

A Brief Explanation of Scrip

What is it?

Scrip is simply gift cards/certificates for many retailers, restaurants, and services, both local and nationwide. Instead of using cash, a check, or a credit card when you make your purchase, you use your Scrip gift card. The great thing about Scrip is that you can use it for everyday purchases: groceries, gas, prescriptions, clothing, gifts, etc. You don't need to spend any more money than you already do, AND you help raise money for St. Greg's.

How does it work?

The Scrip program allows St. Greg's Parish to purchase gift cards/certificates in bulk at a discount. The Scrip retailers offer discounts varying from 2% to 20%. Parishioners simply buy Scrip from St. Greg's paying the face value of the Scrip gift card/certificate, and St. Greg's receives the profit. **For example**, Pick 'n Save cards are available to St. Greg's at a 3% discount – when you purchase a gift card for \$100, the parish receives \$3. Over the course of a year, a family that spends \$400 per month on Pick 'N Save cards would generate a profit of \$144 for St. Greg's.

How do you purchase Scrip?

We have the most popular Scrip vendors available on a cash-and-carry basis. You fill out a Cash and Carry order form that is available in the parish office or at the Scrip Store and pay with cash or check. Then you take your Scrip card and go spend it like cash.

Besides the vendors that we offer Cash and Carry, there are hundreds more that you can order. We have a complete listing at the Scrip Store and the Parish Office, or you can go online to GLScrip.com. Scrip order forms are available in the school and parish offices and are also sent home in the weekly school folder. In addition forms are available at the Scrip Store, which is located in the church's east vestibule and is open after all weekend masses. Forms can also be downloaded from our parish website:

<http://www.stgregsmil.org/>

Once you have your order form all you need to do is complete it, write out one check to St. Greg's for the total dollar amount, and turn it in to the school or parish office or to the Scrip Store. Nine o'clock Monday morning is the deadline for submitting Scrip orders. Your certificates will be available for pick-up on Friday morning. You can choose to pick up the certificates from the parish office on Friday or after mass on the weekends, or you can have them sent home from school with your child.

What's the catch?

It requires a little planning on your part, but once you get in the habit, you'll be surprised at how easy it is.

What's the benefit?

By planning what Scrip to buy, it can actually help with budgeting. And even more importantly, those seemingly small weekly profits grow into thousands of dollars for our parish each year.

How do you enroll?

Pick up a Scrip enrollment form from the school or parish office or download the form from our parish website. It will take you just a few minutes to complete. There's no waiting; you can begin buying Scrip right away.

Even more good news?!

See the PACE flyer to see how your profits can help lessen the cost of Catholic education at St. Greg's!