



**St. Mary's School**  
414 North Main Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764  
Ph. 815-844-6585 Fax 815-844-6987

---

## LITTLE DISCIPLES PRESCHOOL FAQ

### **Does my child have to be Catholic to attend Little Disciples Preschool?**

No. Currently, 27% of our preschool students and 23% of our K-8 students are non-Catholic. All students will participate in religion classes and all spiritual activities as part of our curriculum.

### **Are scholarships available for tuition?**

The full cost of educating a student at St. Mary's School/Little Disciples Preschool is approximately \$6,600 annually. By the generosity of our parishioners, the parish invests in each student resulting in a preschool base tuition rate of \$3,520 per child.

### **Are payment plans available?**

Yes. Tuition and fees may be paid in one, two, ten, or twelve installments. All payments are made to FACTS Management.

### **How do I get up-to-date information or calendar changes?**

A weekly bulletin is emailed to each family every Thursday. You will also receive texts and emails from our Facts Parent Alert System.

### **What are the hours of the school day?**

Our day begins at 8:00 and all students are welcome to stay until 3:00. Some parents choose to pick-up their child at 12:00, before rest time.

### **What door do I drop my child off at in the morning?**

All preschool students enter and leave through the preschool door on Chicago Street.

### **What is the dress code?**

Children should be dressed in comfortable, washable clothing that he/she can manage in the bathroom. Please be aware of buttons, zippers and dresses that are difficult for little ones to manage. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted.

### **Are masks required?**

Yes, currently masks are required. Masks can be removed at lunch time and at rest time.

### **What about lunch?**

Students can bring a sack lunch or order hot lunch. Milk and juice can also be ordered each day. All charges for milk and lunches will be billed to your FACTS account. Lunch money should be paid online to FACTS.

### **Does my child have to be potty trained?**

Children must be fully potty-trained to attend Little Disciples Preschool. To be fully potty-trained means not having consistent accidents. Our preschool program expects parent cooperation with their child's bathroom readiness. Pull-Ups are not allowed.

### **Will my child have outside play time?**

Weather permitting, children will go outside. Please send them in appropriate outerwear.

### **What is required to be a volunteer at the school?**

All volunteers must complete the requirements of the Safe Environment Program as mandated by the Diocese of Peoria. Please note, due to Covid guidelines we are currently not able to have volunteers in the building. Parents will be notified when this changes.