

# ***ST MARY SCHOOL SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM 2009 – 2010 SCHOOL YEAR***

## ***What Is Scrip?***

Scrip is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase scrip, you’re purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. The scrip is issued by the national and local retailers where many of you already shop. These merchants want to support us and in return ask you to support them by shopping at their stores. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, groceries, and other essentials and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our school and church.

## ***How scrip generates revenue for you***

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our scrip committee orders and buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center and from local retailers at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. **YOU DO NOT PAY MORE FOR THE SCRIP GIFT CARDS.**

## ***Scrip is “shopping-cart fundraising”***

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families *don't have to sell* anything. St. Mary families and friends produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip. ***In addition, some retailers such as Kohl's and JcPenney allow you to pay your credit card bills with scrip gift certificates.*** While you do need to plan ahead, all benefit --- you, St. Mary School and Church.

## ***How is scrip income used?***

In 2006-2007, half of the scrip income you generate will be used to benefit a fund designated by the school (usually the scholarship fund) or, if you choose, a fund designated by the church (such as the emergency fund). You designate how the other half of your scrip income will be used – you may choose a rebate check issued to you or donate your proceeds to the school or church.

## ***What is the rebate check schedule?***

If you choose to receive a rebate check, it will be issued **monthly**. Payments under \$10 will be paid in the form of a credit to be used on a future scrip order. The first check will be issued Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, which will include August and September purchases. Purchases made in June and July will be combined and paid on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## ***Scrip Policies – How does the program work?***

1. You must complete a new registration form at the start of each school year. This is necessary so that we can properly document how to deliver your scrip and the grade of your child. We also need to know if you would like to receive a rebate check or to donate the proceeds to the school or church fund.
2. If you choose to receive a rebate, 50% of the profit you earn will be paid to you monthly. For rebates less than \$10, payments will be made in the form of a credit on a future order. (If you choose to donate your 50% to the school or church, it is tax deductible.)
3. Scrip purchases may be picked up after weekend masses, at the church office during normal business hours or sent home with your child from school (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). **You must fill out the waiver section of your registration form for the scrip to go home with your child from school.** Scrip gift certificates that are not in stock will be ordered (on Mondays) and ready for pickup on Fridays.
4. St. Mary cannot replace lost or misplaced scrip – treat it as you would cash!
5. You do not have to be a school family or member of the parish to participate in the scrip program.
6. Scrip payments may be made with check or cash and must accompany your order. You may also email your orders to [stmscrip@hotmail.com](mailto:stmscrip@hotmail.com) and send the money to school with your child. All orders/money is to be put in the "scrip" file by the school office door. Orders can also be made in the Parish Hall after all weekend Masses.
7. The order forms do not list all the merchants that participate in the scrip program. For a complete list, please visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com).
8. Scrip purchases are not tax deductible.
9. Questions can be directed to Jami O'Brien 330-263-4698 or [stmscrip@hotmail.com](mailto:stmscrip@hotmail.com); Lisa Fannin at [lisafannin@earthlink.net](mailto:lisafannin@earthlink.net); or Karen Goebel at [goebelgatefarm@yahoo.com](mailto:goebelgatefarm@yahoo.com).