

Is my child ready for **PRESCHOOL?**

Discerning the next step for your early learner? Use this easy checklist to help!

✓ EMOTIONAL + SOCIAL READINESS

- My child is beginning to separate from me for short periods (e.g., babysitter)
- They show interest in playing with or alongside other children
- They can express their needs with words or gestures (e.g., “All done”)
- They are learning how to manage big feelings with gentle support
- They’re beginning to take turns and share—even if it’s a work in progress

✓ PHYSICAL + INDEPENDENCE SKILLS

- My child can follow simple directions like “Please sit down”
- They are able to use the bathroom independently or are completing toilet training (*They MUST be able to use the bathroom independently by September*)
- They can feed themselves snacks or meals (finger foods or with utensils)
- They’re starting to dress with minimal help (e.g., putting on a coat or shoes)
- They can move around safely and confidently (running, climbing, etc)

✓ COGNITIVE + COMMUNICATION MILESTONES

- My child enjoys listening to books, music, or stories
- They are curious and love to explore new toys, textures, and environment
- They use words or phrases to communicate their thoughts or ask questions
- They are beginning to count, recognize colors, or identify shapes during play
- They can focus on a simple task (like tacking blocks) for 3–5 minutes

✓ FAITH + FAMILY CONNECTIONS

- We say simple prayers together at meals or bedtime
- My child is familiar with a church, Bible stories, or Jesus in some way
- We want a peaceful, loving environment where our child is known

***If you checked most of these boxes, your child may be ready to thrive in preschool!
Every child grows at their own pace—this list is just a helpful guide.***

In our loving Catholic preschool, we support children where they are, not just where they’re “supposed” to be. *Curious about next steps?* We invite you to schedule a no-pressure tour!