

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 The \$22.50 charge will be withdrawn at the same time the \$43 enrollment fee is withdrawn, as soon as the new FACTS account is activated.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 do 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.

4. Whether you regularly attend Mass at St. Pius

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

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