

Important news if you have a 3, 4 or 5 year-old that will be attending Sunday Preschool Religion classes for the 2018 - 2019 school year

Most area school districts, including Saint Raphael School, have moved the age for admittance into Kindergarten to **5 years old by August 1st**. This is also the acceptance age date for the Saint Raphael Preschool Religion program. It's important to keep your child in the class that they will be in Kindergarten with, so they can continue to move up with that same group for Grade 1 and eventually be together for First Communion in Grade 2.

Register your child for the 3 year-olds if:

- They are age 3 by August 1, 2018.
- They will begin Kindergarten in the Fall of 2020.

Register your child for the 4 year-olds if:

- They are age 4 by August 1, 2018.
- They will begin Kindergarten in the Fall of 2019.

Register your child for the 5 year-olds / Kindergarten Religion if:

- They are age 5 by August 1, 2018.
- They will begin Kindergarten this year.
- Children are welcome in St. Raphael's Preschool Religion Kindergarten class whether they attend Saint Raphael Kindergarten during the week, Montessori school or a public school kindergarten. We use a different Religion textbook than Saint Raphael School to compliment and vary the lessons for the children.



NOTE: If your child already attended our 3, 4 or Kindergarten Religion classes and will be repeating that year, you have a choice to request the same teacher they had or a different one. Please contact Terri Telepak in the Parish Office at ttelepak@saintraphaelparish.com indicating your wishes.

Preschool Classes begin on Sunday, September 16, 2018 and will take place from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. in the primary classrooms of the school.

Please attend a Preschool Religion Orientation Meeting with your child on Saturday, September 15th in the St. Raphael School Library at a choice of times: 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. OR 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.



Information will include the calendar of the year, Early Childhood prayers, an overview of the Preschool Religion curriculum and helpful hints for parents on teaching your child about God. It is helpful to bring your child to this short meeting. Following a brief presentation, they will be able to get oriented by visiting their classroom, sitting in a school chair at a student desk and seeing where the water fountains and rest rooms are located!