



St. John the Baptist Catholic Preschool
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"Like a Shepherd... He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart." Isaiah 40:11

Registration for the 2018-19 School Year

Registration for St. John's Parishioners: Tuesday April 3, 2018, 7:00-8:00 PM, doors open 6:45 PM

Open Registration (non-parishioners): Thursday April 5, 2018, 7:00-8:00 PM, doors open 6:45 PM

Location: Fellowship Hall/ Cafeteria at St. John's Parish Center, 103 Main Street, Glandorf

Preschool children do not need to be present at Registration Session

Mission Statement:

Our mission at St. John the Baptist Catholic Preschool is to provide a quality child centered education based on the values put forth by the Gospel and established by the Catholic tradition in this community over 175 years ago. Through Baptism, the seeds of the Catholic faith have been planted in your little ones. Let us continue this journey together nurturing each part of your child...mind, body and spirit, and watch them grow in the love and grace of the Lord.

Our Goal

By providing a caring, nurturing environment, we seek to develop in children a love of God, a sense of spirituality, an appreciation for their community, and a continuing respect for themselves and others. Young children will have the opportunity to explore, create and learn through play and structured activities for active learners. Parents and families will be involved in the learning process and be empowered to be their child's primary educator through life...in school, in the world, and in faith.

Our program is licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). The staff is composed of very qualified individuals who continue their own education for greater knowledge of child development, health and safety, while also seeking faith formation to continue their own faith journey.

At St. John the Baptist Catholic Preschool, we will help the children make choices that will strengthen the roots of their faith, while incorporating kindergarten readiness activities into the uniquely Catholic environment.

Curriculum Highlights

Our curriculum is designed upon the faith and love of Jesus Christ while also preparing students for kindergarten readiness skills. The following areas are integral to the program:

- *Spiritual – nurturing a respect for God, self, others and all of God's creation
- *Social – promoting courteous interaction between adults and other children
- *Cognitive – acquiring, sorting, and retrieving information
- *Language – developing communication skills through listening, speaking and reading
- *Physical – developing large and small muscle control and co-ordination

Weekly themes are based on fundamentals of the Catholic Faith including creed, sacraments, scripture and prayer, etc. Early learning concepts and skills are weekly/ monthly themes developed from the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards.

Preschool Program Notes

Students are placed in age-grouped classes to meet the needs common for children of that age. All classes have strong focus on developing social skills and learning skills in a group.

Pre-Kindergarten students are 4-5 year olds who will likely attend Kindergarten the following school year. Activities are a blend of structured and experience through play learning; students will learn and reinforce skills for pre-reading, early writing, math, science and social studies.

The 3-4 year old students will likely attend two years of preschool. Their activities are play/ experience based and developmentally focused on social skills, interactions within a group, and an introduction to pre-Kindergarten concepts (numbers, letters, science, social studies, etc.).

Class sessions are Monday & Wednesday mornings or Tuesday & Thursday mornings, with an optional third day offered on Friday mornings preferably for pre-Kindergarten students.

Number of classes will be dependent on the number of children registered. The final development of class sessions is also dependent on student enrollment. The class lists and teachers will be made available this Summer.

Please bring the completed registration form, along with the non-refundable registration fee of \$40, per each child enrolled, to registration. Checks or money orders can be made payable to St. John's Catholic Preschool; cash payment also accepted.
It is not necessary for your child to attend Registration Sessions.

Registration Process

Registration first priority will be given to all current student families (students and/ or siblings of current students) and Teachers/ Staff of St. John the Baptist Catholic Preschool. Current students will receive registration paperwork prior to the general release of registration forms. Current student families have the opportunity to re-register for the coming school year during a period of time preceding Registration Sessions.

Following current students, parishioners of Glandorf St. John's have priority over non-parishioners. The registration procedure will be a blind draw/ lottery process, one session for parishioners and a second session for non-parishioners. Upon arrival at registration, each family registering a child will be given a number from a double numbered ticket, the second ticket will be placed into a jar. Beginning at 7:05, numbers will be randomly drawn to determine who will be first, second, third, etc. to register their child. Anyone unable to attend the registration session may return their paperwork by mail or have another person submit their forms at registration; in that case, each registration form will receive a ticket and respective place in line. Families registering more than one child for the same household family need only one ticket for the family; both children in one family will register at the same time their ticket is drawn.

Once an individual's ticket number has been called, they will come forward with their paperwork and registration fee. They will state the day and time they wish their child(ren) to be enrolled and pay their fee. (No one will be considered registered until their fee has been paid; a spot will not be "held" at registration without payment of the \$40 fee.) Enrollment, medical forms, Open House information, etc. will then be given to the person registering.

If class groups are "filled," a wait-list will be created. The \$40 fee and registration form will be "held" (not cashed or placed in class) by preschool until space is available in the requested class group.