



## **2022 - 2023 StMM Preschool FAQs**

**All students will be charged a \$100 application fee and a \$100 supply fee deposit. Both fees are non-refundable.**

### **What Preschool programs are offered at StMM?**

We currently plan to offer the following programs for the 2022-2023 school year. **Please note: There is always the possibility that our program offerings and/or operating hours may need to change.**

#### **3 year old Full day Preschool:**

Hours: 8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

5 day	Tuition: \$8910	Supply fee: \$300	Application Fee: \$100
3 day (MWF)	Tuition: \$5496	Supply Fee: \$190	Application Fee: \$100
2 day (TTH)	Tuition: \$3714	Supply Fee: \$140	Application Fee: \$100

Students enrolling for 5 days have first priority for available openings.

For an additional fee, after school care programs are available through the school. Information about those programs can be found on the [Cares Program](#) page of our website.

#### **3 year old Half-day Morning Preschool:**

Hours: 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

5 day	Tuition: \$5925	Supply fee: \$300	Application Fee: \$100
3 day (MWF)	Tuition: \$3755	Supply Fee: \$190	Application Fee: \$100
2 day (TTH)	Tuition: \$2570	Supply Fee: \$140	Application Fee: \$100

Students enrolling for 5 days have first priority for available openings.

#### **4 Year Old Full day Preschool:**

Hours: 8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

5 day	Tuition: \$7425	Supply Fee: \$300	Application Fee: \$100
3 day (M/W/F)	Tuition: \$4605	Supply Fee: \$190	Application Fee: \$100
2 day (T/Th)	Tuition: \$3120	Supply Fee: \$140	Application Fee: \$100

Students enrolling for 5 days have first priority for available openings.

For an additional fee, after school care programs are available through the school. Information about those programs can be found on the [Cares Program](#) page of our website.

#### **4 Year Old Half-day Preschool:**

Morning Hours: 8:15.m. – 12:15 p.m.

5 day Tuition: \$4938 Supply Fee: \$300 Application Fee: \$100

3 day (MWF) Tuition: \$3163 Supply Fee: \$190 Application Fee: \$100

2 day (TTH) Tuition: \$2175 Supply Fee: \$140 Application Fee: \$100

Students enrolling for 5 days have first priority for available openings.

#### **Do you have an extended morning or lunch option for half-day students?**

All of our morning programs are now in session for 4 hours and include lunch time on the schedule. Families may choose to send lunch with their child or order lunch from the cafeteria. Other than the before school program, we do not offer any additional extended time for these students.

#### **Do you offer before and/or after care programs?**

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School offers After School Care programs that families may register for separately. Updated information about the after school programs can be found on the [Cares Program](#) page of our website.

#### **Does the supply fee cover all of the supplies, or will I be asked to send in school supplies?**

The supply fee is used for the items (texts, workbooks, magazines, and supplementary materials) needed to implement our faith development and academic curriculum programs.

In each of the preschool classes, you will be asked to send in some basic personal school supplies such as glue sticks, crayons, markers, etc. The list of supplies varies depending on the class in which you are enrolled.

#### **How old does my child need to be to attend Preschool at StMM? What is the birthday cut off for preschool?**

To enroll in the 3 year old program, children must be 3 years old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year they will enter school.

To enroll in the 4 year old program, children must be 4 years old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year they will enter school.

#### **How many children are in each class? What is the student: teacher ratio?**

**3 year old Preschool:** Up to 12 children with 2 teachers. **4 Year old Preschool:** Up to 22 children with 2 teachers.

## **Do children have to be potty trained? Can children wear “Pull Up” Diapers?**

All children entering the preschool program must be completely toilet trained. Pull Ups or diapers of any kind are not permitted in the classroom.

## **Do you offer a “Mother’s Morning Out” Program for younger children?**

No. While we would love to offer such a program, we don’t have the available classroom space at this time.

## **Can I get a tour of the facility?**

Yes, we are happy to schedule a tour of the preschool program for you. Please contact Lisa Portland ([portland@stmm.net](mailto:portland@stmm.net)) to arrange a tour.

## **Can I come and observe the classrooms?**

At this time, we are not permitting non-essential visitors in our classrooms.

## **Do you provide snacks or lunch for the children?**

No, we do not provide meals or snacks for the students. In the 3 year old and 4 year old Half-day Programs, the children should bring a healthy snack and a water bottle each day. In addition, these students may either bring lunch from home or they may purchase the lunch offered in the school cafeteria each day.

