



February 14, 2022

Dear Parents or Guardians:

Faith and education are the greatest gifts we can give to our children, and we are thankful your family has chosen one of our Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools. We value the trust you put in us to provide an academically rigorous education within a nurturing family environment. It is an honor to walk alongside you as we help shape your child(ren)'s futures and strengthen their faith.

As we do each year, the Quincy Catholic Schools Leadership Committee determines tuition rates. We strive to find a balance between maintaining affordability for our families while ensuring the strategic needs of the schools are met. After a careful review, the tuition rates for the 2022-2023 school year will increase \$150 per student (up to two students per family). This is the first tuition increase since the 2019-2020 school year. A full tuition and fees schedule is included on the next page. There, you will also find information about programs available to you which can be used to offset the cost of tuition.

For more than 150 years, Catholic education has been an integral part of the Quincy community. We are able to continue to provide high-quality, affordable, faith-based education thanks, in large part, to the stewardship of our parishioners. This spirit of stewardship in giving of time, talent, and treasure has been invaluable to the longevity and quality of our schools. It has also allowed the parishes to subsidize a significant portion of the cost to educate students which enables us to keep tuition as low and affordable as possible. As stewardship continues to grow within our parishes and our community, we look forward to the many ways our schools and students will continue to flourish.

It is our desire that every child in Quincy, Catholic or non-Catholic, sees one of our four Catholic elementary schools as an option to them. It is also our desire to work with every family to the greatest extent possible to make a Catholic education an affordable investment in their children's future. It is imperative to the continued success of our schools that we attract and enroll new families. We hope that you will share your experience with others and encourage them to consider one of our four schools.

If, after reading this letter, you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to contact either your parish priest or your school principal, both of whom are partners with parents and guardians in providing a Catholic education to every family that wishes to enroll their child(ren). Thank you, again, for choosing a Catholic elementary school.

May God bless you and your family,

Fr. Tom Meyer  
Mrs. Christie Bliven  
**Blessed Sacrament**  
**(217) 228-1477**

Fr. Tom Donovan  
Mrs. Carol Frericks  
**St. Anthony/St. Dominic**  
**(217) 224-0041**

Fr. Steven Arisman  
Ms. Lori Shepard  
**St. Francis**  
**(217) 222-4077**

Msgr. Leo Enlow  
Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh  
**St. Peter**  
**(217) 223-1120**



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## 2022-2023 Tuition & Fees Schedule Kindergarten - 8th Grade

### Tuition

Families **registered** and **actively participating** in one of the four Quincy Catholic Parishes that sponsor a school (Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony, St. Francis, or St. Peter):

|                      | Cost to Educate    | Parish Subsidy    | <b>Cost to Family</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| One Child            | \$6,500            | \$3,500           | <b>\$3,000</b>        |
| Two or more children | \$13,000 (or more) | \$8,625 (or more) | <b>\$4,375</b>        |

Catholic families **not actively participating** in their parish or **not registered** in one of the four Quincy Catholic Parishes listed above OR families of another faith:

|                      | Cost to Educate    | Parish Subsidy    | <b>Cost to Family</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| One Child            | \$6,500            | \$2,525           | <b>\$3,975</b>        |
| Two of more children | \$13,000 (or more) | \$6,300 (or more) | <b>\$6,700</b>        |

If your family is able to pay more than the tuition rates listed above, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. Any amount paid above the cost to family will be considered a tax-deductible donation.

### Fees

Instructional Fee per child: \$190 (Early Bird Discount)  
\$290 (if paid after May 4, 2022)

Technology Fee per child: \$50 (Early Bird Discount)  
\$100 (if paid after May 4, 2022)

In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) at any one of the four Catholic elementary schools, the **non-refundable** Instructional Fee and the Technology Fee must be paid by Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Please note current QCES families who still owe tuition and/or fees for the current school year, 2021-2022, must pay their outstanding amount by Friday, March 25, 2022, in order to enroll their child(ren) for the 2022-2023 school year. Tuition assistance is available for families who qualify.

