

Welcome New Staff!



Jackie Olson, Music & Theatre Teacher

Jackie has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre from MSU-Mankato and has been acting professionally around the Twin Cities and NYC since 2007. She is a 2003 graduate of Waconia High School, has an extensive music background with vocals/choirs, and is working toward a teaching license. For the past 5 years, Jackie has been running a children's clothing boutique from home and on Facebook!

She is excited to bring more music and theatre to St. Joe's. She enjoys going out on Lake Waconia with her family, traveling, walking her dog (Ducky), and watching her nieces play sports! A message from Jackie: "I'm so grateful for this opportunity and cannot wait to serve the Lord, St. Joe's, and its wonderful community through music and theatre!"

Sean Barker, Director of Music & Liturgy

Sean has a Masters of Art in Teaching (K-12 Vocal & Classroom Music), B.A. in Philosophy, and B.A. in Music. He's spent 6 years teaching PreK-8 and 4 years directing Music & Liturgy at St Joe's in addition to 1 year teaching Choir at Holy Family. He looks forward to enhancing the liturgy, getting lots of people involved in ways that maximize their talents to enhance the liturgy, and making beautiful music. His hobbies include theatre, BBQ, and the Green Bay Packers.

A message from Sean: "I want our parish to be a singing parish...when it's safe. ALL are capable, in the right environment, with the appropriate instruction, and a little bit of time. Additionally... thank you all for being gracious with my struggles at the organ. It is not my principal instrument, but "The pipe organ is to be held in high esteem in the Latin Church" and Gregorian Chant, in particular, is to be given "pride of place" according to the official instructions given to us from the Church. My goal is to connect our parishioners to the beautiful traditions that are our birthright (and our obligation) while also employing music that is accessible, meaningful, and spiritually effective for us. For these reasons, I invite you all, traditionalists and modernists alike, to engage your soul in communing with God even through music that might not be the most familiar or comfortable--you might find that it works a little bit better than previously thought. If you have concerns, needs, or questions about any of that, I'm at your service."





Mary Spike, Director of Techonolgy

Mary has her Bachelor's Degree in Management with a Concentration in Technology from the University of Phoenix. She has 18 years of experience in K12 Education Technology with the Wayzata, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, and Mountain Iron-Buhl School Districts.

Mary is excited to be able to help facilitate a C-STEM-oriented school into keeping the students at the forefront of technology! She loves to take road trips across the country with her family, go camping, canoeing, and do anything outdoors.

Molly Battis, Saints Inc Supervisor

Molly has been a part of the St Joe's community for many years and is so proud to be a part of it! She loves the welcoming atmosphere at this school. She is excited to continue to create a fun environment for the kids and spending lots of time outside and doing fun activities.

Molly is a current high school senior and is involved in a variety of clubs and activities through school. She enjoys spending her time on the lake and outside with friends and family.



John Bannigan, Director of Advancement and Admission

John comes to St. Joe's with over 30 years of experience in Advancement. After attending St. Thomas University, he worked as a recruiter in their Admissions Office, worked in the Alumni and Development Office at Cretin-Derham Hall High School, and was Director of St. Thomas' Annual Fund.

John is excited to meet the St. Joe's and Waconia community and to lead the Advancement Team. John love sports! In his free-time, John plays baseball (in the same league as Father Stan), reads, writes, and stays active. He lives in Bloomington with his wife of 35 years, Linda, and has three kids (Shelia, Sean, and Claire). Fun Fact: His all-time favorite job was being the Men's Hockey announcer for the University of Minnesota for 8 years!

Congratulations on Retirement!

Rob Bell has served as Director of Advancement at St. Joseph Catholic STEM School since 2019. During his time in the administraiton, Rob has initiated the Annual Fund, establishing a Major Gifts Program, and has always greeted students, families, staff, and donors with a smile.

With over 32 years working in Catholic schools, Rob is excited to spend more time with his grandchildren and family along with volunteering in his home parish. Congratulations Rob - we wish you the best!

