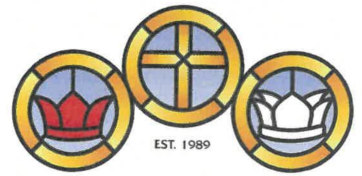


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Dear Parents and Parishioners,

As you may have heard this school year the State of Ohio expanded the **EdChoice** income-based scholarship program, making it available to all Ohio families with students in K-8 and high school.

Students whose family's household adjusted gross income* is:

- at or below 450% of the Federal Poverty Line qualify for the full scholarship
- above 450% of the Federal Poverty Line qualify for a lower scholarship based on a sliding scale

All families who apply will be, at the very least, awarded the **minimum \$650 scholarship** for grades K-8, and \$950 for grades 9-12. Once students are approved for EdChoice, the approval stays with them for the duration of their education.

Since 1996 St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish has awarded over \$2,300,000 in tuition subsidies to our parish families with children in Catholic grade schools. This extraordinary amount is a clear witness to the strong commitment our parish has had to support families with a financial need who wanted to provide a Catholic grade school education for their children.

With the expanded availability of EdChoice, however, and in consultation with the Finance Council, we are announcing that the current tuition subsidy program at St. Max will end on June 30, 2024. St. Max is committed to being good stewards of the donations that are entrusted to the parish. Since EdChoice scholarships provide more financial assistance than the parish can offer, it became clear that funds could be better utilized to support other parish and ministry needs. Please be assured that this situation was evaluated very carefully before coming to this decision.

If you have children enrolled at one of our local Catholic schools or are interested in enrolling, and would like to apply for EdChoice, please contact the respective school office for more information.

Sincerely,

Fr. James Riehle

Pastor

*see table for details



"Never be afraid of loving Mary too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."
- St. Maximilian Kolbe