

## **Shop For Our Schools**

**A way to help Sts. Joachim & Ann School without increasing your current spending.**

The Shop For Our Schools Program is available to everyone and is an easy way to help the school earn additional revenue. Below are some commonly asked questions about the program.

### **What is the Shop For Our Schools Program?**

*Shop For Our Schools is a unique fund-raiser that raises money for the school without costing a family any additional expense. Each school family is required to generate at least \$200 in profit by purchasing gift certificates for groceries, gas cards, local restaurants, etc. Buying out or paying the difference are also options.*

### **How does it work?**

*Local merchants sell us gift certificates at a discount. We, in turn, sell them to participating families for face value. For example: Shop n Save gives us a 4% discount. If you purchase \$500 worth of grocery gift certificates – the school will earn \$20.*

### **Are these coupons?**

*No, these are gift certificates and gift cards; they spend like money.*

### **Are the certificates for stores at which I shop?**

*We have over 150 merchants that include Dierbergs, Shop n Save, McDonalds, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, and Home Depot. The order form is separated by categories to make your shopping easier.*

### **What if I grocery shop at Schnucks?**

*Schnucks does not sell certificates, but participates in a different way. If you are a Schnucks shopper, stop at the service desk and ask for an e-scrip card (our Group I.D. is 6574691). Once the card is activated, simply swipe the card every time you shop at Schnucks and they will donate a percentage of your purchases to school. This donation will be tracked by family and applied to your \$200 requirement for the year. Contact Schnucks for more details on the e-scrip card.*

### **Do you keep certificates in stock?**

*We keep many gift certificates in stock. All grocery stores and most restaurants are always in stock. Walmart, Target, and Kohl's certificates are also in stock. You can look on an order form to see what we typically have in stock. All in-stock items are marked with a ♦ on your order form.*

### **How long will it take to get something not in stock?**

*Orders for non-stock items placed before 8:30 a.m. on Monday will be available Thursday of that week.*

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*Throughout the school year, orders are filled every day of the week. If your order is received by 8:30 a.m., it will be ready by 2:00 p.m. that afternoon, based on available inventory.*

**How can I obtain certificates?**

**Church Lobby:** *Certificates are sold each weekend at the following times –*

*Saturday after 5:00 p.m. Mass*

*Sunday after 7:30 a.m. Mass (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)*

*Sunday after 9:30 a.m. Mass*

*Sunday before 11:30 a.m. Mass*

**School Hours:**

*When school is in session, orders can be sent in with your child in the morning or dropped off in the school office. All orders received by 8:30 a.m. each morning will be filled that day and ready for pick-up in the school office by 2:00 p.m. that afternoon if the items are in stock. Orders can also be sent home with your child in his/her backpack. All orders that are sent home are signed for by the student and become his/her responsibility.*

**Online:**

*Orders can be placed online using [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and PrestoPay. For more information and the enrollment code please call the School Office @ 636-441-4835.*

**Is the program profitable?**

*Each school year, Shop For Our Schools is able to provide the school earnings from certificates purchased by our families.*

**What is the money used for?**

*The profits from the \$200 requirement go into the operating budget of the school and help keep tuition costs down. Excess earnings will be pooled and earmarked annually for specific items/improvements to benefit the entire student body. If you prefer to have your excess earnings allocated to help a needy family reach their requirement or used to purchase supplies for a specific classroom, you can indicate that on the order form.*

**Is participation mandatory?**

*Yes, the program is mandatory for school families. Each family is required to earn \$200 in profits or make up the difference at the end of the school year. Families may also buy out of the program with a \$200 payment.*

**Who handles all this work?**

*The Shop For Our Schools Program has a large number of dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, call Beth Harmon at 314-249-6693.*

**I am totally confused – who do I call?**

*If you have any questions about the program or earning your \$200 requirement, please call the school office @ 636-441-4835.*