

# 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. Larry Konetzke**

**Principal**

Mr. Larry Konetzke is the Principal of Divine Savior Catholic School. At UW-Oshkosh he majored in Secondary Education and Social Studies and minored in History. At Marian College he got his Masters Degree in Administration. He believes that educators need to have a strong faith commitment. They need to vary teaching methods to meet the needs of all students and to provide opportunities outside the classroom to enhance and broaden students' learning.

**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. Judy Meyer**

**Grade 1**

Mrs. Judy Meyer is the First Grade Teacher. She received a degree in Elementary Ed. with a minor in Computer Science from Lakeland College. She received a Reading License from Viterbo University. Her goal is to instill a lifelong love of learning into each of her students.

**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. Carol Jacobson**

**Technology K-8**

Mrs. Carol Jacobson has a degree in English/Library Science from Silver Lake College. She has a master’s degree in Library Science from U.W. Milwaukee. She believes that we have to teach children how to be creative thinkers and problem solvers for many of their jobs may not have even been invented yet.

**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.”