



ST. MARY OF THE WOODS — SCHOOL —

3/1/2026

Greetings from St. Mary of the Woods School!

Young people today need Catholic education more than ever. In a world where truth, beauty and goodness are considered all but subjective, the Way, Truth and Life offered us in Jesus Christ are our only source of direction, clarity and hope. Furthermore, being rooted in faith does not endanger the academic quality of Catholic schools, but in fact is their very motivation for excellence in all things.

It is the awesome responsibility of parents, assisted by the people of God, to strive to form saints. An authentically Catholic school thus assists parents in their charge to prepare children for life on earth and life in heaven. Nothing could be more important, and we all need to be reminded of this on a consistent basis. Catholic schools are indeed the most effective ways to assist parents in their duty to educate in faith.

With the Bishops, I believe that the stakes could not be higher for the Church and the country, and my reason for writing you today is animated by three deep-seated convictions:

1. Catholic schools afford the fullest and best opportunity to realize the fourfold purpose of Christian education, namely, to provide an atmosphere in which the Gospel message is proclaimed, community in Christ is experienced, service to our sisters and brothers is the norm, and thanksgiving and worship of God is cultivated.
2. The vitality of the Church is inextricably linked to the health of its Catholic schools because they provide the most effective way to evangelize and form holy men and women who make God known, loved, and served.
3. Catholic schools will continue to play a vital role in American civic life, as they exemplify how to prepare citizens for full engagement in democracy and commitment to the common good.

There is no substitute for spending 35 hours each week in an educational environment permeated by faith and Gospel values. With that said, I ask all Catholic families to make Catholic Schools your first choice for the education of your children. Choose St. Mary of the Woods School! There is no investment like the one we make in our young people to provide them with the gift of a Catholic Education, a gift that keeps on giving.

Enclosed, you will find pre-registration forms as well as information on tuition assistance.

Blessings,
Fr. Brian J. Roby,
Pastor



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Tuition Rates for 2026-2027

Good stewardship is an act of faith as we make choices and an act of love when we move forward with faith. We are the stewards of the gifts God provides our school. Pre-registering offers us a great look at the upcoming school year and helps us in planning for supplies, staffing, and other related items. We hope to see every child back at St. Mary next year. The following information provides our fee structure to assist your decision-making as you consider what is best for your child's education.

Returning Student Registration Fee: (books, technology, activities)

\$185.00 per child – 50% due on registration day, **August 2, 2026**; 50% due **November 6, 2026**.

New Student Registration Fee: (books, technology, activities)

\$195.00 per child – 50% due on registration day **August 2, 2026**; 50% due **November 6, 2026**.

<u>Tuition Rate</u>	<u>Sponsored Tuition</u>	<u>Non-Sponsored Tuition</u>
One Child	\$3,825	\$4,825
Two Children	\$6,650	\$8,650
Three or more children	\$8,475	\$11,475

Breakdown of Tuition Rates	Monthly Rate September-June
School Year	26-27
One Student (Sponsored Tuition)	\$382.50 (approx. daily rate-\$22)
One Student (Non-Sponsored Tuition)	\$482.50 (approx. daily rate-\$28)

**ALL NEW STUDENTS
WILL RECEIVE A
\$500
NEW STUDENT
DISCOUNT!**

Tuition Assistance: Our Tuition Assistance dollars are made available to those in need through the gracious contributions of our parishioners and donors. **All returning family applications must be submitted online by March 31, 2026. THESE FUNDS ARE LIMITED and we urge you to apply online if there is a need.** Please note there is a \$40 non-refundable fee for every application. We are using a third party, an outside agency, FACTS, to process your application due to KHSAA standards and to add a layer of financial privacy for families. This company takes the guesswork out of financial aid assessment, helping our school award aid to only those most in need. To apply, please go to our website, www.stmarywoods.com and click on the FACTS link.

Blackbaud Tuition Management: Allows families to set up monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual payments. If making payments, this option is required.

3% Discount: Pay tuition in full by registration day, August 2, 2026, to receive this discount.

Pre-School Tuition Rate- \$2,200 Tuition may be paid in monthly installments of \$220.00. Payment plan will start in August and ends in May. (\$250 discount if you have other children in SMWS.)



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Dear Parents:

Tuition Assistance applications will be accepted for the 2026-2027 school year beginning on March 1, 2026. **All returning families are asked to apply by March 31, 2026.** Our Tuition Assistance dollars are made available to those in need through the gracious contributions of our parishioners and donors. **All applications must be submitted online. THESE FUNDS ARE LIMITED and we urge you to apply online if there is a need.** Please note there is a \$40 non-refundable fee for every application. FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be conducting the financial need analysis for St. Mary of the Woods School for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. This company takes the guesswork out of financial aid assessment, helping our school award aid to only those most in need. Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Applicants can apply online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3WLR1>.

Once an online application has been completed, the following information will need to be sent to FACTS to complete the application process:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.
- Copies of your 2025 W-2 forms for both you and your spouse.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

All supporting documentation must be uploaded in pdf format online.

If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866-441-4637.

Sincerely,

Emily Hernandez
Principal
St. Mary of the Woods School