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**What is special about working and teaching at St. Joseph Parish School?**

I love working at St. Joseph Parish School because I feel there is a special family atmosphere here as everyone works together to provide a dynamic learning environment for our students. I feel our small school environment gives us opportunity to get to know the students, thus enhancing the teacher-student relationships.

**Tell us about one fond memory you have from your 14 years teaching at St. Joseph Parish School.**

I get to celebrate big and small accomplishments with the K4's throughout the day and school year. They get so excited about learning and make such gains all year round. I get to watch my students (current and previous) grow and am so proud of being a part of the process of getting them to where they are today!

**What is one of your favorite St. Joseph Parish School K4 traditions that happens each year?**

There are many fun K4 traditions that happen every year, but I really enjoy the activities that involve the K4 students and their parents. I love to see how excited and proud of themselves the kids are as they sing and perform for their parents at our K4 Pie Party and the Mother's Day Tea. I also enjoy watching the parent – child team as they create and build Gingerbread Houses right before Christmas.

**Where are you originally from?**

I was born and raised in Whitefish Bay; my parents still live in the house I grew up in. After college I moved to Henderson, NV to teach for more than 15 years before moving back to Wisconsin to be closer to family.

**What are your favorite hobbies?**

I enjoy swimming, reading, walking our dogs, and traveling.

**What is your favorite food and drink?**

My favorite food is Kopp's Mint Chip custard and Mexican food and drink.