

Faculty Biographies



At Divine Savior Catholic School our faculty brings years of experience and devotion to Catholic Education. In each of the biographies you will not only learn about the strong educational backgrounds of our teachers, but you will also feel the excitement that they bring to the classrooms.

Mr. Gerard Stepanek

Principal

Mr. Gerard Stepanek is the Principal of Divine Savior Catholic School.

Mrs. Kathy Voland

3 & 4 Year Pre-K

Director of Childcare

Mrs. Kathy Voland received her degree in Early Childhood Education from Lakeshore Tech. She holds a Level 13 from the State of Wisconsin Teaching Registry. She believes that children should have fun and an energetic experience where they can learn through both structured and free time play.

Mrs. Joan Nisler

Kindergarten

Mrs. Joan Nisler is the teacher for Kindergarten. She has a degree in Early Childhood Ed. (minor in Language Arts) from Marian College. She likes to use her faith as an example for her students and believes in teaching the whole child. She respects each student's unique abilities and talents.

Mrs. Amanda Johnson

Grade 1

Mrs. Amanda Johnson is a graduate of Marian University with a degree in Elementary Education gr. 1-8. She has taught 1st and 3rd grade over the last 4 years.

Her philosophy of education begins with meeting the needs of student's academic levels, differentiating instruction, incorporating technology, and building a basis for the love of reading, writing and math.

Mrs. Diane Cherney

Grade 2

Mrs. Diane Cherney has a degree in Elementary Ed. (minor in English) from Silver Lake College. She believes that the classroom is an extension of the home—a place where children can feel secure as they learn and grow spiritually, emotionally, and academically.

Mrs. Tracy Schuler

Grade 3

Mrs. Tracy Schuler has a degree in Elementary and Special Ed. and a master's degree in Reading from UW-Whitewater. She believes that her job as a teacher is to help each student reach and perform at their full potential.

Mrs. Kris Tarnowski

Grade 4

Social Studies 8

Mrs. Kris Tarnowski has a degree in Elementary Ed. (emphasis in English) from UW-Stevens Point. She wants students to have fun learning in a structured environment and strives to instill the Christian values of cooperation and respect into each of her students.

Mrs. Catherine Kees

Grade 5

Mrs. Catherine Kees is the 5th Grade Teacher. She has a degree in Elementary Education from UW-Oshkosh. One of her goals is to help students become independent thinkers so that they can solve problems in everyday situations.

Ms. Terri Huether

Grade 6 Homeroom

**Social Studies, Technology and Physical
Education**

Ms. Terri Huether graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a degree in History/Social Studies and a minor in Coaching. Her goal is to try to make sure that every child is successful!

Mrs. Linda Jelinek

Grade 7 Homeroom

Language Arts

Mrs. Linda Jelinek double majored in Elementary and Special Ed. at Silver Lake College. She believes that with a bit of humor and encouragement all children can succeed and become lifelong learners.

Mrs. Holst

Grade 8 Homeroom

Math, Religious Education

Mrs. Holst received her degree in Elementary Ed. with a Math minor from UW-Oshkosh. She believes that children learn best when they can relate the subject to their lives. Her students know “math is fun!”

Mr. Mike Lodes

Science Specialist 6-8

Social Studies 8

Mr. Mike Lodes has a degree in Biology/General Science with a minor in History from UW-Oshkosh. He has been teaching for 38 years! In his classroom a little lecture is mixed with a lot of “hands on” and demonstrations to make the lessons meaningful.

Mrs. Debbie Sawyer

Music K-8

Mrs. Debbie Sawyer double majored in Music and Psychology at Lakeland College. She also teaches Music at Chilton Area Catholic School. Mrs. Sawyer believes that music serves as a means of self-expression, emotional release, spiritual satisfaction and intellectual stimulation. Her favorite quote is “When we sing, we pray twice.”

Mrs. Mary Hoerth

Librarian

Mrs. Mary Hoerth has a degree in Business Education from UW–Whitewater. She began teaching in 1967 and retired in 2002. She came out of retirement to work at Holy Rosary School in 2004. In her spare time she enjoys reading. Her teaching philosophy is to lead by example.

Mrs. Kim Ertel

Pre-school – 8 Class Assistant

Mrs. Kim Ertel is the Preschool through Grade Eight Classroom. She also works as the lunchroom and playground supervisor. Mrs. Ertel believes that everything comes down to the Golden Rule, “treat others as you would like to be treated.”