



# 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.



**Kathy Gaynier**

**Pre -K & Young 5s Teacher:** Hello, my name is Kathy Gaynier. I have been working with the lower elementary students in Catholic schools for over 20 years. I have been teaching preschool for the past 12 years. It is important to me to have a classroom that the children feel they are part of God's family. During play, socialization, problem solving through conflict resolution we also become a class family.



**Tony Vincentini**



**Nikita Newkirk**

**Pre -K Aides:** Mr. Vincentini or "Mr. V." as the children call him, and Mrs. Newkirk support the Pre-K class throughout the week. They bring 30+ years of teaching experience, specializing in special education our Pre-School Aides enrich our preschooler's experience.



**Anna Miller**

**Kindergarten Teacher:** Hi! My name is Anna Miller. I am the new 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.

This summer, I also got married to my best friend and High School Sweetheart. We also have a puppy named Bower who is my pride and joy! In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and going on walks. I am eager to start out this school year!



**Katelin  
Gangway**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher:**

Hello! My name is Katelin Gangway I am the oldest of three girls to Joe and Tammy Gangway. I grew up in Temperance, Michigan, and am a 2014 graduate of Bedford Senior High School.

In 2017, I received my associates degree from Monroe County Community College, and in 2020, I graduated from Eastern Michigan University. I graduated with my Bachelor's in Science majoring in Elementary Education Comprehensive Early Childhood.

In my free time, I enjoy running and rollerblading. I also love working in my garden and spending time with my family and friends.

I am looking forward to teaching first grade this year at St. Patrick's. I have always dreamed of teaching in a school where my faith and love for education meet.



**Tela Geiger**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher:** I am thrilled and truly blessed to be your child's teacher this school year. This is my third year at St. Patrick School. I have spent time in classrooms ranging from Preschool up to 8th grade. Over the past 9 years 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 (17), Jonathon (14) and Maggie (12). Nathan is a Special Education Teacher at Melvindale High School, Mary attends the University of Toledo, Jonathon is a Freshman at St. Mary Catholic Central High School and Maggie is in 7th grade at Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools. 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. I come to St. Patrick School through the Michigan Teachers of Tomorrow program. After completing coursework preparing me for the classroom, I will now earn my teaching certificate through a mentorship program teaching first and second grade here at St. Patrick School.



**Maureen  
Wickenheiser**

**3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher:** My name is Maureen Wickenheiser. I live in Carleton on our family farm with my husband, Joe. I have 3 children Emily, Sydney, and Ryan and a wonderful daughter-in-law, Chelsea. I am a BIG football fan! I also enjoy watching baseball, cooking, reading, and spending time playing with my grand-daughter, Rowan. I have taught in Catholic Schools for 23 years. I attended the University of Michigan (both undergraduate and graduate), the University of Detroit-Mercy, and Marygrove University. I was named the 2018 State of Michigan Agricultural Science Teacher of the Year. I am a NASA Globe teacher. I am a certified Catechist and have completed the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1. I have been a guest lecturer at Eastern Michigan University in the Reading Master's Program, am a Teacher Trainer for Differentiated Instruction, and have served on the State of Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Social Studies Review Committee and I currently serve as the STEM Committee Chair for YMCA Camps Outdoor Education Programs for Southeast Michigan and Northern Ohio. My philosophy for learning is that each child is unique and learns in a different way. I believe my job as a teacher is to help children discover his or her individuality and work with them to maximize it. I **love** all of the subjects that I teach, but it is my goal to instill a passion for reading, writing, problem solving, and project-based learning across the curriculum in all of my students as well as to create a community of learners who are committed to working hard and feeling challenged. I want students to leave my classroom feeling confident that they can apply what they've learned in school to real-life situations.



**Timothy Bolster**

**5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

**7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher:** I have been a member of the St Patrick School Family for five years as a parent. In September 2021, God provided for me for the second time, the answer of where I belong and where I can use the gifts, he has graced upon me. In October 2021, I accepted the position of 7th/8th grade teacher for St Patrick School. I am extremely excited to have joined the St. Patrick's Faculty and I look forward to serving God, the Church and the school in my new 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 including matrimony to my husband, Joseph Hinkle III, at St Michaels. 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 children (Cassandra (21), Joseph IV (20), Kyree (13) and Raven (11)). I enjoy spending time with my family and pets (Gizmo, Halo, Angelica, Lucifer, Libby and Jackie). 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.



**Kelly Varcie**

**School Secretary:** Hello my name is Kelly Varcie and I started working at St. Patrick's in July 2017 as the school administrative assistant. I grew up in Taylor where I met my husband. Jim and I have been together for 35 years and have 2 wonderful sons, Jake and Josh, 2 adorable grandsons, Grayson and Easton and our first granddaughter Esmay. We have lived in Huron Twp. for 26 years where both of our sons graduated from. I am truly blessed in my life with my family and now with my St. Pat's family. I love my job, the students, parents, and staff!!!



**Lisa Kemmerling**

**Tutor:** I am honored and thrilled to be a part of St. Patrick School this year as a Tutor. Since 1991 I have taught 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Kindergarten and various other subjects from K-8. I proudly began the Preschool Playgroup and helped establish the Preschool Program along with being the Preschool Teacher. 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 also attended Eastern Michigan University accumulating 18 hours towards my Master's Degree in Reading. My husband Ken and I have been married 30 years and are blessed with 3 daughters who are graduates of St. Patrick School. Our oldest Rose is a graduate of SMCC and Olivet College. In May she will graduate from University of Toledo with a Master's in Public Health & Epidemiology. Our twins Grace and Brooke are Seniors at SMCC and we are in the process of making the hard decision of which college they will attend next year.

# *Specials Teachers*



**Chad Bezeau**  
Gym & Technology Teacher\*



**Katie Ramirez**  
Art Teacher\*



**Mrs. O**  
Music Teacher\*

*\*Provided by Airport Schools*



**Sierra Grubb**  
Latch Key Supervisor

**Latch-Key Staff:** Karen Delenski,  
Jennifer Jackson and Mary Wickenheiser

*\*Please see latch-Key handout for more  
information*



**Jerrie Hoffman**  
Maintenance/Janitor

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