

## **Scrip: What it is, and how to use it.**

### **What is Scrip?**

Scrip is gift certificates that the parish buys at a discount and sells to you, our customers, at face value. Using Scrip costs you nothing but the time it takes to stop in and purchase it. It spends like any other gift card. Using Scrip helps our parish, KCSS and the businesses you use it at. For example, you stop in and buy a \$100 gift card for a store that gives the parish 4%. You pay the face value for the card. The parish paid \$96 for the card. The parish makes \$4 on each sale. It's an easy way to help the parish.

### **Can I use my Scrip credit to help pay my Tuition for KCSS or GIFT?**

YES!! Half of the profit your purchases generate can be applied to your tuition!! The more you buy the more you save!!! Scrip credits are applied to your statements 3 times a year. The cut offs are June 30<sup>th</sup>, November 30, and March 30<sup>th</sup>. These credits are applied to your statements in September, December, and April.

### **How do I use it?**

You take the scrip gift card to the store you bought it for and you buy what you need. The card is treated like any other gift card. The amount of your purchase is deducted from the card, and most places will even write your balance on the card so you know for next time. If you spend more than what's on your card you pay the balance.

### **Where and when can I buy Scrip?**

You can buy Scrip at the Parish Office (located at the St. Mary's site) Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Friday between 8:00 am and 12:00 am, and Saturday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

A limited supply of Scrip is also sold at the St. Francis site after the 9:00 am masses.

You can also call your order in to the Scrip office at 766-1445 and we can have it ready for you to pick up at the Scrip office or at St. Francis after mass. Please note business hours. Scrip to be picked up after mass should be called in no later than noon on Thursday. Orders can also be e-mailed to [scrip@skdchurch.org](mailto:scrip@skdchurch.org). E-mail orders are due Wednesday by 4:00 pm.

### **Can I use Scrip to pay my Store Credit card bills?**

As of this time 2 of our Merchants allow credit cards to be paid with Scrip. You can use Kohl's Scrip cards, and American Scrip to pay off your store credit card bills. Please call ahead for large amounts. American Scrip requires a 24 hour notice.

### **Where can I use Scrip?**

St Katharine's keeps a large selection of Scrip on hand, and there are 100's of merchants available through special order. We are very fortunate to have our own Local Scrip. We have a large group of local businesses that accept local Scrip. Their names are on the back of each piece of local scrip you purchase. Please see attached sheets for more information on which Scrip is kept in stock and the list of local merchants who accept local scrip.

**Things that make you go HMMMMMMM...**

I was sitting at my desk, talking' (no, not me) to Kate, when it hit me. What kind of profit would we get if each of our registered families (1,325 of them) would purchase \$100 of Scrip each month? Now mind you, each retailer gives a different percent. So Kate and I figured we'd use a grocery store, because it's close and everyone has to eat. Let's say they give 3%. So, do the math..... $1325 \times \$100.00 = \$132,500.00!!!$   $132,500.00 \times 3\% = \$3975.00$  per month!!! Now let's really blow your minds and multiply that by 12!!! \$47700.00 a year!!!! Now granted, we do have some families who apply half of the credit they generate to their tuition for KCSS or G.I.F.T. But no matter how you look at it the parish would be in a great financial state. So, see you soon at the scrip office!!!!

**Popular Special Order Scrip**

The following Scrip can be ordered from the Scrip office. Please allow 1 week for your order to come in.

Cabella's      Panera Bread  
Macy's        Younkers  
JC Penny      Maurices  
The Children's Place  
Disney (Can be used at Disney Theme Parks)

These are just a few of the many. You can see a master list in the Scrip office located at 119 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St.