What does it look like when we maximize our Scrip usage as a school family and parish family?

Our current goal for 2018 is $25,000. This goal has been the same for the last 4 years. We have yet to reach the goal.

Using Scrip can be difficult for a variety of reasons. The number one reason is that we forget. Purchasing Scrip is a habit. The best way to begin is to plan to purchase $100 a week to use for gas and/or groceries. Each merchant offers a rebate back to the school.

Grocery Stores	Gas		Big Box
HyVee 3%	Stop N Shop 3%		Target 2%
Super Saver 3%	U-Stop	5%	Walmart/Sam's 2%
Whole Foods 3%			
A Street Market 5%			
Fresh Thyme 5%			
Natural Grocers 5%			
Russ's Market 5%			

Some stores that we shop at for groceries and gas don't participate in Scrip. You can still shop there and use Scrip in the form of Visa. Visa cards are available in $50 and $100 increments and offer a 1.25% rebate back to our school. The most convenient way to do this is to purchase a $100 card, and then use it to purchase a $100 gift card from the store you're planning to use it. This eliminates the need to keep track of the balance on the Visa card. The Visa card can not be run for more than the balance on the card. For example, if your balance is $52.50 and your card only has $51.00 on it, you'll need to ask to pay $51.00 with your card and then choose another form of payment for the remaining $1.50.

If 130 school families (~100%) used $100 of Scrip each week, here is how St. Teresa's would benefit:

> **At 1.25% (Visa only)……………………..$8,450/year**
> **At 2% (Big Box only)……………………$13,520/year**
> **At 3%……………………………………..$17,280/year**
> **At 5%……………………………………..$33,800/year**

When our parish families are added to this, the totals increase exponentially!   If nearly every single parish family used $100 of Scrip each week for groceries and gas at 5%, our earnings would be $208,000! While this total is a bit of a stretch, consider that there are merchants that give back up to 30% and many families use Scrip for much more than gas and groceries.

Many merchants' Scrip is available at the click of a button as ScripNow! and ReloadNow!. Thank you for using Scrip!