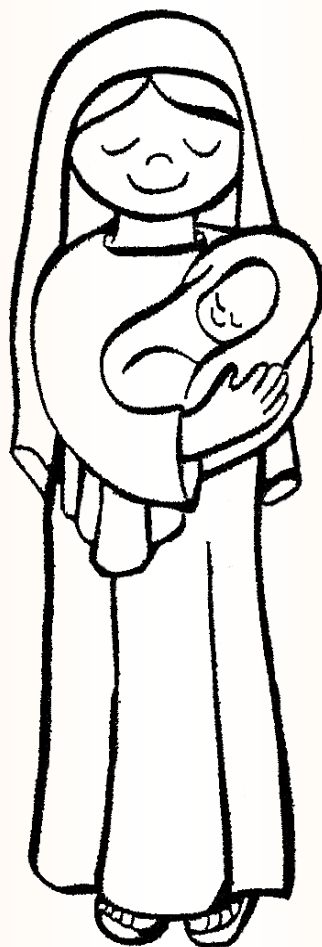


# *Saint Mary Parish*

## *Preschool*



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## Welcome to St. Mary Parish Preschool

Dear Parents,

Greetings! I want to welcome you and your child to the wonderful world of preschool. We are here to support you and continue the learning process you have already started at home with your child. The nurturing individualized care we provide for each child enables them to be comfortable and secure while away from their home.

St. Mary Parish Preschool offers a wide variety of learning experiences within the context of a Catholic faith environment. Activities are structured to help your child grow spiritually, emotionally, socially and academically.

Our developmental philosophy allows each child to explore the world at his/her own pace. The core curriculum areas of religion, language, art, math, science and other readiness areas are learned through many "hands on" experiences. Teacher guided learning centers are set up within the classroom and playground to allow these tactile activities and encourage each child's individual growth.

My goal for your child is to become acquainted with the classroom setting and a structured environment. By the time your child leaves our preschool he/she will be comfortable with a school routine, which will aid in the transition into kindergarten. I pray the time you and your child spend here at preschool will help you to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Blessings on your day,

Darlene Karnes-Versteegh  
Preschool Director



### Uniforms

Preschool children wear uniforms each day they attend school.

The dress code is as follows:

- Navy blue pants, shorts, skirts or jumpers.
- Navy blue or white collared shirt.
- Any color closed toed shoes and socks.
- Navy blue sweater or jacket when needed.
- St. Mary Parish Preschool T-shirt to be worn on field trips and prayer service days (Wed. & Thur.).



## Program Description and School Hours

St. Mary Parish Preschool offers year round care to children between the ages of 2 and 5. We offer diaper changing and “potty training” as part of our program for children 2 to 3 years of age.

Parents may choose a 2 day, 3 day, or a 5 day per week program. We offer full day and half day preschool program sessions.

Full day sessions are from 7:00am to 6:00pm.  
The half day sessions are from 8:30am to 11:30am

Half day and full day sessions include child initiated as well as teacher directed activities. Pre-K children who attend an Friday are invited to join us for Mass at 8:00am and then we walk up to preschool to continue the day.

We provide a morning and an afternoon snack to the children in our care, Children enrolled in our full day program may bring their own lunch to school or pay in advance for a hot lunch that will be delivered to the classroom.

After lunch, children rest/sleep on cots in the classroom while listening to soft music. When nap time is finished, children are served an afternoon snack and then participate in our extended day program.

Please see the insert for tuition rates, registration fees and optional extra day charges,

## Curriculum

St. Mary Parish Preschool incorporates a religious curriculum into a “hands on” developmentally appropriate academic program. Each week our religious theme follows the liturgical calendar. We choose a monthly theme that coincides with the planned academic activities such as art, music, math, language, science, writing and dramatic play.

Children will have the opportunity to attend prayer service where we sing, pray and learn about God the Father, Jesus, His only Son and the Holy Spirit who guides us through our day. In this way we will continue the religious education you have already started at home for your child,

### School Holidays

St Mary Parish School preschool through 8th grade follows the same master calendar with the exception that the preschool is open during the summer. School holidays are:



Labor Day  
Veteran’s Day  
Thanksgiving Break  
Christmas Break  
New Year’s Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
President’s Day  
Easter Break  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day

