

## **Ways you can help St. Mary's:**

There are several ways to support our school. Although there are ideas for financial support on this sheet, with the difficulties and possible economic hardships of this year, supporting each other will be important. You can also help by supporting our mission and our staff, students and school community as they carry out that mission. There are several ways to support the school through your time which includes being involved in our Activities and Home and School Committees. Also, we get a lot of new students through word of mouth, so spreading the word about St. Mary's is helpful.

Ways to support financially (some at no cost to you) include:

- **Contributions** at Mass
- **Company donations:** Through the workplace, several people have asked and received donations from their company's owner. Others have gotten donations through Thrivent, Marshfield Clinic, AgCountry and by using Charity Mobile for cell phone use.

Thrivent - <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>

Marshfield Clinic Health System's Employee Volunteer Program, contact person:  
[bell.patricia@marshfieldclinic.org](mailto:bell.patricia@marshfieldclinic.org)

AgCountry through Giving Heart program, employees fill out an app.

- **Packer Tailgate Party:** Sell and/or purchase raffle tickets
- **Amazon Smile:** If you are an Amazon shopper, please consider shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to generate donations for Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (St. Mary's Parish.) *Stocking up for back to school? Shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0810553> and AmazonSmile donates to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.*
- **SCRIP:** Scrip is a dollar-for-dollar exchange that is viewed as cash at the store. Income is generated each time a certificate/gift card is purchased. It is free money for St. Mary's because families or individuals are regularly purchasing these items! It doesn't cost them anything they aren't already spending, therefore keeping them on budget.

Scrip is the sale of gift certificates/cards for items people normally use: groceries, gasoline, clothing, department stores, restaurants, entertainment, etc. Merchants give varying discounts, depending on their mark up on the product, but it can vary between 2% and 20%. Some certificates/cards can be used anywhere in the country that the merchants have stores, so they are great to send to people who live in other places.

We have BP, Exxon/Mobile, Shell, Kwik Trip and R Store gas cards, Kohl's, Trig's, County Market, WalMart, Marcus Theatre, Kurt 'n Jo's, 2510, Culvers, Mc Donald's, Subway, Panera Bread, iHop, Applebees, Pizza Ranch, Texas Roadhouse, Red Robin, Fleet Farm, Menards, Home Depot, Custom

Meats...and the list goes on and on. Purchasing a car from Brickner Motors? Stop by and pick up a certificate – they will donate \$50 to St. Mary’s in *your* name.

We had a trial version SCRIP online with a handful of parents. We then opened it up to all parents. This option allows people to buy SCRIP online so if you are at the store and have forgotten to buy a card you can still purchase SCRIP off your phone. There are a couple steps to set up initially but once it is setup, it can be used immediately. Scrip is available through the school office during normal school hours. Questions? Call 715-443-3430.

- **Educational Endowment:** Make a donation to the endowment fund that is donated for augmenting education at St. Mary’s.
- **Magic Paper Box:** The Magic Paper Box container is located in the parking lot behind school near the gym entrance. You may bring your paper and drop it in the box 24/7, whenever it is convenient for you. They accept newspaper, including the glossy inserts, magazines and catalogs, office and school papers, including window envelopes, paperback books, and items with staples or paper clips. Mail can be recycled, only recycle the mail that you feel comfortable putting in the recycling container. The Magic Paper Box is NOT for confidential documents. Please NO plastic, cardboard, metal, glass, or paper contaminated with food. When the container is full IROW will come and empty it, and St. Mary’s will then receive a payment for the value of the paper that has been collected.
- **Marathon Endowment Funds:** Make a tax-deductible donation or use the Pride Pump at the RStore to help these funds that awards grants for specific classroom use to all Marathon schools including St. Mary’s.
- **Box Tops for Education:** The Box Tops program has become digital-only. You will use the new box top app to scan your receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school’s earnings online.
- **Memorial/Will/Estate** designations to support the school/parish and provide for emergency funds.
- **Religious/Academic/Safe/Caring/Participatory Projects:** Donate to the school to augment current projects.
- **Fundraisers:** Buy from committee fundraisers’ including the meat sale and cheese curd stand.
- **Tuition Assistance:** Help a family in need pay for a student to get a Catholic education here at St. Mary’s.
- **Aluminum cans:** People have used creative ways to donate such as donating proceeds from aluminum cans they have recycled.
- **Pop Tabs:** Also, we save pop tabs and send the money earned to the Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield.

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