

## Rethink Using Scrip

As the winter passes by, we get heating bills, longer hours of darkness with increased usage of lights, fuel purchases for snowblowers and the list goes on. At times we may complain about the bills, but we have been blessed and have much to be thankful for. And the bills aren't only at home. Our church is facing those same bills.

One way to help the church offset those bills is to buy \$crip from the parish. Do you buy groceries each week? We've got \$crip for that. Do you put gas in your vehicles? We've got \$crip for that. Do you grab food at an area restaurant? We've got \$crip for that too.

Why buy \$crip from us? Popular and local businesses offer their gift cards to SS. Peter \& Paul at a discount. The parish keeps the discount as profit, while the business is guaranteed a customer and they get to deduct the discount as a contribution to a non-profit organization on their taxes. This is also easy advertising for the business.

That 'profit' is given back to the school \& faith formation families that purchase \$crip in the form of $2 \%$ tuition credit, and the parish keeps any \% over and above that. If no family is designated to get the credit, the parish keeps the profit. And that helps us pay our bills because it goes back into our general budget. The church has budgeted $\$ 20,000$ from the \$crip program to go in to the general fund this year. We've already been able to give half of that in December with about 45 regular scrip users. Imagine if we could double that? What a blessing that would be!


