



Dear St. Pius X Families,

Thank you for continuing to partner with us in your child's education. Your commitment to Catholic education and your involvement in the life of St. Pius X Parish play a vital role in the vibrant, faith-centered community we work to build every day.

As we prepare for the 2025–2026 school year, we want to share information about an upcoming tuition increase of 3.8% and the reasons behind it. We do not take increases lightly, and we remain committed to transparency, stewardship, and providing your children with the highest quality Catholic education.

One of the most important reasons for this year's tuition increase is to support the heart of our school—our teachers. We are allocating part of the increase toward providing them with a well-earned salary raise. Their dedication, excellence, and daily impact on our students are critical to the success of our mission, and we believe in compensating them fairly and competitively.

In addition to raising teacher compensation, the tuition increase also reflects rising operational costs, 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

As always, we remain grateful for the generous financial support of St. Pius X Parish, which subsidizes the tuition of every active parishioner family. Even with these increases, tuition does not cover the full cost of education—and it is your parish support that makes Catholic education more accessible for all our families.

Your FACTS account will be updated for the 2025–2026 school year by mid-May. If you are continuing with the same bank or credit card and withdrawal dates, no action is needed. If any updates are required, please make them by May 15.

We also encourage families to explore tuition assistance options, including the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program and SGO grants. For details or to apply, please email your 2024 tax return to [scholarship@spxparish.org](mailto:scholarship@spxparish.org).

If you have any questions about your account or tuition planning, please don't hesitate to contact:

Calli Eickhoff, FACTS Coordinator – [ceickhoff@spxparish.org](mailto:ceickhoff@spxparish.org)

Sheila Schildbach, Parish Accounting Manager – [sschildbach@spxparish.org](mailto:sschildbach@spxparish.org)

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We are deeply grateful for your continued support and trust. Thank you for walking this journey with us as we strive to help your children grow in faith, knowledge, and love.

**Fr. Francis Kalapurackal**  
Pastor

**Kevin Sweeney**  
Parish Business Manager

**Keely Beaudette**  
School Principal



By choosing a Catholic school, a family is choosing to invest in a child's future. A future of high school, college and career success, but more importantly the daily reminder to strive towards eternal reward in heaven. We are looking forward to continuing with our commitment to provide an outstanding education for your child for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

St. Pius X will again work with FACTS Tuition Management in order to streamline our work and make things easier for school families. If you have children enrolled this school year and you want to keep your FACTS account with the same bank or credit card, and the same withdrawal dates, you do not need to do anything. We will just advance your children to the next grades and roll your same account info into the 2025-2026 school year. FACTS also offers Peace of Mind Insurance for an additional cost of \$22.50 per year if you choose to participate. This would pay the balance of your tuition in the event of death of either parent. The \$22.50 charge will be withdrawn at the same time the \$43 enrollment fee is withdrawn, as soon as the new FACTS account is activated.

We hope to open all the FACTS accounts for 2025-2026 by mid-May. Please note that if your payment is attempted and the funds aren't in the account, or your credit card is over the limit and your charge can't be posted, you will incur a \$30 missed payment fee from FACTS and the payment will be attempted again in 15 days. Each attempt that results in non-sufficient funds will result in another missed payment fee from FACTS. Your Payment Plan Options are:

- Annual enrollment fee: **\$43.00**
- Annual Payment Due: **July 5, 2025**
- Semi Annual Payment Due: **July 5 and December 5, 2025**
- 10 Month Plan Payments Due: **on either the 5th or 20th of each month**, every month except January and June. In January we request a deposit for the next school year.

**Active Parishioner Status for 2025-2026 School Registration. To receive our parishioner, rate the parish presumes the following. 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 will not qualify for **"Parishioner Rate" tuition at St Pius X Catholic School and/or Archdiocesan high schools.**

Tuition rates and fees have been set for the next academic year. This tuition model offers discount opportunities to all families that are active, supportive parish members. Tuition does not cover the total cost of educating your child. Our parish financially supports the school budget and operations, therefore, every parish school family receives tuition support from the parish. **We will be reviewing the active parishioner status prior to approving parishioner tuition rates. 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.
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We appreciate your cooperation in **opening your FACTS account by May 15<sup>th</sup>** If you have any questions regarding FACTS, please contact FACTS Coordinator Calli Eickhoff at [ceickhoff@spxparish.org](mailto: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	<b>\$2,546</b>
2 Students	\$17,646	\$12,560	<b>\$5,086</b>
3 Students	\$24,600	\$18,321	<b>\$6,279</b>
4 Students	\$29,583	\$24,082	<b>\$5,501</b>

\*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

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.
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- You are being active in the parish's ministries.

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## **\$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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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