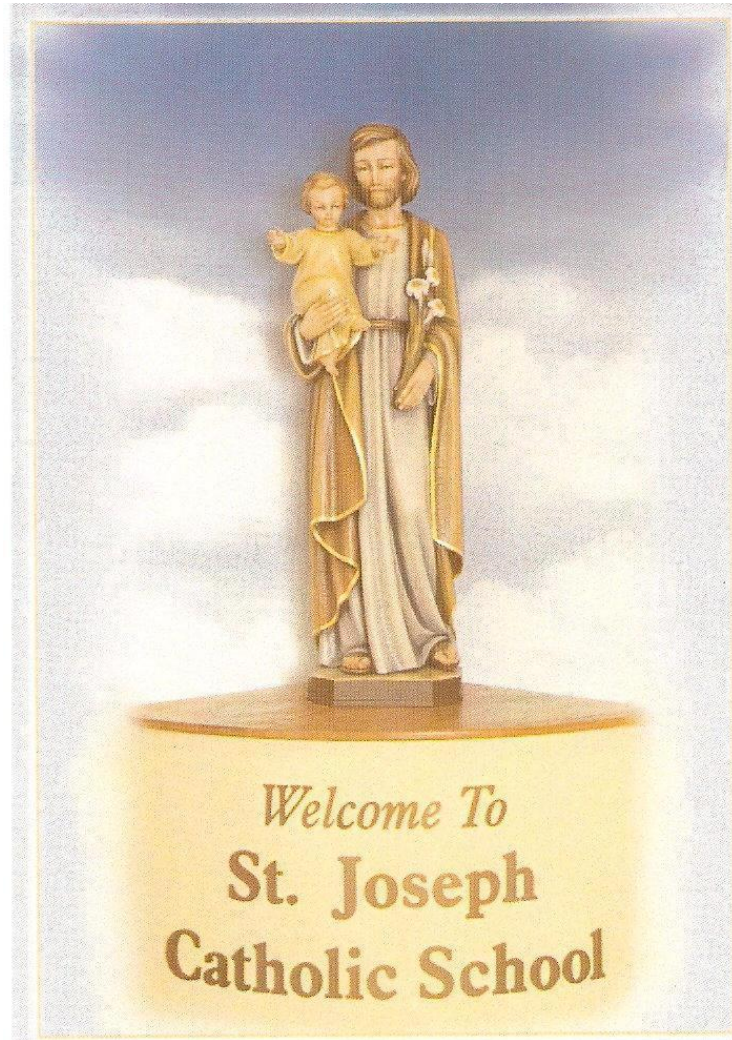


ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Stratford, Wisconsin



MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We, the family of St. Joseph, are committed to educating God's children by promoting Catholic values through academic excellence and service to others.

Fair Share Tuition

Fair Share Tuition is an individual family plan whereby the parent/guardian(s) determine what they can honestly pay towards the actual cost of educating their child (ren). Under this plan, each family's tuition commitment is based on ability to pay. The school does not set the tuition rate. The parents decide what they will pay toward the per pupil cost. The commitments are made based upon mutual trust and they are held in strict confidence. The per pupil cost is the actual cost of educating one child per year. To determine the cost, the school divides total expenses by the school enrollment.

<p>Typical Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How much do I pay? ● Will you ask us about our financial situation? ● Will others know what I am paying? ● Will my children be excluded if I cannot pay the full cost of their education? 	<p>You give whatever you can as your fair share.</p> <p>No. You make your decision in honesty before God, and you tell us what you will pay.</p> <p>No. We are pledged to keep the tuition confidential.</p> <p>No. We accept your child and the amount you can honestly pay.</p>
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Our Catholic schools are for all the children and young people of the Diocese. Financial consideration should never prevent a child from having a Catholic-school education. In fact, generous members of the faithful in the Diocese contribute to provide tuition assistance for children of families who are in need. A substantial amount of tuition assistance is provided by the whole Diocese through the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

(Most Rev. Raymond L. Burke, January 28, 2000)

Non-Discrimination Policy:

St. Joseph Catholic School admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The following figures are required solely for the Accreditation process:

- 2024-2025 School Year Projected Expenses are \$485,329
- Current Enrollment is 28 students (4K-8) and 14 students (3K)
- Projected 2024-2025 Cost Per Pupil \$11,555

NOTE: Fair Share means YOU decide what you pay for YOUR child.

