



St. Michael's Lutheran Church

SCRIP PROGRAM

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What is the SCRIP Program?

St. Michael's SCRIP is a program designed to help families save money that may be applied to various accounts as explained below. There is no cost to you – it's just buying things in a different way.

How does it work?

You may order gift cards, at face value, for stores that you will normally purchase items from. St. Michael's will then buy these cards at a discounted rate from Great Lakes Scrip or local stores directly. The discount varies from store to store, but the money saved from that discount is then split between you and the St. Michael's Scrip Program (65/35).

Once a year, you may apply your savings toward your child(ren's) upcoming educational expenses, the 7th and 8th grade trip, home purchase, another St. Michael's family, or bank roll it until a future time.

What stores participate in this program?

There are a wide range of stores nationally that are a part of this program. You may contact the school office for an up-to-date list of local merchants or go to www.glscrip.com for an up-to-date national list. St. Michael's also has a SCRIP gift certificate that you can give in which the recipient may choose what they would like for a gift card.

Can I use what I purchase anywhere?

Yes. A gift card may be used in any retailer store coast to coast. So use them as you go on vacation. They also make great gifts for family and friends. Your family members may also ask purchase SCRIP for you to help you in your savings as well.

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How long does it take to receive my order?

SCRIP is usually ordered weekly. If you have your order in to the school office by Tuesday morning, you should receive your order later that week. We even order during the summer months, so watch for information on when and how to place and pick up your order.

What if I forgot to place an order or need something right away?

We do keep a limited amount of the more popular SCRIP cards on hand. You may stop by the office to purchase something from our stock.

May I use my savings to pay for current educational expenses?

No. It may only be applied toward expenses for the upcoming year.

Can I use my SCRIP savings to pay for Child Care fees?

No. Since we only disperse savings once a year, it may only be used toward school expenses. You may designate your savings toward a child care project, but not the daily expenses of child care.