



Dear St. Pius X New Families,

Welcome to the St. Pius X Catholic School community! We are grateful that you have chosen SPX for your child's education and faith formation. It is a privilege to partner with you to nurture their growth in knowledge, character, and Catholic values.

As we prepare for the 2025–2026 school year, we would like to share important information about our tuition structure and the reasons behind the coming year's 3.8% tuition increase. We remain committed to providing an excellent Catholic education while being transparent about the financial realities of delivering that experience.

A portion of this year's tuition increase will go directly toward investing in our teachers—our most valuable resource. We are committed to honoring their hard work, dedication, and impact by providing them with a well-deserved salary increase. Attracting and retaining exceptional educators is critical to the academic, spiritual, and personal development of our students.

In addition to supporting teacher compensation, the increase also reflects rising costs in other areas, including:

- Higher healthcare premiums for school employees
- Increased student accident insurance rates
- Rising property and workers' compensation insurance premiums
- Expanded professional development and archdiocesan business assessments for school leadership
- Increased costs for PowerSchool, our student information system
- Growth in the Safe Environment Program assessment to support student safety

These updates enable us to uphold the high standards you expect from a St. Pius X education while laying a strong foundation for your child's future.

As a reminder, tuition rates are based on your family's parishioner status. Families who are registered, active participants of St. Pius X Parish, and support the parish financially are eligible for reduced tuition. Those who do not meet these criteria are considered inactive or non-parishioners and are billed at the standard rate.

If you have any questions as you get started, we are here to help:

Calli Eickhoff, FACTS Coordinator – ceickhoff@spxparish.org

Sheila Schildbach, Parish Accounting Manager – sschildbach@spxparish.org

Kevin Sweeney, Parish Business Manager – ksweeney@spxparish.org

We are thrilled to welcome you into the St. Pius X family. Thank you for investing in your child's faith and education and for partnering with us on this journey.

Fr. Francis Kalapurackal
Pastor

Kevin Sweeney
Parish Business Manager

Keely Beaudette
School Principal



WELCOME TO OUR NEW ST. PIUS X FAMILIES

Here is some information to complete your registration for the next school year

We collect tuition and all other school fees through your FACTS account. All school families are required to open a FACTS account with a checking account or a credit card account. We ask that you open this **account by May 15th** so that we can begin to enter your tuition information in time for your first payment in July. Please use the following link or QR code to open your account:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3FFVY>



When you create a username and password, please be sure to keep that in your records so you can log in to your account to see activity at any time. Also make sure you are in the "payment plans" section, not the "grant and aid section". You should see the correct school and correct school year at the top. Be sure to enter a current email address so FACTS can alert you to postings and withdrawals. Tuition is handled conveniently and securely through a preauthorized payment on the 5th or 20th of each month. Once we activate your account, FACTS will charge the \$43 enrollment fee right away. If you selected the Peace of Mind insurance, you will also be charged \$22.50 for that plan.

Online Enrollment-Be sure to have the following information ready:

- The name, street address, and email address of the person responsible for making the payments.
- To protect your privacy, you will be asked to create your own FACTS Access Code.
- Account information for the person responsible for payment: bank name, telephone number, account number, and the bank routing number. Most of this information should be located on your checks.
- Once they create a new account, they must also click on the Set Up a Payment Plan and set that up as well. That is necessary in order for me to finalize their accounts and start entering charges.

Your Payment Plan Options are:

- Annual Payment - **Due July 5th**
- Semi-Annual Payments - **Due July 5th and December 5th**
- 10 Month Plan Payments - **Due on the 5th or 20th of each month**, every month except January and June. In January we charge families for their deposit for the next school year so we don't want to also pull tuition.
- Please note: if you are **using a credit card for your account, there is a service fee** to use that card with each withdrawal.

When your account is opened, your tuition rate is based on your parishioner status. The parish presumes:

- Your family is registered as members of St. Pius X.
- Your family regularly attends Sunday Mass at St. Pius X.
- Supports our parish financially through the use of collection envelopes on a consistent basis or make tithing offerings through online giving. If you are enrolled in Online Giving, we still ask that you drop empty Sunday envelopes in the collections weekly.
- You have filled out and returned your stewardship pledge card for the current year 2025. (mailed to all households in October each year, or available at the parish office).
- You are actively participating in the parish's ministries.

Those who do not meet the expectations of active parishioners listed above are classified as "inactive or non-parishioners." This does not negatively impact the pastoral care that one receives from St Pius X, nor does it limit their activity in our parish ministries, including social, educational, and service. However, inactive or non-parishioners do not qualify for **"Parishioner Rate" tuition at St Pius X Catholic School and/or archdiocesan high schools.**

Your FACTS account must be current throughout the year. If your payment does not go through, FACTS will charge you a \$30 fee and retry the withdrawal. Each NSF will result in another \$30 fee. If your account becomes delinquent, or there is a problem with your bank or credit card account, FACTS will contact you. Please contact the Business Manager to discuss how you will resolve the problem. You may not be able to return for the next semester or re-enroll for the next school year if your account is delinquent.

We appreciate your cooperation in **opening your account by May 15th**. If you have any questions regarding your FACTS account, please contact FACTS/Tuition Coordinator **Calli Eickhoff** at ceickhoff@spxparish.org.