To aid with your financial decision:

Keep in mind the cost listed above is what it costs to educate a single student. On average Fairshare tuition and fees from 3K-8 students covers 36% of expenses, the Parish covers 36% of expenses, and other contributions from donations, endowment trusts, Choice Program payments, and tuition grants/scholarships cover the remaining 28% of expenses.

The average Fairshare tuition payment for 2024-2025 school year for students in grades 4K through 8th grade was \$2,925, or 25% of the per pupil cost.

Tuition Assistance:

Any families needing financial assistance are encouraged to seek it. At St. Joseph Catholic School, our two primary sources of financial aid for families are the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program and Tuition Grants provided by the Diocese of La Crosse and an anonymous foundation.

All families are encouraged to apply first for financial assistance through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). This is because the funds available through WPCP are far greater—because it is a state-wide program—than the funds available through the parish or diocese. Additionally, by drawing funds through WPCP, parish-based funds remain available for those families who may not qualify for aid through WPCP.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program 2025-2026 Adjusted Gross Income Eligibility Chart (AGI) is provided with your registration information. All families at or below these limits may be eligible and you should consider applying for a voucher through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. To apply, a parent needs to complete the Online Parent Application and bring proof of residency, such as a recent utility bill to St. Joseph Catholic School, 119210 Larch Street, Stratford (<https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>). The application opens February 3, 2025 and ends April 17, 2025.

Once a student is awarded a voucher with St. Joseph Catholic School, with minimal paperwork **the voucher follows the child through grade 12.**

Personal and financial information gathered through the WPCP application process is held **strictly confidential**, and is viewable only by the Choice Administrator and the Principal.

For Returning WPCP Families:

Annually returning WPCP families are required to log into the Online Parent Application and update any demographic information. Families are annually required to submit a recent (within 90 days) utility bill with parent's name and current address to St. Joseph Catholic School, 119210 Larch Street, Stratford. **All updated information needs to occur between February 1st and April 18th.**

St. Joseph Catholic School
FAIR SHARE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AGREEMENT
2025-2026 School Year

It being of importance to us to have our child(ren) attend a school which:
 ... is guided by a strong faith in a living God and the possibility
 of an ever growing relationship with Him,
 ... accepts Jesus Christ as God's Son as well as "The Way, The Truth,
 and The Life",
 ... strives to create an atmosphere in which Christian values can be
 fostered and shared...

And believing St. Joseph Catholic School to be such a school, we wish to maintain our child(ren) in this school for the 2025-2026 school year.

Understanding what it takes to operate our quality Catholic school, and having seriously considered our family's situation, we, the undersigned, here promise and pledge the following amount:

Name of Student(s)

Grade

Payment Options: Fill out appropriate choice.

1. Monthly - Nine payments (30th of each month – Aug. - April) _____ x 9 = _____ *
 Total per year
2. Semi-annually - Two payments (30th of Aug. and Jan.) _____ x 2 = _____ *
 Total per year
3. Annually - One payment (Due August 30) _____ *

*NOTE: All families, regardless of payment plan chosen, will pay an additional non-refundable tuition management fee of \$50 due at the time of registration.

 Parent/Guardian Name

 Date

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Agreements

Individual(s) Responsible for Payment of Tuition

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Last Name Number	First Name	Address	City	State	Phone
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During the admissions process, parents and students are expected to submit all documents and make known all information that would directly relate to a student's tenure at the school. Failure to disclose fully pertinent information may lead to denial of admission or require withdrawal if a student has already been admitted.

In registering my/our child for St. Joseph Catholic School, I (we) agree to meet the financial and service commitments outlined. Further, I (we) agree to abide by the guidelines established in the school handbook and recognized that failure to do so could result in dismissal

EXTENDED CARE HOURS from 7 am to 8 am and from 3 pm to 5 pm will be billed separately at a rate of \$7 per child/per day.

I/we agree to make payments of \$7 per day for extended care hours from 7 am to 8 am and 3 pm to 5 pm.

Families Billed Monthly (Due within 10 days of receiving invoice)

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

*NOTE: If the family financial situation changes during the year, resulting in either the ability to pay more or less than indicated on this commitment, then the family must contact the school office immediately, as the family will be responsible for the full amount until that time.