

FAQs for
St. Mary's Catholic Christian Preschool



What are the hours?

Morning-8:15 to 11:15, Afternoon-12:15 to 3:15

What are the days?

M, W, F mornings or afternoon classes for 4/5 year olds.

T, Th mornings or afternoon classes for 3 year olds.

How many students can be in each class?

2 days-up to 12 students

3 days-up to 14 students

How many teachers will be in each class?

Each class will have 1 head teacher and 1 teacher's aide. The head teacher has a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

How much does it cost?

2 days-\$80 per month

3 days- \$120 per month

Do I get a discount if I have more than one child enrolled?

Yes, if you have two children enrolled, you will get a \$20.00 deduction from the yearly tuition cost. If you have three children enrolled, you will get a \$30.00 deduction from the yearly tuition cost.

What is the curriculum?

We use the Catholic Diocese Pre-K Curriculum. This includes Religion, Language Arts, Math, Social studies, Science, Art, and Nutrition.

What does a "faith-based" preschool mean?

A faith-based preschool uses a teaching method that is focused around Jesus' teachings through daily prayer, Bible stories, and Christian music. The children will learn in a safe, fun, and faith filled classroom which will help prepare the children for Kindergarten and a Christian life.

What is the Philosophy of Catholic Education?

We believe Catholic education begins with faith in God who gifted us with life, became one of us in His Son Jesus, and in the Holy Spirit and awaits our response to his unconditional love. We believe Jesus remains with the community He formed, witnessing and sharing the good news in every age and with all people, ever yearning for a return of His love either by a sincere response to the conscience or by membership in His church. We believe Christian faith begins with life in the heart of the family. Parents are the primary educators, nourishing the seeds to develop Christian values. In Catholic Education, we strive to promote truth, justice, love to God our maker, and Jesus's example of "love one another as I have loved you".

Do I have to be Catholic?

No, however your child will learn about the Catholic faith.

How does your drop off and pick up routine work?

For drop off, you will pull up to the designated drop off door. The teacher will greet your child and walk her/him inside. For pick up, you will pull up at the same door and the teacher will walk your child out to your vehicle.

Are parent-teacher conferences offered?

Yes, 2 conferences a year.

Is there a snack time?

Yes, parents will be responsible for providing pre-packaged snacks for the entire class.

Parents will be given a snack schedule and food allergies will be addressed.

Will the preschool follow the Bluffton Elementary School calendar/ delays/ closings?

Yes! For a 2 hour delay, the morning preschool class will run from 10:00 to 12:00 and the afternoon class will run from 1:00-3:00. If a 3 hour delay occurs, then the morning preschool is cancelled but the afternoon class will resume at normal time of 12:15-3:15.

Do you have a playground?

At the present time, we do not have a playset at our site. However, the children will have recess time to run around and play with balls, jump ropes, etc. on the church's parking lot and grass area in the back. For the safety of the children, we will block off the entrances with cones during recess time.

What type of behavioral management plan will be implemented?

Stop light colors: Green-right choices, red-wrong choices.

At the end of each day, your child will color in their color so you are aware of your child's daily behavior.

Will the preschool go on field trips?

We will only go on walking distance field trips (Library, Fire Station, Police Station...etc.) Parents will need to sign our field trip waiver form.

Will the church be locked during preschool hours?

Yes, our licensing mandates that we keep the facility locked during preschool hours.

Do you allow Volunteers into the classroom?

We do, however they must attend a class on "Protecting the Youth" and get fingerprinted.

Who can I contact for more information?

Katie Hohenbrink 419-236-5372

St. Mary's Catholic Church 419-358-8631

What was the decision to create the preschool?

Our decision to open a preschool at our parish is to share the Gospel ^{with} ~~to~~ children and their families and to offer our community a Christian faith-based preschool option.

Who are the teachers?

At the present time, Katie Hohenbrink is the interim director of the preschool. The church is accepting applications for a head teacher and teacher's aide positions.

What is the start date?

September 4, 2019

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PreSchool Standards

Religion

1. Doctrine

Introduction to God

- 1.1 Begin to realize that God is loving and good.
- 1.2 Begin to know that God made us and loves us.
- 1.3 Begin to realize that God gave us special people to love and care for us.

Introduction to Jesus

- 1.4 Begin to understand that God sent his Son, Jesus as a baby.
- 1.5 Begin to explore Jesus' teachings as a man, "Love one another".

Introduction to Mary

- 1.6 Know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus

2. Scripture

The Bible

- 2.1 Begin to learn the Bible is a holy book.
- 2.2 Understand the Bible is about God and God's people.

Old Testament

- 2.3 Share the Creation Story.
- 2.4 Believe God made the world good for us.

New Testament

- 2.5 Share the Christmas story – Jesus' birth.
- 2.6 Identify Jesus' family.

3. Prayer and Worship

Prayer

- 3.1 Begin to explore prayer as talking to and listening to God.
- 3.2 Begin to recognize and participate in group prayer.
- 3.3 Demonstrate reverence while praying.
- 3.4 Begin to understand that prayers can be said any time and in any place.
- 3.5 Begin to recite prayers of thankfulness and forgiveness.

Worship

- 3.6 Begin to learn that singing is a form of prayer.
- 3.7 Begin to experience that silence is a part of worship.

4. Catholic Values

- 4.1 Begin to follow simple rules (Lifelong Guidelines and Lifeskills).
- 4.2 Develop respect for all of God's gifts (e.g., people, animals, non-living things and the earth).
- 4.3 Develop care and concern for others.
- 4.4 Begin to understand the positive feelings of honesty.
- 4.5 Begin to perform small tasks of service to others – Acts of Kindness.

St. Mary's Catholic Christian Preschool

160 S. Spring Street, Bluffton

We are a Christian faith-based preschool serving children ages 3-5. We strive to help your child grow **spiritually**, **academically**, **socially**, and **physically**.

Please circle your class choice:

- 3 years old AM class: T, Th 8:15 to 11:15 \$80.00 per month**
- 3 years old PM class: T, Th 12:15 to 3:15 \$80.00 per month**
- 4/5 years old AM class: M, W, F 8:15 to 11:15 \$120.00 per month**
- 4/5 years old PM class: M, W, F 12:15 to 3:15 \$120.00 per month**

Parent's name _____ Phone _____

Parent's email _____

Child's name _____ Child's age _____ Child's Birthday _____

***NO REGISTRATION FEE for the 2019/2020 school year!**

***Child must be 3 by August 1st, 2019 and fully potty-trained.**

***Contact Katie Hohenbrink- 419-236-5372, katiehohenbrink@hotmail.com**

