



Catholic Church and School

SCRIP PROGRAM

For years, St. Anthony de Padua and many other Catholic Schools in the across the country have participated in the SCRIP program. The SCRIP program at St. Anthony allows both school and non-school families to purchase gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use SCRIP cards and certificates to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials. At this time of year, SCRIP is also ideal for giving gift cards for things like iTunes, Starbucks, Home Depot, Guitar Center—just about anything. With every purchase, families earn rebates from 2% to 15% that can be used to offset tuition at St. Anthony or can be donated back to the Parish.

Our Parish is a great beneficiary of the SCRIP program. Last year, the SCRIP participating families purchased over \$1.0M in certificates and cards generating nearly \$47K in rebates. In the coming years, by making SCRIP as easy and convenient as possible for families to manage, we hope to at least double the purchases and rebates earned. Recently, Fr. Mark has worked w/ our two SCRIP coordinators to make the program even *more* convenient and easy for *all* Parish families, regardless of whether you have children in the School.

For starters, families now receive the entire SCRIP rebate after a maximum 15% administrative fee that could be less depending on the volume of sales. Also, online SCRIP (www.shopwithscrip.com) is now available. Just about all your favorite Michiana and National retailers are available online. With online SCRIP, you can order and pay for SCRIP online and pick it up after School on Mon, Wed, or Fri, or after all Masses except 7AM. You can also arrange to have it sent home w/ your child. Features like instant SCRIP certificates and instant reload for gift cards are being added online every week for select vendors. No matter how you use SCRIP, it's ideal for holiday shopping, special occasions, vacations, day to day purchases...just about anything.

To sign up, each family will simply need to complete a SCRIP participation agreement. These are available online or in the back of the Church along w/ other helpful fliers. If you're not sure yet how to allocate your rebate, don't worry; you can see how much you've earned at the end of the April and make your choice then.

It's important to note that designating a significant portion of your SCRIP rebate as a donation to St. Anthony is essential to the program's success. While not required, we recommend that you elect to make a tax-deductible donation of at least 50% of your rebate to support the parish mission. Your donation allows us to cover important educational and parish expenses. This is obviously a personal choice and we realize each family gives as they are able.

Thank you.