*Individual schools may charge additional fees.*

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## **2022-2023 Important Dates**

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| February 14, 2022 | Online Application/Enrollment Begins<br><br>FACTS Application Opens<br><br>Scholarship Applications Open<br>Newcomer's Scholarship<br>St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship<br>Fr. Tolton Scholarship  |
| March 25, 2022    | Outstanding balance(s) from the current school year must be paid in full to school (tuition, fees, lunch, etc.)   |
| March 31, 2022    | FACTS application due. Required documentation must be submitted (W-2 forms, tax returns, 1040, etc.)<br><br>Scholarship Applications due  |
| May 4, 2022       | Non-refundable fees paid in full<br>\$190 Instructional Fee<br>\$50 Technology Fee  |
| June 24, 2022     | Tuition must be paid in full or a payment plan must be established with the school through the FACTS Tuition-Management Program. (A 10% late fee will be charged if a family's tuition is not paid in full or verification is not provided that you will make payments through Tuition-Management.) |



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## **2022-2023 Tuition Assistance Opportunities Kindergarten - 8th Grade**

Tuition at a Quincy Catholic elementary school is less than half of the actual cost to educate a student. Therefore, every family receives tuition assistance. However, we understand some families need additional help. It is our desire for your child(ren) to attend one of our four schools. If you have any questions about the assistance opportunities below, please contact Sara Reuschel at [director@quincycatholicschools.org](mailto:director@quincycatholicschools.org) or (217) 779-3157.

### **Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation**

FACTS Program - Approximately 30% of QCES families receive additional tuition assistance through the FACTS Grant & Aid Application process. Families who wish to apply for tuition assistance must complete and submit the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form, including all required supporting documentation. For priority consideration of this application for tuition assistance, it should be submitted by March 31, 2022. Applications will be accepted after that date, but there is no guarantee that tuition assistance funds will still be available. More information on FACTS and how to apply can be found on each of the schools' websites.

Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship - Full-tuition scholarship (K-8) awarded to one family at each of the four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools who have demonstrated financial need as determined by information provided by the family on the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form.

Newcomer's Scholarship - Partially need based, full-tuition scholarship (K-8), either Catholic or non-Catholic, whose family does not currently have any children enrolled in one of Quincy's four Catholic elementary schools and who have demonstrated financial need as determined by information provided by the family on the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form.

St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship - Full-tuition and fees scholarship (K-8) for four students registered at one of the four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools whose family does not currently have a student enrolled and who has demonstrated financial need as determined by information provided by the family on the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form. More than one member of a family may receive the scholarship. The scholarship is intended for students of color, non-Catholic students, students below poverty level, or students with disabilities.

All scholarship applications must be submitted to Sara Reuschel by March 31, 2022.

### **Gene Grawe Fund**

Families can participate in the Gene Grawe Fund to help offset tuition. Participating families may purchase gift cards offered through many retailers. These businesses donate a percentage of the profits into the scholarship fund which is then distributed to the tuition accounts of the families participating. Relatives and friends of families can also purchase cards to generate funding. To learn more, visit [www.genegrawefund.org](http://www.genegrawefund.org) or stop by the office located in the lobby at St. Peter Church, 2600 Maine Street.

### **Empower Illinois**

Empower Illinois is a Tax Credit Scholarship for K-12 students that covers up to 100% of private school tuition up to a maximum of approximately \$13,000. The scholarships are need based. The application is a two-step process. Applicants must first reserve their place in line by completing a brief online form, then a full application must be completed. Visit [www.empowerillinois.org](http://www.empowerillinois.org) for more information.

For additional information on these tuition assistance opportunities, visit [www.quincycatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance](http://www.quincycatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance).



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## **2022-2023 Tuition & Fees Schedule St. Peter Pre-School**

### **4-Year-Old Program**

- Five days/week (Monday-Friday, 8:05-11:00 OR 12:00-2:45)
  - Enrollment Fee - \$130
  - Online Forms Fee - \$10
  - Supply Fee - \$55
  - FACTS Fee - \$20 (if making two payments)
  - Tuition - \$1,100 due in June OR \$550 due in June and \$550 due in November

### **3-Year-Old Program**

- Three half- days/week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8:05-11:00 OR 12:00-2:45)
  - Enrollment Fee - \$100
  - Online Forms Fee - \$10
  - Supply Fee \$40
  - FACTS Fee - \$20 (if making two payments)
  - Tuition - \$850 due in June OR \$425 due in June and \$425 due in November