

## **What is B.E.S.T?**

B.E.S.T is a fundraising program that works while you shop. Other parishes may call theirs “Scrip” but, we decided on B.E.S.T which stands for Benefits Everyone at St. Theodore.

But just what is Scrip? Scrip is simply a word that means “substitute money” – in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They’re the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including JCPenney, The Gap, Shell, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster and many, many others.

You’re probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It’s simple -- scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Parish families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our parish keeps the difference as revenue. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business...
- You get a powerful fundraising alternative that involves *no selling*...
- Our parish gets a regular source of revenue.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our parish without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program! And scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

Watch for weekly revenue in the bulletin.

B.E.S.T is sold after 5:00, 7:30 & 10:00 mass each week.

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday after school in the cafeteria from 2:45 – 3:10

Thursday & Friday morning before school in the cafeteria from 7:25 to 7:45

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