

faithful + beginnings

at St. Alphonsus Catholic School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Faithful Beginnings at St. Alphonsus Catholic School! We are thrilled that you are taking the time to meet and get to know us. Our Early Childhood programs are an exciting introduction to school for little ones. Faithful Beginnings has a loving, experienced staff of qualified teachers and aides with a low teacher-student ratio. We offer a fun-filled, faith-based curriculum as the first steps in a Catholic education for little ones. Through hands-on learning and play, we provide opportunities for each child to grow socially, spiritually, and creatively.

For a Preschooler, beginning the learning experience is a big transition. Our program will provide your child with a solid foundation in preparation for Kindergarten. Your child will be encouraged to explore their creativity and independence in supportive, faith-filled classrooms.

Looking ahead at our 2023-2024 classes:

Voyagers Class available for children who turn 3 by 12/1/2023 offers a comfortable first-year experience for your little one as they are exposed to new friends, interests, and learning materials. Program options vary from 3, 4 or 5 days a week.

Explorers Class Available for children who turn 3 by 9/1/23 will provide an appropriate balance of self-discovery, physical development, dramatic play, and social-emotional learning experiences. Program options vary from 3, 4 or 5 days a week.

Lil Crusaders Class Available for children who turn 4 by 9/1/23 (and will enter Kindergarten at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year) concentrates on social-emotional competency, cognitive development, practical life experiences, values building and character development. During this program, children will participate in enrichment classes such as music and phy-ed taught by St. Alphonsus School staff. Students will also attend weekly Wednesday Mass. Program options vary from 3, 4 or 5 days a week.

All of our classes are taught or overseen by our Director who has a MN Teaching license. Our program is licensed and Accredited through NAEYC. We are also a 4-Star Parent Aware Program.

No matter which option you choose for your child, all of them will focus on providing children with a high quality early childhood experience. Please review the attached 2023-24 enrollment form and contact our School Principal if you have any questions. She can be reached at staplesk@mystals.org or (763) 503-3333.

- Complete all Registration and submit Registration Fee (\$50) to the school office by March 24th, 2023
- If you have any questions please contact the school office at 763-561-5101 or email us at schooloffice@mystals.org.

We are excited to be a part of your student's beginning at St. Al's!



Kari A. Staples, Principal

2023-2024 Tuition and Fees

- **Voyagers: Must be 3 by December 1, 2023 AND actively potty training (No diapers. Pull ups allowed)**
- **Explorers: Must be at least 3 years old as of September 1, 2023 AND have independent bathroom skills**

All fees listed are per month

Number of Days Per Week	7:10am–1:50pm <i>Snack Included</i> Per Month	7:10am-6:00pm <i>Snacks included</i> Per Month
3 days	\$610	\$720
4 days	\$780	\$930
5 days	\$940	\$1125

Lil Crusaders: Must be at least 4 years old as of 9/1/2023

All fees listed are per month

Number of Days Per Week	7:10am–1:50pm <i>Snack Included</i> Per Month	7:10am-6:00pm <i>Snacks included</i> Per Month
3 days	\$585	\$695
4 days	\$750	\$900
5 days	\$900	\$1090

Additional Notes

- There is a **non-refundable** \$50 Registration Fee per child due at the time of registration and a \$50 Activity Fee due 9/9/23 that covers materials and supplies for the classroom. No other school supplies need to be brought to school.
- All tuition and fees are per month. Faithful Beginnings follows St. Alphonsus Catholic School's calendar. Students will not be able to switch days or have a reduction in tuition in order to make up a day that school is closed.
- Any changes made to a child's schedule between July 1st- August 31st 2023 will incur a \$25 change fee. Schedule changes will not take effect until the 1st week of the following month. Change requests will be accepted based on availability and staffing.
- Changes made between September 1st and April 30th will incur a \$50 fee. Schedule changes will not take effect until the 1st week of the following month. Change requests will be accepted based on availability and staffing.
- A student may not start the program until ALL forms and paperwork have been turned in.
- Hot lunch program is an additional per day fee. (Applications for Free/Reduced Lunch available in Fall).
- Start date for the 2023-2024 school year is Tuesday, September 5th 2022.
- If you applied for ThinkSmall and have not been approved by August 18th, 2022, half of September's tuition will be paid out of pocket.

