

Campus History

1927– 60 students began instruction under the supervision of the Springfield Dominican Sisters.

1958— The cornerstone was laid for the new school.

1964— A very small gymnasium and 2 additional classrooms were added to the new building.

1994— The new gymnasium, music and lecture rooms were built across King St. to connect the original building with the “new” building.

2008— The establishment of Little Saints Preschool was housed at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall.

2016— Stand-alone Little Saints Preschool Annex is completed on the school campus.



School Mission Statement

“The school family of St. Thomas the Apostle School of Crystal Lake, Illinois provides faith formation and academic excellence for all students desiring a Catholic elementary education. The uniqueness of each child is developed and celebrated within an environment where God can be encountered. By teaching and modeling Gospel Values, we enable our students to become socially responsible Catholic leaders of the Third Millennium.”

St. Thomas the Apostle
Catholic School

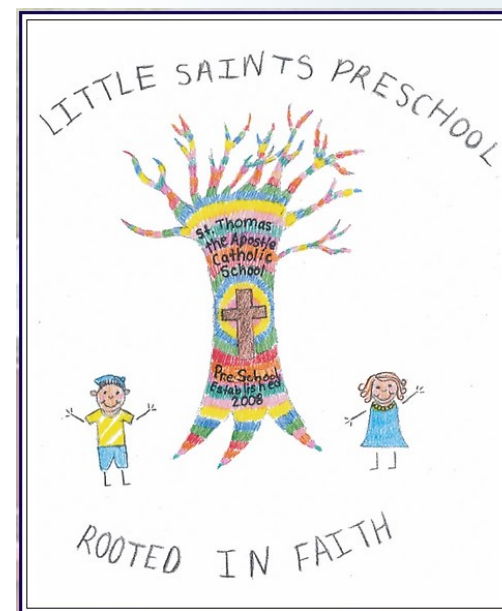
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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE



Faith Formation

Catholic Doctrine

Academic Excellence

Christian Values

Community Service

Monthly Tuition Rates (10 months) 2024-2025

Monday –Friday ages 3-5

5 Days 8 am—2 pm \$670.00

5 half days 8 am –11am \$405.00

Monday-Thursday (4 yr olds only)

4 Days 8 am—2 pm \$560.00

4 half days 8 am –11am \$325.00

M-W-F (3 year olds)

3 Days 8 am—2 pm \$420.00

3 half days 8 am –11am \$245.00

Tue & Thu (3 year olds)

2 Days 8 am—2 pm \$295.00

2 half days 8 am –11am \$255.00

Little Saints Preschool is a faith-based, Catholic preschool that not only nurtures your child's social and academic growth, but also introduces our Catholic faith through daily prayer and teachings.

Children who begin education with faith-based learning during the formative years have a stronger understanding of Christianity.

Our preschool curriculum is directly aligned with the Illinois Early Learning Standards by following Developmentally Appropriate Practices (DAP).

Our classes and programs are led by qualified teachers who strive to model the morals and values that are underscored in the promises you made for your children on the day of their Baptism.

Many of our preschool students transition into our highly acclaimed St. Thomas Catholic School for Kindergarten through 8th grade education.

PK4 Morning Curriculum

Religion: Bible Stories, Saints, Feast Days, Traditional Catholic Prayers, Rosary, Advent & Lent, Seasonal Teachings of the Catholic Church

Math: Recognizing & Counting Numbers 1-20, Colors, Shapes, Patterning, Sorting, Sequencing
Introduction to Skip Counting, Addition & Subtraction, Fractions and Measurements

Emergent Literacy: Story & Library Time, Zoo Phonics, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, Music & Finger Plays

Fine Motor Skills: Directionality, Safe Use of Writing & Cuttings Tools, Strengthening the Use of Hand/Eye Coordination

Art: Exploring Different Art Mediums, Hands on Creativity

Science: Experimentation, Exploration, and Observation

Large Motor Skills: Indoor/Outdoor Play, Gym Time, Games & Creative Movement

Social/Emotional: Coping Skills, Developmentally Appropriate Behavior, Self-Regulation, Peer-Adult Communication

Afternoons:

The afternoons will consist of an additional large motor time, lunch, rest time, STEAM centers, and an additional instructional group time.

S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) rotates between science experiments, construction with building materials, more exploration & investigation into the weekly themes, and correlating art projects.

PK3 Morning Curriculum

Religion: Bible Stories, Saints, Feast Days, Traditional Catholic Prayers, Rosary, Advent & Lent, Seasonal Teachings of the Catholic Church

Math: Recognizing & Counting Numbers 1-20, Colors, Shapes
Introduction to the Concepts of Patterning, Sorting, Sequencing, Addition & Subtraction, and Measurements

Emergent Literacy: Story & Library Time, Zoo Phonics, Music & Finger Plays

Fine Motor Skills: Directionality, Safe Use of Writing & Cuttings Tools, Strengthening the Use of Hand/Eye Coordination

Art: Exploring Different Art Mediums, Hands on Creativity

Science: Experimentation, Exploration, and Observation

Large Motor Skills: Indoor/Outdoor Play, Gym Time, Games & Creative Movement

Social/Emotional: Coping Skills, Developmentally Appropriate Behavior, Self-Regulation, Peer-Adult Communication

Afternoons:

The afternoons will consist of an additional large motor time, lunch, rest time, self-choice centers, and an additional instructional group circle time.

The centers, activities, and group circle time will correlate and reinforce our weekly theme.