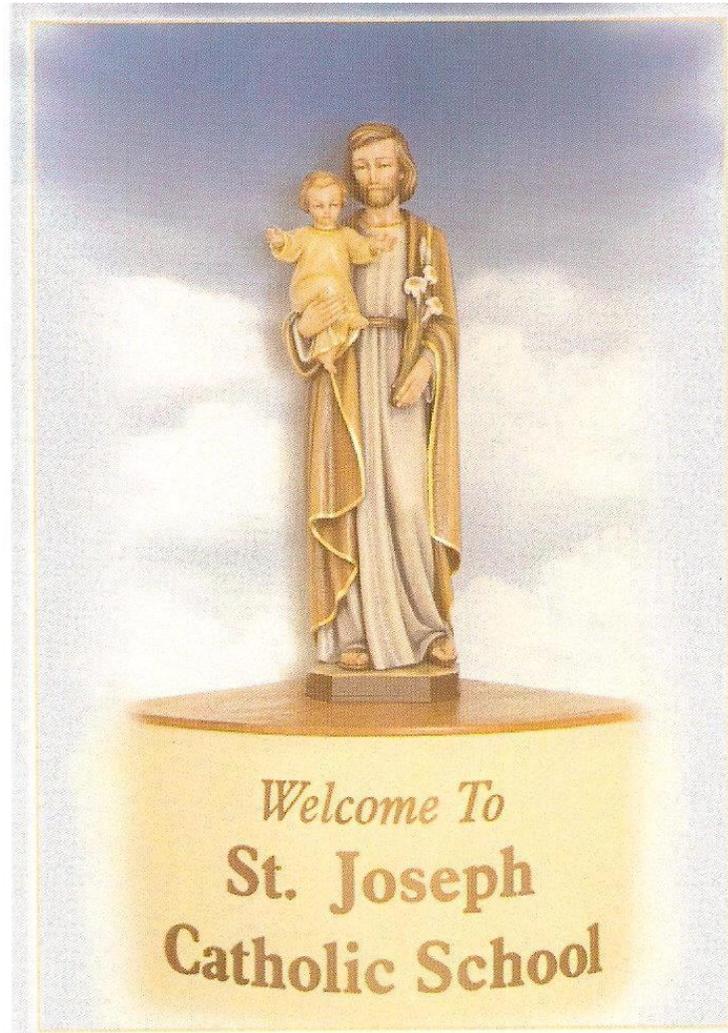


ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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)

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2022-2023 School Year Projected Expenses are \$430,029.86

Current Enrollment is 37 students (4K-8) and 10 students (3K)

Projected 2022-2023 Cost Per Pupil \$9,150

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 from 4K-8 students covers 10% of expenses, the Parish covers 40% of expenses, and other contributions from donations, endowment trusts, Choice Program payments, and tuition grants/scholarships cover the remaining 50% of expenses. The average Fairshare tuition payment for 2022-2023 school year for students in grades 4K through 8th grade was \$1,847, or 20% 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 2023-2024 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 1, 2023 and ends April 20, 2023.

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 20th.**