★ **ALL paperwork must be completed and turned in by August 25th, 2023**

★ **A student may not start the program until ALL forms and paperwork have been turned in.**



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2023-2024 Early Childhood Program Registration

___Voyagers (must be 3 by 12/1/23)

___Explorers (must be 3 by 9/1/23)

___Lil Crusaders(must be 4 by 9/1/23)

Child's Full Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Birth Date: _____ Name Child Goes By: _____ Is child baptized? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Child's Religion: _____

Student(s) resides at: ☐ one household
☐ multiple households

Child lives with: ☐ Both Parents ☐ Mother ☐ Father
☐ Other _____

*Please describe student's living arrangements:

Ethnicity:

Optional for statistical purposes only

☐ White/Caucasian ☐ Asian
☐ Native American/Native Alaskan ☐ African/African American
☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Multiracial

Guardian #1 Information – 1st to be contacted

☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Other: _____
NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP/COUNTY: _____

PRIMARY PHONE:(____) _____ - _____

☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone

SECONDARY PHONE:(____) _____ - _____

☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone

PRIMARY EMAIL: _____

☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Widowed

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: _____

Guardian #2 Information – 2nd to be contacted

☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Other: _____
NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP/COUNTY: _____

PRIMARY PHONE:(____) _____ - _____

☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone

SECONDARY PHONE:(____) _____ - _____

☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone

PRIMARY EMAIL: _____

☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Widowed

EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: _____

For Office Use Only:

Fee \$50 Ck#/Cash: _____ Think Small: _____ Date Received: _____
Tuition Contract _____ SMART Form _____ Think Small or other grant documents _____
Early Childhood Screening Consent _____ Health Care Summary _____ Immunization Record _____

I would like to register my child for the following: (Please Check One)

Number of Days Per Week	7:15am–1:50pm Snack Included Per Month	7:15am-6:00pm Snacks included Per Month
3 days		
4 days		
5 days		

Please choose which days you would like your child to attend:

____ Monday ____ Tuesday ____ Wednesday ____ Thursday ____ Friday

____ I have received the price of tuition information and agree to pay all tuition and fees due for the program I have selected. (Please Initial)

____ I understand that I will be required to follow the school's volunteer policy. The number of hours required per year will depend on the times signed up for. (Please Initial)

Who is Authorized to Provide Transportation to and from School (other than parents)?

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Is there anyone NOT allowed to pick up your child? _____

Are there any home situations we should be made aware of? _____

What language does your child primarily speak? _____

Has your child had previous group experience? _____

How does your child express anger or frustration? _____

When your child is upset, what helps comfort them? _____

What is your expectation for an Early Childhood experience? _____

Which hand does your child prefer to use? _____

Does your child nap? If so, how long? _____

What are 3 words to describe your child? _____

How will your child let us know they need to use the bathroom? _____

What else would you like us to know about your child? _____

Has your child completed the Early Childhood Assessment? _____

How did you hear about St. Al's Early Childhood Program? _____

REGISTRATION FEE: In order to reserve a place for your child, a non-refundable deposit of **\$50** must be submitted with this registration form.

All students entering "Lil Crusaders" MUST have a FREE Early Childhood Assessment completed by their school district within 30 days of starting school. The Early Childhood Assessment is recommended for students entering Explorers.

Preschool Financial Assistance Options



The Early Learning Scholarships give families financial support to help pay for high-quality early care and education to prepare their young children for school.

The scholarship amount is up to \$8,500 for a 12 month period. The Early Learning Scholarship must be used at a Minnesota child care or early learning program that is a 3 or 4 star-rated Parent Aware program.

Questions? 651-641-6604

<http://www.thinksmall.org>

Military Child Care Assistance Programs



If you are a member of the **United States Military**, you may be eligible for Department of Defense child care fee assistance. Members of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps may receive help paying for off-base child care providers if they are unable to access on-base care.

<http://childcareaware.org/military-child-care-assistance-programs>

Please initial each of the following items

- ☐ I agree to pay my students' tuition and other applicable fees (activity fees, lunch balances, etc.)
- ☐ I agree to volunteer the required number of hours per the parent handbook
- ☐ I understand that if my family does not volunteer the required amount of hours over the school year, an additional charge (found in the handbook) will be added to my account.
- ☐ I understand that if my student(s) do not attend the first two days of school they will be unenrolled from Faithful Beginnings at St. Alphonsus Catholic School and no other fees will be refunded.
- ☐ I understand that any changes I make to my child's schedule between July 1st - August 31st, 2023 will incur a \$25 fee.
- ☐ I understand that any changes I make to my child's schedule between September 1st - April 30th, will incur a \$50 fee.

Please answer each of the following items

Will you be applying for financial assistance through Think Small or ChildCare Aware (military)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

I understand that any amount of tuition that is not paid for by Think Small, ChildCare Aware, or any other third party assistance program is my responsibility.

☐ Yes ☐ No

I understand that if my student begins the program before I am approved for Think Small, ChildCare Aware, or any other third party assistance program, the tuition incurred is my responsibility.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If using Think Small or ChildCare Aware...

Have you been awarded a Think Small or ChildCare Aware grant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how much of your award is remaining? \$ _____

If tuition is more than your Think Small award, how would you like to pay the remaining balance?

☐ Evenly divided into monthly payments ☐ Evenly divided into quarterly payments ☐ Other