

Please see the tuition letter below:

Notes:

- **Picture Retakes:** Picture retakes are scheduled for **Monday, November 13th.**

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Dear Saint Mary Families,

In anticipation of the December 1<sup>st</sup> opening of the portal to apply for the tuition tax credit and to have the necessary paperwork ready for our families who want to apply, the School of Saint Mary Advisory Council has set tuition for the 2024-25 school year. We realize this is very early, and want families to know that we have worked hard to anticipate our needs based on previous years' budget numbers. Leaders from our diocesan schools across the diocese have worked together to keep tuition increases as consistent as possible in all our schools. One of the biggest challenges, especially in this time of teacher shortage, is keeping compensation for our employees commensurate with schools across the state. The state of Oklahoma has provided substantial raises over the last year. Our advisory council members did an extensive comparison of School of Saint Mary salaries to those of other schools, Catholic as well as public, at it is those numbers that drove this increase.

The School of Saint Mary Advisory Council has approved a tuition increase of 5% for the 2024-25 school year. Our goal is always one of keeping tuition increases as minimal as possible. The objective of the budget process is to create a budget which will allow the School of Saint Mary to continue to be one of the best values in our city. The operational line items in the annual budget, except for salaries, taxes and insurance, have not increased.

**School of Saint Mary Tuition for Academic Year 2024-25**

Payment Options:		Annual	Semi-Annual	Monthly
Registered Parishioner Rate	Total Tuition	1 payment Due July	2 payments Due July & January	10 payments Due July through April
1 child	\$6,224.00	\$6,224.00	\$3,112.00	\$622.40
2 children	\$10,673.00	\$10,673.00	\$5,336.50	\$1,067.30
3 children	\$14,161.00	\$14,161.00	\$7,080.50	\$1,416.10
4 children	\$16,806.00	\$16,806.00	\$8,403.00	\$1,680.60
5 children	\$20,398.00	\$20,398.00	\$10,199.00	\$2,039.80
Non-Parishioner Rate				
Per child	\$7,773.00	\$7,773.00	\$3,886.50	\$777.30

The School of Saint Mary is committed to a financial aid program. In addition to the new tuition tax credit, tuition assistance will remain available through the Saint Francis Tuition Assistance program, Go for Catholic Schools, Veritas, and our Saint Mary Tuition Assistance program. Families are encouraged to apply for tuition assistance.

On behalf of Fr. Stuart, Jenni Haynes, our advisory council president, and myself, please feel free to contact any one of us should you have questions or concerns.

*Suzanne Nelson*

The School of St. Mary exists to carry out the educational mission of the Church  
by teaching children to live, love, learn and walk with God.

# For Your Information


SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

[www.schoolofsaintmary.com](http://www.schoolofsaintmary.com)

November 10, 2023



## November/December 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
5	6	7	8	9	10 9am Mass-5th Veterans Day Assembly after Mass	11
12	13 8:00am Picture Retakes	14 8:30-12:00pm 7th to Outsider Movie & House 9:45-11am Mothers of Young Children Mtg.	15 Pizza Day	16	17 9am Mass-3rd	18
19	20	21	22 No School / Thanksgiving Break	23 Thanksgiving day 	24 No School / Thanksgiving Break	25
26	27 2nd Qtr Progress Rpts. Issued	28	29	30	1 9am Mass-8th Middle School Basketball Tournament	2 Middle School Basketball Tournament
3 Middle School Basketball Tournament	4	5 Free Dress	6	7 7pm Advisory Council Mtg.	8 9am Mass-7th	9 2:30pm Parish Family Advent Afternoon

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*a connected community*  
*academic distinction*



# Kindergarten 2024-2025

Scan the QR code to  
get our on interest list:



Scan the QR code to  
schedule a testing  
appointment:



Questions: [sarah.edwards@schoolofsaintmary.com](mailto:sarah.edwards@schoolofsaintmary.com)



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CHURCH AND SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

**M O** **Y C** **MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN**

**November 14, 2023**

**9:45am - 11am**

Katharine Drexel Meeting Room  
Church of Saint Mary, 1347 E. 49th Pl.



MOYC meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:45am for fellowship, faith, and friendship. Each month we will have an activity or a speaker relevant to mothers raising Catholic families. We welcome all moms in our community to join us as we share family values and child-rearing experiences.

*Please reserve childcare by Friday, Nov. 10.*

Email [Kate.Hofland@gmail.com](mailto:Kate.Hofland@gmail.com)

School of Saint Mary

# THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

Bring \$5 per student to help build Thanksgiving baskets for families at St. Miguel School of Tulsa



Venmo Laura Andrews  
OR  
Turn in cash to your teacher

Please label all donations with name of student and grade.

Money Will Be Collected

**NOVEMBER 6-10**

**Take 5!**

- Give \$5 per student
- Give 5 minutes of thanks each day

# Waiting and Preparing: Family Advent Afternoon

All families are welcome to attend an afternoon of advent activities to prepare for the Christmas season.

December 9th at 2:30pm  
Our Lady of Grace Building



**Please RSVP to [chassink@churchofsaintmary.com](mailto:chassink@churchofsaintmary.com) by Dec. 5th.**



## *Empowering God's Children*<sup>®</sup> Safe Environment Program Information Sheet & Optional Opt-Out Form

Dear Parents and Guardians,

November 10, 2023

To assist in the monumental mission of protecting children from abuse, the School of Saint Mary is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your youth within the youth program. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children. In addition, we must also teach children about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves. This year, your child will experience one of the following age-appropriate lessons:

### *Empowering God's Children Program Information:*

A program for children presented by Lesson Leaders, each lesson includes an age-appropriate video component along with engaging learning activities. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their safety rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them.

Lesson 1: *Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules*  
Lesson 2: *Safe Adults, Safe Touches and Special Safe Adults*  
Lesson 3: *Boundaries: You Have Rights!*

Lesson 4: *Secrets, Surprises and Promises*  
Lesson 5: *Being a Safe Friend*  
Lesson 6: *Boundaries: Feelings and Facts*

Research shows that child sexual abuse prevention is most effective when there is a partnership between parents and Lesson Leaders, when material is reiterated in a school setting, and when the training is interactive and activity based. As the primary educators of your children, parents and guardians are encouraged to review these materials ahead of time. Please review the lessons on your own to start these vital safety conversations at home. Two additional resources may be available to you for review through this location upon request: *The Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide*, and *The Lesson Leader Orientation and Certification Module*. Thank you for your partnership with us to protect youth.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

*Date of in-program training: November 16 and teachers will be teaching Lessons 3 and 4.*

*For questions, or to obtain access to the specific lesson and related activities, please communicate with: Pat Kimmel at pat.kimmel@schoolofsaintmary.com.*

Please note: Parents and Guardians may "opt out" youth from formal in-program safety lessons.

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**TO OPT-OUT THE CHILD FROM THE SAFETY LESSON, RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

I, *(printed name of parent or guardian)* \_\_\_\_\_, DO NOT give permission for this location to present the *Empowering God's Children* Safety Lesson to my child *(printed name of child)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_