

Financial Assistance Opportunities

Our Lady of Charity School wants to make sure that a Catholic education is affordable to our families. Our Lady of Charity gives each child a Scholarship from the parish community. Please see the options available to help you afford a Catholic Education for your child(ren)!

Caritas

New K-8 fam

The Archdiocese of Chicago, through the Office of Catholic Schools, is coordinating a financial assistance initiative, the Caritas Scholars Program. The primary goal of the program is to award need-based assistance to families who want to make a Catholic School education a reality but need help covering the cost of tuition. Scholarships are available to new families of a child enrolled in grades K-8. Current students may be eligible for these funds, however, all tuition must be current. The grant money will be committed for three years assuming the student(s) remain in good academic standing and show a financial need. Funds must be applied for every year. In order to apply for this Scholarship, every family must complete a FACTS Grand and Aid Financial application **and** a Caritas Application.

To apply on FACTS: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/42BQZ>

Preschool and K-8 Before and A

Illinois Action for Children

Our Lady of Charity School works with Illinois Action for Children to help provide financial assistance for Preschool students as well as before and after School care for students in grades K-8.

Illinois Action for Children is a state program that helps families pay for childcare, including preschool and before and after school care. The goal is to assist low-income parents to pay for childcare as the parent strives toward self-sufficiency by engaging in a qualifying activity, such as work, and/or school. To be eligible, parents must be either working and/or in school and meet income and family size guidelines. A part of the application is completed by Our Lady of Charity, and we'll help answer any questions you may have. If qualified, it may help cover part or most of your child's preschool costs.

Preschool For All

3 and 4 year- old Presc

This Program is funded by the Illinois State Board of Education. Preschool for All is designed to meet the learning and developmental needs of each child. Preschool for All is an Illinois program that brings together qualified staff, a proven curriculum and parent involvement to promise that all three- and four-year-olds can engage in the early learning experiences they need to help prepare children for success in school and life. Preschool for All funds can be applied to Our Lady of Charity School if qualified. All students are screened in the Fall to determine eligibility.

Studies show children who get a high-quality preschool experience are more likely to succeed in the future. They are more likely to graduate high school, earn more as adults, and are less likely to need special education. By fostering social, emotional and thinking skills, Preschool for All helps prepare children for kindergarten and their school career.

Our Lady of Charity Financial Assistance

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For families who cannot receive financial assistance from the above programs, we offer limited financial assistance through Our Lady of Charity Parish. This money is received from private donors and fundraising. All families must annually complete the FACTS Grant and Aid Application and an OLC Financial Assistance Form <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6-Gkg-RD-SfMGxtLVNhR3Z5Zms/view?usp=sharing>. Money distributed will be available until the budget has been depleted.