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What made you decide to join the teaching staff at St. Joseph Parish School?

I decided to join the teaching staff at St. Joseph Parish School after being given the opportunity to teach Science and Mathematics to the Middle School students. I jumped at the opportunity because I am passionate about sharing the knowledge I have worked for and gained with young, moldable minds of the communities in which I grew up in. I also have familial connections to St. Joseph Parish and have nothing but fond memories of the Parish community. This chance to give students a hands-on, interactive experience with both the scientific and mathematical world is a blessing for me and I hope to excite and inspire the students I get to teach.

When did you realize you wanted a career in science?

I realized I wanted a career in science while still in high school. This dream was then reinforced by my professors and classes that I attended at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. At all three institutions, I was given the chance to apply scientific knowledge and concepts to real-world situations and “get my hands dirty”. Those experimental learning opportunities only further enhanced my excitement and curiosity of the natural world and led me to this path.

Where are you originally from?

I grew up in Cedarburg and lived in the area most of my life.

What are your hobbies?

Coaching softball, camping, organizing, and chasing my energetic sons around to play.

What is your favorite food and drink?

Peanut butter and jelly toast, melon, and meatloaf.