to Bishop Dwenger or Bishop Luers we will send the credit to them. (If the family has a student at St. Joseph, the credit will be applied to St. Joseph School first).

How will this work? The SCRIP program will send everyone that purchases SCRIP a voucher in March with a total profit earned. You will have two weeks to decide where you want the profit you earned to go. After the two weeks, if the money was not designated for a particular fund, the money will automatically roll into the SCRIP account to help keep our inventory well stocked and also help with the St. Joseph School budget. Any account that earned \$5.00 or less will not receive a voucher and the money will automatically roll over into the SCRIP account.

There are four easy ways to purchase SCRIP certificates. First you can drop your order in the collection basket on Sunday. These orders can be picked up on Thursday evenings between 4:00-5:00 p.m. or after Mass on Saturday evening or on Sunday between the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 11:00 a.m. Secondly, you can send your order in with any St. Joseph School student in their school packet.

Orders are placed Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Please keep this in mind if school is not in session on Monday – you will need to get your order in on Sunday. Thirdly, you can drop off your order at the SCRIP table during normal SCRIP hours. And finally you can purchase any available SCRIP during the regular SCRIP hours.

Pre-ordering is always best. This ensures that the SCRIP certificates you need are available and also can be ready for quick pick-up.

You will need to use your church envelope number on your order form. This will ensure the right family will get the correct credit.

As you can see, SCRIP profits benefit the entire parish. It takes many volunteers to accomplish our success. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tammy Tracey at 223-0365.

SCRIP hours beginning after Labor Day, September 6, 2010.

Saturday evening after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sundays – **after** the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 11:00 a.m.

Thursday – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the SCRIP program, please contact Tammy Tracey at 223-0365 or Karen Weber at 547-4147.

The SCRIP order form is available for printing to your home printer at St. Mary's website: www.stmarysdecatour.org