

# St. David Parish Scrip Gift Card Tuition Fundraising Program

## **What Is Scrip Fundraising?**

Scrip is a gift card fundraising program offered through St. David parish. The purpose is for families to earn TUITION CREDIT for catholic grade school and high school, as well as the parish religious education program.

It's a "fundraiser" that costs you nothing. You buy gift cards to use as payment for your everyday purchases, and you earn a percentage of the gift card value as a tuition credit.

## **How Does It Work?**

We purchase gift cards at a discount from many retailers. You buy gift cards from us at face value, to use for your everyday spending. These are the same gift cards that you would buy directly from the retailer. With each purchase, you earn 90% of the discount that we receive from the retailer. Our scrip software tracks the earnings for all families throughout the year.

For example, Acme offers us a 5% discount. When you purchase a \$100 Acme gift card for \$100, you earn \$4.50 for your scrip account. Our discount is 5% (\$5.00), and you earn 90% of that (\$4.50). Use the Acme gift card just like cash at the store.

In addition to grocery stores, gift cards are available for just about anything you spend money on: restaurants and other food merchants, department and discount stores, home improvement, electronics, clothing, pharmacy, gasoline, entertainment, office supplies, sporting goods, and travel. The program also has prepaid Visa and Discover cards (no activation fees!). Denominations and discount percentages vary by retailer.

By using gift cards for your everyday purchases, you're not spending any extra money, and you're earning 'cash back' for tuition! The only planning you have to do is deciding which cards to purchase. From buying gas and groceries, to planning a home improvement project, and everything in between, you can earn tuition credit whenever you shop.

## **Who Can Participate?**

In addition to school families, ANYONE can purchase gift cards to earn credit for a family member, friend, or even just to support the parish tuition assistance fund for Queen of Angels families.

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**When Will I Receive The Tuition Credit?**

The scrip program runs throughout the school year. All purchases and earnings are tracked in our system. Letters are sent out in May notifying all families of their accrued tuition credit. For Queen of Angels students, the funds are then forwarded to the tuition office in June, to be applied to your tuition account for the next school year. For all other program participants, the appropriate steps are taken to send your earnings to your designated catholic school, or to the parish tuition assistance fund.

**What Gift Cards Are Available For Purchase?**

We maintain an inventory of grocery stores and several local merchants for your convenience.

We order all other gift cards from our scrip vendor, ShopWithScrip. These orders are placed at least once a month, and referred to as “special orders”. The turnaround time is less than a week from the special order due date.

**Grocery Stores & Local Merchants - denominations and discounts**

Acme	\$25, 50, 100	5%
Giant	\$25, 50, 100	5%
ShopRite	\$25, 50, 100	6%
Weis	\$25, 50, 100	5%
Bonnet Lane	\$10	10%
Flynn & O’Hara	\$25	10%
Rita’s Ice (seasonal)	\$5, 10	10%

**All Other Retailers**

We typically carry an inventory of popular cards, such as Walmart, Wawa, Dunkin Donuts, Home Depot, CVS, Kohl’s, PetSmart, and Amazon.

A complete list of retailers can be found on our vendor’s website. There are hundreds to choose from!

**Use the links on the Queen of Angels scrip page to view the retailer lists.**

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## **How Do I Purchase Gift Cards?**

The Queen of Angels newsletter and St. David Church bulletin are updated regularly with specific schedule information.

### For Queen of Angels school families

- Gift card orders for grocery stores and in-stock retailers can be sent in on Fridays through the students' backpacks.
- Order slips can be found on the Queen of Angels scrip page. Checks must be payable to St. David scrip program.
- Orders are filled by a scrip coordinator, and returned home the same day.
- For more details, see the backpack procedures on the Queen of Angels scrip page.
- Requests for all other gift cards should be sent in on a separate order slip. These cards will be ordered from our vendor with the next monthly special order.

### For everyone

- Gift cards are sold by a coordinator every Friday from 2:30-3:00 at St. David's rectory, and every other Sunday from 10:00-11:00 in Fr. Curran Hall (below the church).
- Orders may also be dropped off with payment in the rectory's outside mailbox. These orders will be filled on Friday and left at the rectory for you to pick up during business hours.

## **Who Can I Contact For More Information?**

Scrip program information is located on the Queen of Angels school website.

<http://www.qoaschool.org/scrip>

If you are new to the program, or if you have any questions, feel free to contact us!

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