

St. Mary's School Tuition Rates and Fees 2026-2027

Our tuition rates are based on localized offerings, the rates of the schools in the Diocese of Kalamazoo (14 schools), and other private schools in our area.

Affordability

We are the second most affordable Catholic school in the entire diocese. Our Preschool rates are lower than most of the local offerings, and we are, by far, the most affordable preschool in the diocese.

Scholarships and Tuition Assistance

Financial Assistance

St. Mary's School seeks to be accessible to anyone in our community who desires a Catholic education. Parishioners of local Catholic parishes will be considered first for aid upon application with a valid 1040 Tax Form from 2025. Applications for the 2026-2027 academic year will be due by May 1st. We unfortunately cannot consider applications for full scholarships at this time. All of our families make, even when assistance is received, a financial commitment to our school. Information on how to apply for financial assistance can be found on our [Tuition and Fees webpage](#) of our website. You are authorized to apply for financial assistance once your application for enrollment has been accepted. Assistance is limited and not guaranteed.

Thank you for your continuous financial commitment to our school.

Kindergarten Incentive

If you are on the fence about whether to keep your Preschool student at St. Mary's, wonder no further! We are offering current families and new families a Kindergarten Incentive of a **\$1000.00 discount on your annual tuition**. In order to receive this discount, you need to request and notify the school upon enrollment before being confirmed. If you pay on time throughout your payment plan up until \$1000.00 is due, you will no longer be charged for tuition for the remainder of your balance. Payments will be standard based on the pre-incentive total, not based on the discounted rate. *This incentive is offered to incoming Kindergarteners only.*

Referral Credit

Word of mouth is one of the most powerful forms of advertisement. If someone you know is considering preschool or school somewhere new, we're asking you to consider sharing what you know about St. Mary's School. If your efforts result in an enrollment of a *new* family, we will give both you, and them, a \$500.00 discount on your annual tuition. Email office@stmarysniles.com for details.

Tuition Rates for 2026-2027 Academic Year

K-6th Grade	# of students	2026-2027
Catholic Diocesan Rate	1	\$3,640
	2	\$5,995
	3	\$8,143
	4 +	No additional charge

K-6th Grade	# of students	2026-2027
Non-Catholic Rate	1	\$4,866
	2	\$9,004
	3	\$12,475
	4 +	No additional charge

Preschool	Full Day Schedule (8am-3pm)	2026-2027	Half Day Schedule (8am-11am)	2026-2027
1 student	2 full days (T,Th)	\$2,505	2 half days (T,Th)	\$1,899
	3 full days (M,W,F)	\$3,201	3 half days (M,W,F)	\$2,067
	5 full days (M-F)	\$4,091	5 half days (M-F)	\$2,741

Registration Fee	Before March 1st	\$50.00
	March 1st - May 21st, 2026	\$75.00
	After May 22nd, 2026	\$100.00

Registration Fee is due upon enrollment/re-enrollment to secure your space for the upcoming academic year. This fee is yearly, per family. *Your space in the school is not held until this fee is paid.*

Administration Fee for new families (only paid once): \$25.00

This fee helps our school process and keep track of the administrative requirements our school completes when a new student or family joins our school. This is a one-time fee per family.

Technology Fee for K - 6th Grade (only), per student : \$50.00

In order to cover the ongoing costs of technological upkeep for the school and for our students, we are now requiring a contribution to support the purchase, maintenance and upkeep of our computers, tablets and different softwares we use. This fee will be yearly.

Curriculum Fee for Preschool - 6th Grade, per student : \$20.00

This fee will help us ensure that each classroom has access to funds for special projects throughout the year, mostly for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning. Project based activities bring science to life for our students, and having a small fee allows us to explore new teaching methods that make a big difference in our curriculum. This fee will be yearly.

Parent Volunteer Agreement and Acknowledgement

We take pride in parent involvement at St. Mary's School. Through the year, our families band together to fundraise, organize events, and put together fun activities for our school community. These things promote the bonding and mutual support that makes St. Mary's one big family. Our functionality as a Catholic school entity relies on participation.

Parents are required to participate in events throughout the year in order for our school to thrive. If you cannot give your time, monetary donations to the school are a welcomed form of support. There are many opportunities to get involved for all different types of skill sets; our expectation for families is to play a role in the success of the school.

Tuition Payment Plan Options

Most families pay for tuition on a 10 month payment plan based on their tuition rate, although we do offer several different payment plans. Payments are due on the last day of the month dependent on your payment plan type.

Full pay : When you pay your tuition in full before August 20th, 2026, you will receive a 5% discount on your tuition total.

10 Month Payment Plan : Divide your annual tuition rate by 10, and plan to pay each month by the last day of that month. This plan runs from September through June.

Quarterly Payment Plan : Divide your annual tuition rate by 4, and plan to pay by the last day of the month September, December, March, and June.

Both the 10 Month Payment Plan and the Quarterly Payment plan can be set up for Automatic Withdrawal ACH payments upon request. This can also be set up for weekly or biweekly automatic payments.

Payment Methods:

Tuition can be paid in several methods : personal check, cashier's check, Money Order, cash, ACH Automatic Withdrawal payments (set up required) or online. We accept tuition payments online through our Parish OSV payment hub. [Here is the link for online payment](#), which is also consistently available [on our tuition webpage](#).

St. Mary's School After School Club Information Sheet

After School Club is a licensed childcare service that St. Mary's School offers after school for parents. Mrs. Shirley, if weather allows, supervises kids on the playground after school until parents are able to pick them up. Indoor activities, if the weather is disagreeable, include: indoor play, crafts and sometimes movies. After School Club runs from 3:15pm until 5:00pm. Any student of our school may register. Mrs. Shirley Townsend is our After School Club staff member.

Registration is \$25.00 per family per year.

Hourly costs are as follows:

Number of Children	Cost per Hour of care
1	\$6.00
2	\$11.50
3	\$15.50



Time charged is calculated by sign-out time and can be added to your tuition monthly payment or paid separately. It is billed once a month. Please let the school office know how you'd like to manage the billing.

Once registered, students may stay at After School Club any day. Please call the office by 2:00pm (each day, or give us a schedule for that week) to confirm whether or not your child will be in ASC. Whether you are a regular or drop in, we must be informed by 2pm on any specific day if you plan to cancel or attend, so that we may staff the After School Club accordingly.

If you are interested in registering for After School Care, please email office@stmarysniles.com to be sent a registration form.