In the Full-day preschool programs, students should bring 2 snacks and a water bottle. In addition, these students may either bring lunch from home or they may purchase the lunch offered in the school cafeteria each day.

In order to provide a safe experience for all of our students, StMM is a peanut and tree nut free environment. Products that contain or MAY contain peanuts or tree nuts are not permitted in the classrooms or cafeteria.

## **If I enroll in Preschool at StMM, is my child automatically accepted into the kindergarten class?**

Children that are enrolled in StMM’s four-year-old program are considered re-enrolling students and do not need to submit a separate application for kindergarten. Space is reserved for them in kindergarten, and they are accepted into our kindergarten program depending on the results of their Kindergarten Readiness Screening.

## **What if my child has food allergies?**

The teachers and staff of StMM are very aware of the serious nature of many food allergies. We maintain a peanut and tree nut free environment. If your child has food allergies, you will be asked to fill out an Allergy Action Plan for him/her. If your child must have an Epi-pen or Benadryl on hand in case of allergic reaction, you

will be asked to provide 2 Epi-pens to keep on campus. (1 in the classroom, 1 in the nurse's office) A StMM Medical Form detailing dosing instructions and signed by a physician must be on file for each medication.

## **Do the children in Preschool wear uniforms?**

The children in the 3 year old Preschool classes DO NOT wear uniforms.

The children in the 4 year old Preschool classes DO wear uniforms. They follow the same uniform guidelines as the children in the elementary school with a few exceptions. The preschool students are NOT required to wear a belt when wearing pants or shorts, and they are not required to have a P.E. uniform.

## **What kind of curriculum is used in the Preschool program? What types of things/activities do they do?**

Our main goal is to create a safe and nurturing environment where young children can learn and explore. We believe that a basic understanding of the beauty of God's creation and of His unending love and forgiveness for all people helps to set young children on a positive path for friendships, behavior, and knowledge of their own self-worth.

Weekly activities in the preschool classrooms include arts and crafts, music, movement, alphabet and number activities, science and sensory activities, dramatic play, block play, writing activities, and manipulative toys such as puzzles and peg boards. In both the 3 and 4 year old programs, there is significant emphasis placed on social skills and language skills.

The Preschool program at StMM follows the curriculum guidelines developed by the Diocese of Raleigh. Classroom teachers use the teaching methods and activities that they have found to be most effective with their age group as they address each of the curriculum standards set forth by the diocese. The Diocesan Curriculum for Early Childhood Programs includes activities and skills for each developmental area in which children learn and grow. These areas include spiritual, social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical motor skills. An overview of the Diocesan curriculum guidelines for Early Childhood programs is available on line at: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/ECC-PS-Standards-2021.pdf>

## **What about religion? Do the children attend Mass?**

The children in both the 3 year old and 4 year old classes use a religion curriculum which includes many activities and stories designed to help young children appreciate the beauty and wonder of God's Creation and His love for all living beings.

Our preschool students also participate in The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori based, sensorially rich, faith formation experience that gives children the opportunity to grow in love and knowledge of God through the Christian tradition.

Additionally, the preschool classes participate in special prayer services during Advent and Lent.

The students in the 3 year old program do not attend weekly Mass. They may, on occasion, attend Mass on Holy Days. The students in our 4 year old classes do attend Mass weekly.

## **Do the full-day students take a nap?**

Yes. The children in the Full-Day 3 year old and 4 year old classes have rest time scheduled each day. The scheduled rest time for our 4 year old classes is shorter than that for our 3 year old class. The children are asked to rest quietly on their mats, but they are not required to sleep during this time.

## **What measures are you taking to limit the spread of COVID-19?**

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Preschool is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for our families and employees. We are committed to working within guidelines set forth by state and local health officials and collaborating with staff, parents, students, and physicians to minimize risk of exposure and/or spread of COVID-19. The health and safety of our students, staff, and community are a top priority and we urge any student, staff member, or visitor who is not feeling well to stay home.

We will not allow any person to enter our buildings who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 5 days. People who are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms are also excluded from campus unless they have received an alternative diagnosis from a physician.

At this time, masks are optional for all individuals while on campus. Staff and students may be required to wear masks following a documented exposure to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

You can find more information about our plan here: [Covid-19 Health and Safety Management](#)

Please note that these protocols may change during the course of the school year as the pandemic situation evolves and public health guidance is revised.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Senn at [senn@stmm.net](mailto:senn@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 ext. 7283.

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