



#### **4th Grade:**

My name is Katie Slattery. I grew up in North Platte, NE and I am the second oldest of four girls. I graduated from UNK with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education in May of 2019. I have been a classroom teacher since April 2019, in both 3rd and 4th grade. In my free time, I love working out and spending time with my family! I am very excited to join the St. Michael School family and have wanted to do so since attending Mass four years ago when my family visited Lincoln. I have always wanted to return to a catholic school, as that was my school experience growing up. I am so excited that this dream is coming true!

#### **1st Grade:**

Hi! My name is Stacie Carper and I am excited to be teaching 1st grade at St. Michael School. I grew up in Grand Island and attended the University of Nebraska. In my career I have taught 1st grade, 2nd grade, and at three preschools. My enthusiasm for teaching children continues to grow each year. When I am not at school, I spend my time staying active outside with my husband and three children. We shoot hoops on the driveway and enjoy nature. I like to knit mittens, bake, and go geocaching with my family.



#### **Music:**

My name is Sabrina Kirkwood and I am so excited to begin my next chapter as the music teacher at St. Michael School and join this thriving catholic community! My family is relocating from Colorado where I worked as a music teacher for the past twelve years. I received my Bachelors in Music Education from the Metropolitan State University of Denver and completed a Masters of Early Childhood Education from the American College of

Education. I am blessed to be married to Josh who will be teaching band in the Lincoln Catholic schools next year. We have three children who will have the privilege to attend St. Michael School as well. I enjoy reading, walks, softball, coffee, fishing, and spending time with my family, music, and of course, my faith. I am excited to be joining this community and walking the faith together.

## **Kindergarten:**

Hello! My Name is Caitlin McAndrew-Beckman or Miss. Mac! I just graduated from Emporia State University with my B.S.E in Elementary Education. This will be my first year teaching, however I student taught in both Kindergarten and 3rd grade during my time at Emporia. I grew up in Lawrence, Kansas so moving to Lincoln is a very exciting transition for me! In my free time, I enjoy working out, especially running, and creating.



## **Library:**

Mary Miller is joining St. Michael from Randolph Public Schools where she was last an elementary principal. Mary also has experience instructing Social Science, teaching P.E. and coaching. Mary graduated with a Master's Degree from Doane College after receiving her Bachelor's from Dana College. Married for almost 35 years, Mary and her husband, Jon, have 2 children and 2 grandchildren, one of which will be a student at St. Michael School. In her free time, Mary enjoys reading and crafting!

## **Middle School Math/Religion:**

My name is Marie Foley and I am originally from Lincoln Nebraska, where I was raised in an amazing Catholic family in St. Peter's Parish. I attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and received a degree in Secondary Education for Math. During college, I met the Lord in a profound way, and although I loved my students and teaching - Jesus called me to join His Mission by serving with FOCUS. I am excited that the Lord has called me back to serve in the Lincoln Diocese and at St. Michael's School. In my free time, I enjoy coaching volleyball, cheering on the Huskers, running half marathons, drinking a plethora of coffee, and traveling to foreign countries.





### **Para / Director of EDC:**

My name is Emily Rodriguez, and I am originally from Wellington, Colorado, but have lived in Lincoln since attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln from which I graduated in 2021. I have spent the last 7 years working in various child care programs from preschools to summer camps and after school programs. In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with my friends and family, watching sports and TV, and playing with my corgi, Capri. Working for a Catholic school has always been something I've wanted since attending Catholic school as a child. I am very blessed and thankful for this opportunity and look forward to working with all the families of St. Michael School.

### **Middle School ELA:**

My name is Janyce Ostrander and I was born and raised in Hastings, Nebraska and graduated from St. Cecilia High School. I received my undergrad and graduate degrees from Doane College in Crete. I taught for 3 years in Geneva, 10 years in Lincoln, and the last 21 years in Crete, all upper elementary and middle school. After losing my husband to cancer in 2021, I moved to Lincoln and joined Saint Michael Parish. I enjoy spending time with my 2 grown sons, my extended family, and doing anything that involves the outdoors. I am very much looking forward to learning and growing with you.



### **1st Grade:**

My name is Emily Peters. I grew up in a small rural community near Lewis and Clark Lake before moving to Lincoln. I graduated from Pius X High School ('09) and originally went to UNL for Vocal Performance before taking a break and meeting my husband, Alex. We have three children (Lochlan almost 4 years old, Rowan almost 3 years old, and Maren just turned 1) with a fourth joining us in July! I'll complete my bachelors in

education this fall from UNK and I am beyond blessed to be joining the St. Michael's team.

## **St. Michael also welcomes...**

**Part-Time Para-** Hannah Hames

**Part-Time Para-** Paula Steinberger

**Part-Time Nurse-** Kate Chambers