

St. Peter's Scrip Program

So what is this Scrip Program I'm always hearing about at Church? Scrip is a card you purchase that works just like any other gift card....the only difference is that a percentage of each card that is purchased comes back to the us. **For instance, if you buy a \$25 Pick N Save card—the parish gets back \$1.** Some vendors offer a greater pay back than others....but all of them give money back to us just because you committed to spending money at their business.

Did you know...



.....that last week the Scrip Program here made out a couple checks — one over \$500 and one over \$400 to parents who buy Scrip regularly? This was to help them pay for their children's Catholic Education.
.....that your purchases of Scrip can also help you pay your child's CCD, Confirmation and Catholic School expenses?
.....that St. Anne's Parish in Pleasant Prairie has Scrip as it's only fundraiser and that they raise over \$40,000 a year for their Church?
.....that Scrip costs you nothing? There are no hidden costs to you. If you buy a \$25 card—it's worth \$25.

Soooooo—all of us need to buy groceries and gas on a regular basis. Most folks shop and fill up at the same places. If you take the time to buy a Scrip card - you don't have to run around with cash or use a credit card—you just have to carry a card. How easy is that!



Here's the deal.....We all know the economy has been weak. It has affected all of us on some level. It has had an effect on our Church donations as well. We've told you about how buying Scrip can help fund your child's Catholic education and faith formation and for those who need the help, putting forth a little bit of effort to purchase the cards is kind of a no brainer. That can be a big help for families. You can purchase Scrip and have half the rebate monies applied to a family or friend's school/CCD/Confirmation account **OR (and here is something you may not have known) you can have it applied directly to the Church.**

Can it really financially help the Church? Since this summer our bulletin has been showing you that our incoming donations have decreased and that has a direct impact on how we do business here at the parish. Many folks are on fixed incomes and struggling financially already—so we don't want to ask for more money. With the Scrip program, we can earn money for the parish without it costing you any more money than you already spend. You still buy groceries and gas, go to the drug store and need to buy gifts from time to time. Scrip doesn't cost you money — the only cost is in the time you have to spend purchasing it.

Help!

How Do I purchase Scrip? Scrip cards are available after all the weekend Masses and when School is in session—at the School office. There is a form for you to fill out if you want to have the Scrip applied to a specific family or student's educational account or if you want it to be applied directly to the Church. There is a copy of the form enclosed in this bulletin and there are always forms on the table in the lobby. Before the month is over there will also be a way for you to download a form from our parish website. We are working on a plan that will allow you to go to a link on our website and order Scrip directly from home—with the rebates directed to St. Peter's Scrip Account. That may take some time to get together. We'll keep you posted on the progress.

Is Scrip really worth my time....will a few cents here and there really make a difference? If we could even get 100 parishioners to start supporting the Scrip program on a regular basis it would make a BIG difference. We know your time is valuable—but we also know that when we ask the people of St. Peter's to help us when we need it—they always come through. We're fortunate that way. Pray about whether you can make the extra effort in your busy schedule to buy Scrip and help us out at the same time.



I still have questions—who should I contact? You can call Denise Malsack 551-7674, Theresa Loewen 658-1103, Anne Marie Costabile 551-8977, or the School at 551-8383.