



St. Patrick School Staff

Carleton, Michigan



Carl Lenze

Principal: Carl Lenze attended Saint Bernardine of Seina elementary school in Westland through the 4th grade and then transferred to Saint Raphael in Garden City where he was confirmed in 8th grade. He graduated from Livonia Franklin High School and earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees at Eastern Michigan University, with a major in History and English Language and Literature and his Teaching Certificate. After teaching for ten years, Carl went on to earn his Education Specialist degree at Wayne State University in Educational Leadership. He taught at Garden City Junior High School for ten years and then at the High School for twenty-one years before retiring from public education and coming to Saint Patrick in the fall of 2016. In Garden City, Carl was the sponsor of the Christian Club for over 20 years. Carl has been married for 29 years and raised a family of six children.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL TEACHERS



Karen Schenavar

3-year-old Pre-K Teacher: Hello, my name is Karen Schenavar. Even though I am retired, I love teaching. I am privileged to be teaching part time in the 3-year-old preschool and tutoring students here at St Patrick's School. I am a lifetime resident of Monroe, a Graduate of SMCC and Western Michigan University with a Masters in Reading. Looking forward to meeting my students. Say hi when you see me in the hall.



Lisa Kemmerling

3-year-old Pre-K Teacher: I am honored and thrilled to be a part of St. Patrick School this year as a Preschool Teacher. St. Patrick School has been my second home since 1991. Throughout the years I have taught 2nd Grade, Kindergarten and various other subjects from K-8. I proudly began the Preschool Playgroup in 2005 and helped establish the Preschool Program as the Director along with being the Preschool Teacher in 2007. I am a graduate of Monroe High School and The University of Toledo with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood with a ZA Endorsement. I attended Eastern Michigan University accumulating 18 hours towards my Master's Degree in Reading. My husband Ken and I have been married 31 years and are blessed with 3 daughters who are graduates of St. Patrick School and SMCC. Our oldest Rose has a Master's Degree in Public Health and our twins Grace and Brooke are freshmen at the University of Findlay. In my free time I enjoy watching University of Michigan Football and the Detroit Tigers, spending time with family, traveling, shopping, walking, and preparing food for Oaks of Righteousness in Monroe.



Nikita Newkirk

4- year-old Pre K Teacher: I grew up in Brownstown, with my parents and three sisters. I graduated in 2010 from Woodhaven High School. I have been married since 2014 to my husband PJ and in that time, we have welcomed our two beautiful daughters, Olivia, and Lorelai. I started at St. Patrick School in 2021 working as the Preschool Aide. In the spring of 2023, I completed my Child Development Associate Certificate, specialized in early development. This fall, I will be teaching Preschool as the lead teacher and am looking forward to another great school year!



Kathy Gaynier

Pre-K 4 & Young 5s Aide: Hello, my name is Kathy Gaynier. I have been blessed to be teaching here at St. Patrick's school. I have worked with the lower elementary students in Catholic schools for over 20 years. I have been teaching preschool for 15 years.

I live in South Rockwood with my husband Dave. We have two wonderful children, Nichole who lives locally and our son Jeremy, who lives in San Diego. We also have three very active grandchildren. Nicholas and David who are 7yrs old and Kadence who is 4yrs old. Dave and I love to travel, so you can find us on the road any chance we get.



Anna Miller

Kindergarten Teacher: Hi! My name is Anna Miller. I am the kindergarten teacher. I am so delighted to be a part of St. Patrick Catholic School. Being around Catholic school my whole life, I am excited to give back and start children out on the right foot!

I went to high school at SMCC where I graduated in 2016. After high school, I graduated from the University of Toledo in December 2020 with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

I am also married to my best friend and High School Sweetheart, Justin, & have two wonderful boys, Blake and Samson. We also have a puppy named Bower. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and going on walks. St. Patrick is a great community, and I am so glad to be a part of it!



Jessica Jones

1st Grade Teacher: I am excited to be a St. Pat's Giant, officially accepting a position to join the already fantastic team of professionals assembled to educate our children. God has been tugging me more and more in the direction of the school to share my abilities and strengths within this community. I was raised in Carleton, MI and have resided within a 15-minute radius for my entire life. I am a Catholic Convert, having received all my sacraments with Father John Hedges of New Boston. I married Benjamin Jones in 2009 and we have nine children: Abigail, Isabelle, Robert, Margaret, Olivia, Amelia, Benjamin, Thomas, and Kathleen. I have been classroom managing an early elementary classroom for the better part of a decade, typically with a toddler and baby in tow. My family and I are members of Divine Grace Parish and St. Mary's the Annunciation of Rockwood. I have spent my professional career outside of the home serving underprivileged families in the inner city for the past 17 years. I am truly blessed and honored to join Carl's team of educators and I look forward to seeing what Jesus does in our school community this year and for many years to come.



