



# PREP PARENT NEWS

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## Sunday School Matters

Let's start at the beginning. You are your children's primary educator. You'll look back on how you handled each gift you received, including your children, one day. This means that you are responsible not only for your children's physical, social, emotional, and developmental needs, but also for their spiritual development. It would be a mistake to believe that you can and should do everything. You are primary and Sunday School is your partner.

### Importance of Sunday School

*It helps children make friends.* - This is probably the best and safest place for a child to find friends. It teaches God-centered values, making it the ideal setting for developing long-lasting connections.

*It promotes active participation in church traditions.* - The gospel is taught in a creative and age-appropriate way so that children develop a deeper understanding of God's Word and have fun at the same time.

*It encourages a deeper relationship with Christ.* - As parents, there should be no greater comfort than knowing that your children's paths are planted in God's protection and favor.

*Children are less likely to stray.* - There have been studies from several universities and research groups showing that regular participation in a "religious community" allows people to live longer, happier, and healthier lives. They are less likely to experiment with drugs, alcohol or tobacco and are more likely to value religion, education, and family.

*Children are taught to live in harmony together -* Children learn to respect and appreciate differences of backgrounds and beliefs and to live with them in peace and harmony.

For just one hour a week, you and your family will enjoy lifetime benefits. If all families brought their children to Sunday School and supported church and parish volunteers, children would grow into loving, God-centered adults.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Reminder:* Religious education classes begin immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the basement until further notice.