



What Is SCRIP?

SCRIP is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase SCRIP, you’re purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use SCRIP to purchase everyday expenses like food, gasoline, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for Queen of Angels which we split with you 50/50.

How SCRIP generates revenue for you

Our national SCRIP vendor acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of SCRIP from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the SCRIP is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Queen of Angels buys the SCRIP from this vendor at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more – is our organization’s revenue.

SCRIP is "shopping cart fundraising"

SCRIP is a popular fundraiser because families don’t have to sell anything. You can help us produce revenue by making regular household purchases that you would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with SCRIP.

How does Queen of Angels share this profit?

We record every order and at the end of March each year we calculate the total profit and divide it by 2. Half goes to the church in a lump sum to offset school expenses in the Parish General Fund and the other half is directed where you tell us: Queen of Angels or Bishop Dwenger tuition (either current year final FACTS payment or next year tuition credit), University of St. Francis tuition credit, a tuition credit to another Fort Wayne Catholic School or to your favorite Queen of Angels Ministry.

How do you buy SCRIP?

We try to make buying SCRIP as easy as possible. First, we take cash or check. We don’t process credit cards because it would reduce our profit. Second, we sell SCRIP after all weekend Masses, after school on Wednesday and Friday afternoon, and your SCRIP order can be sent in with your child any school day and on-hand, in-stock SCRIP will be returned with your child the same day! Though we try to carry the proper quantity of stock on-hand, we will occasionally run short if someone purchases a larger than normal amount. If that happens for an order sent to school, we will send you a note explaining when the items will be available, and will automatically send them to you. If you need a larger amount of SCRIP for a larger purchase (Lowe’s or Sear’s appliances, for example) it always pays to call us or email us in advance.

What do we carry?

Enclosed with this letter you will find our latest SCRIP order form. The front lists the on-hand vendors- the ones we carry all the time. The back side is for special orders. The best way to see what we carry is to sit down with a cup of coffee and just read through the order form. There is a lot of information packed into very little room! Also enclosed is a newsletter we publish once a month highlighting anything new and explaining a particular aspect of the program. This newsletter is found in the family envelope and inserted in the parish bulletin. You can also download forms and newsletters from the school website at www.QueenofAngelsSchool.com.

Isn't Kroger and Scott's different?

Yes. Instead of buying a gift card each time you shop, you purchase one card for \$10 that we assign to you. When you want to purchase groceries, you first stop at the Service Desk and add value to the same card in any amount you wish. Pay for the re-load with cash, check, credit card or debit card. The card is reusable over and over. In about 6 minutes the card will be valid for use. By that time you may be done with your shopping and can use the reloaded card in the checkout line. Kroger sends us a monthly check for 3% of your reloads. Because we assign each card number we make an entry under your name for that 3%. It gets counted in the profit we share with you 50/50.

What about exceptions?

SCRIP rarely has exceptions for use. They are almost always the same gift card you would buy in the store. If there are exceptions we try to list them on the SCRIP form. The back of the gift card usually lists expiration dates and other exceptions if there are any. JCPenney and Kohl's allows customers to pay their charge with SCRIP. Sears does not. Lowe's charges can be paid with SCRIP but only at the Service Desk and it is just a tad bit more complicated. There are a very few vendors that do not give change back from a paper certificate (Papa Johns), for those we suggest using SCRIP up to a point and paying cash for the remainder of your bill.

How can I maximize my profit?

Plan ahead. When you receive your paycheck, look ahead to see what you will need until the next paycheck. Food and gasoline are the usual ones but how about a new fall coat, dinner out for your anniversary, or a birthday gift for Junior? If you know that you normally hit a fast food spot twice a week, why not stock up on your favorite places in advance?

Enlist family and friends. Ask your family and friends to get on board. Do they shop at Kroger or Scott's? Even if they only occasionally shop at these stores, they should have a card in their wallet to reload. 3% of a shopping bill adds up quick! Some of our families who spend \$400 per month on groceries, generate \$20 profit in that one category alone! Add in friends and family and the possibilities are endless!

Think Big! Everyday expenses can generate great profit but the big expenses shouldn't be ignored! How about the new washer and dryer, the new mattress, jewelry, so many choices! Plan ahead for school supplies and clothes and don't forget Christmas and birthday shopping.

Make it a habit. Our regular customers earn the most profit. Get in the habit of buying SCRIP. Get in the habit of sending in a SCRIP order with your child. Get in the habit of stopping after church or after school on Wednesday and Friday. Buy just what you need and the profit will add up. Last year, our highest earning family received over \$650 in tuition credit. That means they generated over \$1300 in profit overall.

Buy SCRIP! Every purchase counts!