Tela Geiger

2nd Grade Teacher: I am thrilled and truly blessed to be your child's teacher this school year. I have spent time in classrooms ranging from Preschool up to 8th grade. I have found that spending my time with the early elementary students is where I find my heart overflowing with delight as they are such a joy to spend time with. I live in Erie with my husband Nathan and three children Mary, Jonathon and Maggie. Nathan is a Special Education Teacher at Melvindale High School, and while in school my children attend St. Mary Catholic Central High School. I am an active member of St. Michael Parish in Monroe where I serve as a member of the Finance Council. After earning my BSBA in Finance at Central Michigan University I spent 15 years in the Financial Advising Industry before making the decision to stay home full time with my family. During that time, I was a substitute teacher for Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools and in the Monroe County Public Schools. Through substitute teaching I learned that I was being called to enter the classroom as a teacher and come to St. Patrick School through the Michigan Teachers of Tomorrow program.



Micah Eby

3rd Grade Teacher: My name is Micah Eby and I am teaching third grade at St. Patrick School. I grew up in Monroe, attending St. Mary's and SMCC before studying at Franciscan University for my undergrad. I've worked with elementary aged kids through two summers of a missionary program in Oklahoma called Totus Tuus as well as substitute teaching at Triumph Academy in Monroe for six months.

My faith is very important to me. My hope this year is that my third graders get closer in personal relationships with Christ and our mother Mary, and that they learn how to love God and each other better. Please remember our students and staff in your prayers throughout this school year as we attempt to be instruments for God to work in their hearts and minds.



Christina Nagley

4th Grade Teacher: Hello, I'm Christina Nagley and I'm so excited to be your 3rd grade teacher. I have worked in a classroom for over 10 years at various grade levels. I am married to my husband, Marcus, and have two grown daughters, Lilyanne and Laura Mae who both attended St. Joe's in Erie. I have a dog, Jake, 2 cats, Maximus and Morgana, and 6 chickens, Molly, Morticia, Lorelai, Lane, Prissy, and Prue. Some of my favorite things are: Walleye Hockey (Go Fish!), Coffee, Coffee, and Coffee, Chickens, SciFi (Dr. Who, Star Wars, Original Star Trek), and spending time with my 102-year-old Nana.

A very important note about me is that I am very allergic to all citrus fruits (oranges, tangerines, lemons, limes, etc.). I can't eat, smell, or touch them, even artificial scents and cleaning wipes/soaps.



Timothy Bolster

5th / 6th Grade Teacher: Mr. Bolster began teaching at St. Patrick School in 2017 after 12 years as a public-school elementary teacher. He also serves as the Director of Religious Education for Divine Grace Parish. Fifth and Sixth grade students encounter Jesus daily through Scripture, prayer, and song. We are focused on growing in virtue and joining the movement to Unleash the Gospel in the Archdiocese of Detroit. We learn using a variety of resources, from textbooks to Chromebooks, attuning our senses, applying our intellect, and directing our imagination to all that is true, good, and beautiful. We are anchored in the wisdom of classical Catholic tradition while drawing from the best of contemporary practices in education.



Karla Hinkle

7th / 8th Grade Teacher: I have been a member of the St Patrick School Family for 5+ years as a parent. In September 2021, I accepted the position of 7th/8th grade teacher for St Patrick School. I continue to look forward to serving God, the Church, and the school in my role as a Junior High Teacher. I have a Master of Science from Eastern Michigan and a Bachelor of General Studies from Oakland University. I have been an active member of St. Michael the Archangel Parish since my baptism. I have received all my sacraments at St. Michael's. I have served St Michaels as a CYO Coach, CYO Athletic Director and Eucharist Minister. I live in Monroe, where I was born and raised, with my husband and four children (Cassandra, Joseph IV, Kyree and Raven). I enjoy spending time with my family and six pets. I am a sports fanatic. I serve as the Monroe Area CYO Coordinator responsible for the volleyball, soccer, basketball, baseball and softball program for our Monroe County Vicariate Parishes and Schools.

SUPPORT STAFF



Kristin Haddix

Secretary: My name is Kristin Haddix. I am so excited and honored to be part of our Saint Patrick School community as the school secretary. As a Carleton resident and parishioner of St. Patrick Church/Divine Grace Parish my entire life, this community holds a special place in my heart. I have been married to my husband, Bradley, since 2013. We have two children, Lucas and Aubrey. I enjoy spending as much time with them as I can. We love going camping and traveling. In my spare time, I like to bake with my kids and have Saturday movies and popcorn night as a family. God has blessed me with a great family at home and wonderful family to work with. I am truly thankful. Go Giants!



Jerry Hoffman
School Custodian



Sierra Grubb
Latch Key Supervisor



Laura West
Lunch Aide



Amanda Carter
Pre-k 3 Aide & Recess

SPECIALS TEACHERS

- Mr. Pivetta - Latin
- Ms. Santini – Music*
- Ms. Maher – Art*
- Mr. Spencer - Physical Education*
- Mr. Bezeau – Technology*

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