



2025-2026 HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Holy Redeemer School operates under the National School Lunch Program in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Education.

The school lunch will include one meat/meat alternative, one vegetable, one fruit, one grain, and milk. Our method is *offer vs. serve*, which means the student is required to take only three of the five food groups offered (one of which must be a fruit or vegetable) and still meet the state requirements. The purpose of this is to keep food costs down and to cut down on food waste. Please go to this link to learn more about offer vs serve:

<https://www.holyredeemercatholicschool.com/cafeteria.html>

The full paid price for a school lunch will be \$3.55 for students. The reduced-price lunch will remain at \$0.40. If you wish to apply for meal benefits, please do so online by following the directions in your folder. These may be submitted to the office at any time, but benefits will not go into effect without an application unless your child is directly certified due to Medicaid benefits, SNAP benefits, or TANF benefits.

It is imperative that families who meet the income guidelines apply for free/reduced lunch status. This will help the school keep costs low and qualify for other grants based on student socio-economic status. Please see the application and apply if you fall within the guidelines.

Lunch prices for the 2025-26 school year are as follows:

Hot lunch (milk included) – \$3.55

Items to be charged to your account regardless of lunch status (free, reduced, or paid):

Extra entrée - \$2.60

Milk (if purchasing separately) – \$0.80

Small Water - \$0.80

Large Water - \$1.25

Juice - \$0.80

Side Dish (extra fruit, vegetable) - \$0.80

Snacks including chips, rice krispies, cookies (Smart Snack compliant) - \$1.35-2.25

(Snacks may not be offered the first part of the school year.)

Adult Lunch - \$4.60

The lunch menu is published on the school webpage at www.holyredeemercatholicschool.com.

LUNCH PAYMENTS:

Holy Redeemer School Cafeteria is now offering payment through LINQ. You can pay using Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. There will be a 3.95% transaction fee with a minimum \$2.60 flat fee for each credit card transaction, regardless of the amount you put into your lunch account. See flyer for instructions.

Go to the LINQ website at <https://lingconnect.com/main> and click “Register.” The website will prompt you to link your child’s account to your account. See flyer for instructions.

Lunch money will still be accepted via the school office. Money can be turned in any day of the week. The money must be in a sealed envelope with the **student’s name, grade, and the amount of money you are depositing into their account**. If you have more than one child in school, you need to write only one check. However, please do not add payments for other things, such as yearbooks, belts, etc. to your lunch payment. Those are separate accounts and cannot be deposited easily when they come on one check.

All students in grades K-8 will have the option to purchase extra food. If you do not wish for your child to purchase extras, please let us know and please inform your child. Please *monitor your charges to ensure accuracy*.

Please note that if multiple children are linked to your LINQ account, the account balance is the total amount that you have deposited, which is available to be used by all the children linked to your account (all children will have the same account balance shown on LINQ.)

PLEASE SEE CHARGE POLICY

Students accounts that accrue negative balances can continue to receive a meal, as well as ala carte purchases. Accounts with negative balances will receive LINQ notifications at least once per week and will continue until the account balances are paid in full. For those accounts over \$25, the households will be notified by email of the amount due. If the balance is not paid in full after 5 days, the parent/guardian will receive an email notification from the principal of the amount due and a payment due date. Any accounts that remain negative after 60 days will be considered a delinquent debt. At that time, the principal will contact the parent/guardian to discuss the overdue cafeteria account and arrange a payment plan. Applications for free and reduced meals can be submitted anytime during the school year, either online through LINQ or a by filling out a paper application from the school office.

Balances of graduating students will be transferred to a sibling account. Students without siblings who graduate or withdraw and have more than \$10 in their cafeteria account will automatically be sent a refund within 10 days of the withdrawal date. If the lunch account has less than \$10, an email will be sent on the last day the student is enrolled, giving parents the option to donate the funds or receive a refund. If a response has not been received within 15 days, the account will be closed and the funds considered to be unclaimed and no longer available. The unclaimed funds will then be transferred to the Cafeteria Angel Account. Donations to the Cafeteria Angel Account will be accepted at any time. All negative balances must be paid within 15 days of the graduation or withdrawal date.

FOOD ALLERGIES

NEW STUDENTS: If your child has a food allergy, the cafeteria is required to have signed and dated notification from your child’s physician. This notification must state the child’s name and all foods to which the child is allergic. Notification to the School Office alone is not sufficient. A copy must be provided to the cafeteria as well. The cafeteria does not know your child has a food allergy unless they are notified.

RETURNING STUDENTS: New notification from the child’s physician is required each school year. Please make sure this is on file the first day of school.

The School Lunch Program is here for the nutritional benefit of the children. We work hard to make it the best it can be for them. If there are any questions or problems, please feel free to contact me at (812) 422-3688, Ext. 322 or email at jgarris@evdio.org.

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