“The care and thoughtfulness with our children as human beings is exceptional. I work across the USA and internationally in education— you are a model in both the philosophy/implementation of pre-K education as well as a model of diversity (socioeconomic and ethnicity). I feel so fortunate for my children to be part of the St. Mary’s family.”
- Robert Price, Parent

“For years I have described the work of the educators at St. Mary’s as “watching angels on earth”. Their educational practices represent the highest quality of teaching in the context of appreciating and strengthening the child as a capable, competent, powerful learner.”
- Ena Shelley, Dean of Butler’s College of Education

St. Mary’s is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit. We are an agency of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and United Way of Central Indiana.

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Indianapolis, IN 46202

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Indianapolis, IN 46216

Butler Lab School at IPS 60
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“Nothing without joy.”
-Loris Malaguzzi
Our Philosophy

“In the Reggio Emilia preschools, however, each child is viewed as infinitely capable, creative, and intelligent. The job of the teacher is to support these qualities and to challenge children in appropriate ways so that they develop fully.”
— Louise Boyd Cadwell, *Bringing Reggio Emilia Home: An Innovative Approach to Early Childhood Education*

We embrace the Reggio inspired values of collaboration, the strong image of the child, the environment as a teacher, children’s multiple symbolic languages, documentation as assessment and advocacy, long-term projects, the teacher as a researcher and the importance of home-school relationships.

We believe that all children have the right to multiple ways of learning, doing and expression in developmentally appropriate settings that support their limitless potential and possibilities.

St. Mary’s has provided essential services to children for over 50 years.

We welcome 3-5 year old children of any race, color, religion, national origin or socioeconomic background.

St. Mary’s serves children at five schools: Thompson Building (Downtown), Gilliatte Building (Fort Harrison), IPS/Butler University Lab School (34th and N. Meridian St.), Indianapolis Museum of Art (4000 Michigan Rd) and St. Anthony’s (337 N Warman Ave).

The children are involved in the highest quality early learning experiences. Our work facilitates cognitive, social, emotional, physical and creative development. The children are ready for Kindergarten when they complete our program.

Our children learn in beautiful environments with highly qualified and dedicated educators. Educators from St. Mary’s have studied in Reggio Emilia, Italy and collaborated with educators around the world.

We offer small class sizes with a 7:1 child to adult ratio.

Snacks and lunch are provided to all children while at school. Social services are provided to those who qualify.

Our program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, licensed by the State of Indiana, and ranked a Level 4 on the Paths to Quality scale.

The St. Mary’s Child Center Community is proud to provide scholarships to 93% of our children who qualify because of income. 7% of our children pay tuition.

Our Schools and Program

- St. Mary’s partners with the College of Education at Butler University as members of the Indianapolis Reggio Collaborative.
- Topics of interest are explored through investigations and projects. Special emphasis is placed on problem solving and on the arts as a form of self-expression used to demonstrate learning.
- The high quality early childhood experiences at our schools prepare our children for success in learning and success in life.

Half Day Preschool
Monday through Friday
(open 38 weeks/year)
8:30 – 11:10 AM or 1:00 to 3:40 PM
Tuition: $115.00 per week
(Scholarships are available for children who qualify for free or reduced lunch.)

Full Day Preschool
Monday through Friday
(open 47 weeks/year)
7:00 AM—5:30 PM
Tuition: $229.00 per week
(We accept CCDF vouchers and On My Way PreK.)

For more information, open house dates or to apply for the Preschool Program, please call 317-635-1491.