

Preschool Information

Preschool Options

- Pre-K for three-year-olds: Tuesday and Thursday; 8:30 - 11:15 am
- Pre-K for four-year-olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 8:30 - 11:15 am

Curriculum

Detailed curriculum information can be found in this packet or on our website, stjosephdg.org/school.

Special Activities

- Halloween parade
- Christmas social
- Valentine's party
- Easter Celebration
- Junior Olympics
- Visits to St. Joseph School classrooms
- Library
- Walking trips to park
- End-of-year picnic

Uniforms

There are no uniforms for preschool students; they wear school-appropriate attire.

Teaching Staff

Mrs. Caroline Hanes ("Miss Caroline")

Miss Caroline is our Preschool teacher. She received a Bachelors in Elementary Education at Illinois State University with endorsements in Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. Miss Caroline has a strong background working with special needs students in both Catholic and public school settings. For the past 10 years, she donated her time to Sacred Heart Parish where she taught Religious Education.

After graduating from ISU, Miss Caroline's first teaching assignment was in Normal, Illinois, where she taught two preschool classes and a kindergarten class. Married 21 years to husband Chris, together they have three children. After taking time to raise her children, Miss Caroline returned to teaching, working in Lombard with three-year-olds before joining the St. Joseph staff.

Miss Caroline is excited for what is yet to come after meeting her first St. Joseph Preschool classes. "I see a lot of potential in these students and I have so many ideas to implement!"

Mrs. Kathleen Pranckus ("Miss Katie")

Miss Katie is our Preschool aide. She grew up on the south side of Chicago in the Beverly neighborhood, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Graphic Communication from Illinois State University, and is married with two children. Miss Katie is currently completing her degree at the College of DuPage in Early Childhood Education.

Most recently, Miss Katie worked at Christ Church of Oak Brook, where she was the lead teacher for their "Time for Two" program. She loves working with children, and has done so since her teen years. Taking many parenting classes and learning CPR, she has gained a lot of knowledge and experience, and this interest took her back to college, where she will complete her Early Childhood program in the near future.

Joining the St. Joseph community upon moving to Downers Grove 12 years ago, Miss Katie became a teacher in the Religious Education program, devoting six years. She continued her involvement by joining the Children's Liturgy Program on Sundays, where she is still active today.