

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION *from Fr. Joe*

The Catholic Communities of St. John Starlight and St. Mary, Navilleton commend and encourage those families wanting to send their children to a Catholic school at a neighboring parish with a school. In the past, our two parishes would pay for the difference in cost between the parishioner and non-parishioner tuition rate.

However, the Indiana Education Choice Scholarship has now evolved so that this difference in tuition rates has little relevance. With the scholarship, a student's total tuition is now far less than the old rate difference.

It is estimated that 96.5% of all Hoosier families will qualify for the Education Choice Scholarship this fall and this will pay the vast majority of the tuition at a private school.

The remaining 3.5% of families able to afford the tuition do not need to receive money from the parishes' limited resources. A household of four earning more than \$220,000, the new annual limit to qualify this fall, is bringing in well over half of each parish's entire annual budget!

We hope you will take advantage of this tremendous opportunity and apply for the Indiana Education Choice Scholarship starting this 2023-24 academic year. This year the scholarship will far surpass the assistance the parishes previously provided.

Please note that major changes have occurred this year and those who did not qualify in the past may qualify this year. This information is so new that the state's web site has not yet been updated to reflect these latest changes.

Please ask about the Education Choice Scholarship when registering at a Catholic School.