



# AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## TUITION INFORMATION

## 2021-22



## STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

### A Financial Summary

**The Diocese of Lincoln and the Aquinas Catholic Schools of St. Mary's and Aquinas MS/HS remain committed to providing high-quality Catholic education to all families who want it.** These schools have been working for several years to establish a stronger, more sustainable financial position, while keeping tuition affordable. The goal was to reach a mix that lightened the load for parishes. This requires an

It is a complex financial mix that requires balancing the needs of our parishes, affordable tuition, and fundraising.

increase in other revenue, including fund-raising and tuition. We have been taking smaller steps to get tuition to the level necessary for this balance. We backed off these increases last year because of the challenges from COVID. This year, we will need to increase tuition to continue moving toward a more balanced financial picture. We have, however, adjusted the increases to help soften them some, using a portion of the COVID assistance and by building a stair-stepped tuition schedule to help multi-child families. We are grateful to the financial committees for their tireless work to keep our schools academically, spiritually, and financially strong well into the

future. We can't fulfil that mission without your help and support, though. **Please review the information on this handout and reach out to your school as needed.** We will also hold **an open forum on Wed., Mar. 10 at 7 PM at Aquinas**, where you may come to ask questions and seek clarification.

### Why Catholic Education?

- Catholic Christian formation
- Mass and confession
- Private prayer time with Eucharistic Adoration weekly (6-12)
- Spiritual direction for high school students
- Discipline and Uniforms
- Passionate, hard-working teachers
- Strong academics and success rates (well above national average)
- Demanding, aligned K-12 curricula process
- Strong and successful extra-curricular activities
- K-12 virtue/SEL program
- Excellent technology in the classrooms
- Cognia/Advanced Ed accredited
- Comparable tuition with other private schools

*It's worth the sacrifice +*

## GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIPS INCREASE AGAIN

The Diocese of Lincoln has long committed to making sure we have the best Catholic schools that are affordable to anyone who wants solid formation for their children. One important step in that commitment has been the Good Shepherd Scholarships, started in 19-20.

For families who meet the established income levels, the scholarship is  
\$1600 + \$330 tech fee = **\$1930 for grades K-8** and  
\$1900 + \$330 tech fee = **\$2230 for grades 9-12.**

**Please apply by Mar. 31.**  
<https://online.factsmgt.com/si/gnin/43NG4>

| 2021-2022   |                       | Income Level |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Family Size | 225% of Poverty Level |              |
| 2           | \$39,195              |              |
| 3           | \$48,870              |              |
| 4           | \$58,950              |              |
| 5           | \$69,030              |              |
| 6           | \$79,110              |              |
| 7           | \$89,190              |              |
| 8           | \$99,270              |              |
| 9           | \$111,870             |              |
| 10          | \$124,470             |              |

**For all families** Aquinas Guardian Angel Max Tuition scholarships keep tuition costs at/below 7% of a family's income (AGI from most recent tax form). See reverse.

## 2021-22 TUITION SCHEDULE

Stair-steps and Max Tuition help school families

In order to avoid the sharp drop from child 3 (full-tuition) to child 4 (free—if FACTS completed), St. Mary's and Aquinas will adopt a stair-stepped tuition model as follows.

**The oldest child is the first child, then additional children, decreasing in age.**

|      | Oldest Child – circle one |              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> child – circle one |              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> child – circle one |              |
|------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
|      | Yearly                    | Monthly (10) | Yearly                             | Monthly (10) | Yearly                             | Monthly (10) |
| K-5  | \$2174                    | \$217.40     | \$1967                             | \$196.70     | \$1863                             | \$186.30     |
| 6-8  | \$2899                    | \$289.90     | \$2623                             | \$262.30     | \$2485                             | \$248.50     |
| 9-12 | \$3628                    | \$362.80     | \$3282                             | \$328.20     | \$3110                             | \$311.00     |

- Non-Catholic and exchange students pay 1.5 times these rates because they have no parish support.

| <b>Fill in your family's information:</b>         | <b>Max Tuition Example:</b>  | <b>Good Shepherd Example:</b>  |
|---|--|--|
| Child 1:  | Child 1 (9 <sup>th</sup> grade): \$3628                                      | Child 1 (9 <sup>th</sup> grade):<br>$3628 - 1900 = \$1728$                   |
| Child 2:  | Child 2 (7 <sup>th</sup> grade): 2623  | Child 2 (7 <sup>th</sup> grade):<br>$2623 - 1600 = 1023$                     |
| Child 3:  | Child 3 (5 <sup>th</sup> grade): 1863  | Child 3 (5 <sup>th</sup> grade):<br>$1863 - 1600 = 263$                      |
| Child 4 and more:<br>(Free if you apply in FACTS) | Child 4 (3 <sup>rd</sup> grade): 0   | Child 4 (3 <sup>rd</sup> grade): 0   |
| Diocesan Tech fee<br>total: (\$330 each)          | Tech fee total: 1320   | Tech fee total: 0<br>(covered by GSS)  |
| <b>Total Tuition and Fees:</b>                    | <b>Total Tuition and Fees:</b><br>\$9434                                     | <b>Total Tuition and Fees:</b> <b>\$3014</b>                                 |
| AGI x .07=Max Tuition                             | Max Tuition<br>$(85000 \times .07) =$ <b>\$5950</b>                          | Max Tuition<br>$(55000 \times .07) =$ \$3850                                 |
|   | <b>Therefore, family pays only \$5950 in Tuition/Fees, a \$3484 discount</b> | <b>Therefore, family pays only \$3014 in Tuition/Fees, a \$5100 discount</b> |

**YOUR FAMILY IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS. PLEASE LET FR. TIMMERMAN  
KNOW IF THESE BENEFITS ARE NOT ENOUGH FOR YOUR FAMILY.**

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP.**

The Mission of Aquinas and St. Mary's Catholic schools community is to provide a Christ-centered learning environment where we develop individuals to be Disciples of Christ in all areas of their lives.