



Dear Families,

We are happy you have expressed interest in joining the HCS family.

Having your child attend Pre School is an important step in a child's academic and social development. It is beneficial to provide them with the structure, routine, and environment that will prepare them for many years in a school setting. It is even more beneficial at HCS, where students can be introduced to the Catholic Faith and learn some of the foundations of the teachings of Jesus.

Despite the loss of the Empower Scholarship Program 2 years ago school year due to Illinois State Legislature action, Holy Childhood remains committed to providing financial assistance for our families in need. After discussions with Parish Administration, we have taken actions to be able to offer scholarships to our families. Because we understand that each family's situations are unique, Holy Childhood is willing to award a needs-based scholarship to families incoming into our PreK 3 or PreK 4 programs.

Our Parish feels strongly about families having some "skin in the game". Therefore, the percent of financial assistance for students in the PreK program would be awarded at 40% or 20% of the **Yearly Tuition**.

PLEASE NOTE: Families that qualify and decide to take advantage of the scholarship opportunity will also need to commit to your child's attendance at HCS through the child's 6th grade year. If your family chooses to unenroll your child before that time, you may be asked to reimburse ½ the scholarship amount provided for the PreK program. A final determination on repayment will be made on a case-by-case basis.

At Holy Childhood we value and want to support families. Therefore, we will also be offering a sibling discount: If your Pre-schooler will have an older sibling (K-8) enrolled in HCS during this school year, we now offer a \$750 annual Sibling Discount from the mentioned tuition rates. Thanks for being an important part of our school family!!



Holy Childhood 2025 - 2026 Pre-School Programs

4 year old Pre-School Programs	Annual Single Payment w/ Discount	Yearly Tuition	Monthly 9 Payments	Weekly 40 Payments
4-Year Old, Part-Time, 3 days (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1/2 days)	\$2,171	\$2,285	\$254	\$58
4 -Year Old, Full-Time, 3 days (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)	\$4,052	\$4,265	\$474	\$107
4 -Year Old, Full-Time, 5 days (Monday - Friday)	\$5,933	\$6,245	\$694	\$157
3 year old Pre-School/Extended Care Programs	Annual Single Payment w/ Discount	Yearly Tuition	Monthly 9 Payments	Weekly 40 Payments
3 -Year Old, Part-Time, 2 days (Pre - school Tuesday & Thursday 1/2 days)	\$1,530	\$1,610	\$179	\$39
3 -Year Old, Full-Time, 2 days Pre-school (Tuesday & Thursday)	\$2,727	\$2,870	\$319	\$72
3 -Year Old, Part-Time, 5 days Pre-school (Tuesday & Thursday) Extended care (Mon, Wed, Fri)	\$3,710	\$3,905	\$434	\$98
3 -Year Old, Full-Time, 5 days Pre-school and extended care (Monday - Friday)	\$5,752	\$6,055	\$673	\$152

Multi-Student Family Discount - Recognizing some of our young families could have more than one student enrolled in preschool, we offer a family discount rate. The second preschool student's annual tuition will simply be an additional \$1,000.



The link to begin the scholarship application process through FACTs is here:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/42MTH/landing-page>

FAQ's

Is FACTs awarding the scholarships itself?

No, FACTs is simply “doing the math” to determine eligibility and percentage. The ultimate decision on who will receive a scholarship, as well as the amount, is based solely on the decision of HCS Parish Administration. Father Mark Stec will make the ultimate decision for who receives scholarships and what amount. This is based upon the suggested amount provided by FACTs including recommendations by staff and Mr. Keefe (see “Transparency” below).

If I am awarded a scholarship, how will it be applied?

The convenience of going through the FACTs system, is that the scholarship amount will be applied to your annual tuition.

Parents, please note that this will be our first attempt utilizing FACTs in this process so it is likely possible there will be some “bugs” we will need to work through. We will ask for your patience as we will go through this process together. Of course, we will make sure any issues are rectified as expediently as possible.

“Transparency Steps”:

1. HCS will receive name and suggested money allotment from FACTs for a particular family.
2. Father Mark, staff, and I review information from FACT's
3. Don and I make recommendations to Father Mark as to total allotment of endowment funds for a particular family.
4. Letters are sent to families informing them of final decision.
5. Parents have an opportunity to appeal decision to Father Mark and myself.

*We understand that the information that you provide to FACTs and the information we receive requires the utmost privacy. Only staff members with a direct need to access your financial information will be provided this information.



I fully understand if this information is overwhelming or (as I tried my best not to be) a little confusing. I plan on contacting all families who have expressed an interest in PreK-3 for next year to get an idea of what options they would like. These changes in the PreK-3 program will be new for HCS, so thank you for your patience as we work through some of the details.

As I always mention, if you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,

Tim Keefe, Principal