

Further Questions?

For further information regarding financial assistance, please contact Miss Marilyn Tomko, Principal of Our Lady of Grace School at (219) 838-2901.



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AT
OUR LADY
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SCHOOL**

*Knowledge for the
mind, body & soul.*

The Benefits Of A Catholic Education

The primary reasons that parents give for sending their children to Catholic school are:

- Academic Excellence
- Emphasis on Catholic values
- Healthy social relationships
- A supportive environment

Our Lady Of Grace Mission Statement

Our Lady of Grace School, with the support of the school families, dedicated faculty, and the entire parish community of Our Lady of Grace, cultivates academic excellence and Catholic values within a distinctive educational framework. The major goal is to prepare students to respond to the challenges in their lives by:

- Providing quality instruction
- Encouraging students to lead “Christ-Centered” lives
- Developing a consciousness of the family of God by providing service to others.

A Tradition of Excellence

The academic preparation That OLG School provides has long been setting the bar for Student Leaders at many local High Schools.

OLG has emphasized academic excellence. For example, 100% of our fifth graders passed all sections of ISTEP. 92% of our 6th and 7th graders passed both sections as well.

Making Catholic School More Affordable

Special Tuition Discounts

- Families who are members of St. James Parish in Highland or Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Hammond may enroll their children at the parishioner tuition rate. For further information, contact the school principal.
- Our Lady of Grace School provides a multiple student discount for parishioners. Eligibility for the parishioner rate requires a minimum \$15 per week church contribution.

•Families also have the opportunity to reduce tuition payments by participating in the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP). The family purchases vouchers with which to make everyday purchases(eg, groceries, gasoline). The purchaser receives a credit of 1.5%-30% of the value of the voucher, depending on the vendor. This credit goes directly towards the family’s tuition balance.

During the 2009-2010 school year, participating families accrued hundreds in TRIP credits, which translated to savings on their tuition bills. Contact the school office for details.

- We also provide a referral incentive discount of \$150.
- Payment in full at registration will qualify families for a 5% discount

Scholarships

- Students in grade 7 may apply for the Monsignor Van Nevel Scholarship.
- Students in grades 1-8 are eligible to apply for the Michael William Jonaitis Memorial Scholarship.
- Students who have good participation in school and community activities, can apply for the Adele M. Courtright Scholarship.

Three Possibilities for Financial Assistance

1-Diocesan Tuition Assistance – The Diocese has provided about \$500,000 for tuition assistance to Catholic students for the 2009-2010 academic year. The parent of any Catholic student in grades 1-12 attending a diocesan school is eligible to apply. Parents must obtain a Private School Aid Service (PSAS) application from the Parish Office. Forms may not be photocopied. A \$21 nonrefundable processing fee must accompany the application.

NOTE: To avoid delays and potential denial of assistance, please provide all documentation requested in the application instructions.

Important Dates

- February 21, 2011: Application forms due to Parish Office.
- April 30, 2011: Parents notified in writing regarding amount of assistance.

For the 2009-2010 school year, the Diocese awarded a total of \$11,456 to 18 OLG students. The awards ranged from \$446-\$1,683. The amount of the award depended upon financial need, number of children attending OLG, and the parishioner’s level of involvement in the Parish Community.

2-Endowment - Funds are used to provide aid to families that need immediate assistance in the event of exceptional circumstances (loss of job, health issues, etc) through the Endowment Fund. Parents may submit a letter to Miss Tomko indicating the reason assistance is requested. The request for assistance will be submitted to the OLG Endowment Committee. Financial assistance will be provided based on need, the number of requests submitted, and funds available for that year. For the 2009-2010 school year, the OLG Endowment Fund provided awards to 5 children totaling \$2,500.

3-Annual Fund - Financial assistance may also be provided under exceptional circumstances through the OLG Annual Fund. Requests should be made to Miss Tomko.