



Celebrating 30 Years of Caring for our Children !

Mission of our Preschool:

The mission of Blessed Trinity School and Angels in Arms is to foster Christian leadership by witnessing the Gospel message and embracing the stewardship way of life. We strive for moral and academic excellence as we reach out to the community as Christ's disciples.



The year 2018 brings with it great milestones for our Church. One of these milestones includes celebrating Angels in Arms 30th anniversary. To mark this occasion we need to recognize our past, reflect on our present and keep an eye on our future. Studies have shown that a person's personality and morals are determined by age five. This is why Angels in Arms is one of the most important ministries at Blessed Trinity.

History of our Preschool:



This special ministry of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church began in January 1988 out of necessity for parents at the elementary school and Parish who had young children. It all started under the Pastor at the time, Fr. Paul Kamide RIP with Brenda Dunning as the first director. The first small building housed all age groups. As the program grew, so did the buildings. By 1994, there was an infant/toddler/2K building, a 3K building, a 4K/Office building and a portable. In July of 1994, Mrs. Jan Martin succeeded Brenda Dunning as the director of Angels in Arms. Father Patrick Sheedy, pastor of Blessed Trinity Church, began a campaign to build a larger building to house all the age groups. His dedication and the dedicated parents helped this dream become reality in March 1996. The seventeen classroom building we currently use today was built and with only minor upgrades children continue to attend preschool in that same building.



Angels Today:

Today there are approximately 250 children between the ages of 6 weeks through 5 years attending Angels in Arms and a staff of 43 early childhood professionals. Two of the original teachers at Angels are still a part of this special group of educators. We have recently updated all bathrooms, added a bicycle riding track, and completed a metal roof on our buildings. Our students have an enriched faith formation process, beginning with Biblical based songs, stories, prayer, weekly Catholic leaflets, all leading up to attending Mass as a four year old.

We contract with the State to provide several programs including: Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK), School Readiness, and the Florida Food Program. We are accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference and operate under the Diocese of Orlando and Blessed Trinity School and Parish. Our VPK students utilize the computer lab and library at Blessed Trinity School.

The Director is Kelly Schwietert, Assistant Director is Deirdra Tolbert Busby. Our staff provides the best quality child care for young children in a Christian environment that is developmentally appropriate for their age. We have highly qualified staff and teachers; many of them have completed their FCCPC/CDA and all 3K & 4K Lead teachers have completed formal education (Associate's/Bachelor's Degrees). Our staff is also first aid and CPR certified. In addition, for 2016 & 2017, Angels has been named the 'Best of the Best' in the Daycare/Preschool category in Marion County.

Angel's Future:

Our future goals include continuing to be a vital component to the education of young children within Ocala and Marion County. Thank you to all of our families for making the past 30 years so successful. We look forward to continuing our growth and service within our community.