St. Pius X Catholic School Tuition Rates and Fees 2025 - 2026

Number of Students	*Tuition Rate (Inactive/Non-Parishioner)	Active Parishioner	Financial Support from St. Pius X Parish
1 Student	\$9,342	\$6,796	\$2,546
2 Students	\$17,646	\$12,560	\$5,086
3 Students	\$24,600	\$18,321	\$6,279
4 Students	\$29,583	\$24,082	\$5,501

*This tuition rate applies to any family that is classified as an "inactive" or "non-parishioner" at St. Pius X.

Tuition was increased 3.8% for the 2025-2026 school year. This will help to offset staff pay increases, addition of a new full-time religion teacher, new curriculum for k-5th grades, and a 12% increase in health care expenses. Along with normal cost of living increase to utilities, maintenance and supplies. The remaining deficit of the budget will be subsidized by the parish directly.

Active Parishioner Status

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- You have filled out and returned your stewardship pledge card for the current year 2025. (mailed to all households in October each year, or available at the parish office).
- You are being active in the parish's ministries.

Individuals who do not meet the expectations of active parishioners, as outlined above, are classified as "inactive" or "non-parishioners." This designation does not affect the pastoral care they receive from St. Pius X, nor does it restrict their participation in parish ministries, including social, educational, and service activities. However, "inactive" or "non-parishioners" **Would not be eligible for the parishioner rate tuition at St. Pius X Catholic School or Archdiocesan high schools.**

\$100 Application Fee For New Students

A non-refundable \$100 application fee is required for each new student. Payment of this fee ensures the application will be processed, but it does not guarantee admission to the school.

Registration Fee

St. Pius X Catholic School requires a non-refundable registration fee for both returning and new students. This policy ensures families are committed to securing a spot for their child(ren) for the upcoming academic year.

For returning students, a \$100 fee is charged through FACTS to secure the student's spot for the next school year.

For new students, once the child has been accepted into St. Pius X Catholic School, a \$200 non-refundable registration fee is required in addition to the application fee.

Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)

A **Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)** is a state-approved organization that receives private donations for the purpose of giving scholarships to individual students whose family meets the above income requirements. These funds can be used to provide scholarships to families in need of assistance. Again, they are based upon household income and household size. For more information contact us at: scholarship@spxparish.org.

Families seeking assistance above the amount of their voucher awards, may receive additional assistance through SGO funds. Private donations make SGO grants possible through the Institute for Quality Education. Families wishing to be considered for an SGO must complete an online Grant and Aid application in their FACTS account. Awards are made annually, so an application must be submitted each school year. **Applications for the 2025-26 school year must be completed by May 9, 2025.** This assistance can also possibly supports those experiencing unexpected financial hardships, such as illness or job loss, helping them to keep their children enrolled at St. Pius X.

St. Pius X Catholic School Choice Income Eligibility

Indiana School Choice Scholarship Program Eligibility –The Indiana School Choice Scholarship Program (often referred to as 'vouchers') is Indiana tax money awarded to eligible Hoosier students to use toward parochial/private/charter school tuition. A Choice scholarship will approximately cover 75-90% of all your tuition and fees. Please carefully review the income eligibility chart below (2025-2026 chart) and know that this is based on your household adjusted gross income (from your 2024 Federal tax returns, line 11). **If you qualify for this program, please email your 2024 federal tax 1040 to scholarship@spxparish.org as soon as possible.**

Choice Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements 2025-2026 School Year to be eligible to receive a Choice Scholarship award, a student must satisfy each of the following requirements:

- The student must be at least five (5) years of age and less than 22 years of age on or before October 1 of the school year.
- The student must have legal settlement in Indiana;
- The student must be a member of a household with an annual income of not more than 400% of the amount required for the individual to qualify for the federal free or reduced price lunch program.

Choice Scholarship vary by the school district in which the student resides and are set annually. The estimated 2025-2026 voucher amount for selected school corporations are listed below:

Estimated Award Amount School Corporation Names

Indianapolis Public School	\$7,330.01
Lawrence Township	\$6,939.30
Washington Township	\$6,797.23
Hamilton Southeastern	\$6,118.79

Carmel Clay

Household Size	Annual Household Income Limits
1	\$115,810
2	\$156,510
3	\$197,210
4	\$237,910
5	\$278,610
6	\$319,310
7	\$360,010

\$6,060.47

To apply: please email your 2024 federal tax 1040 to scholarship@spxparish.org as soon as possible.

St. Pius X Parish Assistance

For families who do not qualify for a Choice Scholarship or SGO – A limited amount of tuition assistance will be available for registered parish families facing financial difficulties paying the tuition and fees.

We will not have the Disciples Scholarship this year. The Disciples Scholarship was specially designed to support families through last year's increase, with this in mind, the parish will be returning to its normal tuition assistance program.

Before applying for parish financial assistance, you must first apply for Choice and SGO. If you do not qualify for either program, you may submit an email request for assistance. To be considered for financial assistance, families must provide their 2024 federal tax 1040 form. Requests for the 2025-26 school year must be submitted **no later than May 16, 2025.** Your email should include the following information:

1. The reason you are requesting financial assistance.
2. The amount of assistance you are requesting.
3. Whether you tithe to the parish.
4. Whether you regularly attend Mass at St. Pius

Please send your request to: scholarship@spxparish.org.

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