

St. Bernadette Manna Program
2011/2012

Welcome back to school. We'd like to inform you about St. Bernadette Manna program. The St. Bernadette Manna program's primary purpose is to allow all families a chance to help reduce the cost of their child's Catholic Education. The Manna program offers all of the school families the opportunity to earn tuition credits by purchasing gift certificates and using them instead of cash when shopping. This is how the program works. Stores participating in the Manna program sell us their gift certificates for use in their store. (There are many popular stores who participate in the program, like Lagen's, Jewel, Ultra Foods, Kohl's, Wal Mart, and many, many more. There are over 100 stores that participate in the program.) The certificates you purchase are just like cash and are not returnable. Our program buys these certificates at a discount price, but the certificates are worth their full face value when you shop with them. After program expenses, that discount is passed on to you. Tuition credits will be given to you in the form of statements issued on a quarterly basis. This amount should be deducted from your tuition payment. The school keeps none of the credit you earned. No one else benefits from the purchase but you as it is posted directly to your account; however, you can have others purchase on your behalf and be applied to your account.

Manna certificates can be purchased at the Manna office located in the Rectory. The Cash & Carry hours are:

Wednesdays -6:30 – 7:30
Sundays - 9:45 – 10:45

Please remember that you can place an order every week and have the items by Wednesday's sale or sent home with your child from school on Thursday. Also, please note that we reserve the right to limit the quantity of the cash & carry items, as we only have a limited supply on hand. If a large denomination is needed, please place an order. Manna order forms are available at the School office and at the Rectory office. All orders must include payment by check or cash. All order forms need to be returned to the Manna office during the Wednesday or Sunday sale, ***to the school office before 11:00 am on Friday morning or the Rectory by Sunday 11:00 am*** to be filled and available at the next Wednesday Sale or delivered through school on Thursday. An enrollment form must be completed by each family in order to participate.

An example of how easy the program works is listed below. It is up to you how much credit you will earn. The more you use it, the better credit you will earn.

Purchase Jewel \$400 per month (@5% credit)	Earns \$20.00 per month
Purchase Kohl's \$100 per month (@5% credit)	Earns \$ 5.00 per month
Purchase Rosangelo's \$40 per month (@10% credit)	Earns \$ 4.00 per month
Purchase Speedway Gas \$100 per month (@4% credit)	Earns \$ 4.00 per month
Total Credit for one month	\$33.00
Total Credit for the year	\$396.00

This is one program in which you can get something for nothing. The manna program, if used on a regular basis, can help reduce the cost of a catholic education. **It costs you nothing extra to shop this way!** If you are available to assist the Manna officers by working a cash and carry sale, please contact Tina Brettman. You will always be working with a Manna officer. Your help is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions please call Tina Brettman at 309-5296 or Gina O'Connell at 346-9841. The Manna officers are Tina Brettman, Joanna Hughes and Gina O'Connell. Thanks.