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Years in Parish: 6

Family: My wife Debbi and I have been married for 12 ½ years, and we have 3 sons. My oldest, Ronan is a fifth grader, while my middle son Hayden is a third grader, both here at SMM. My youngest son A.J. will be starting Kindergarten in August at SMM.

Background:

I was born and raised in Meriden, CT, and grew up in an Italian-Irish Catholic family. I was baptized and attended St. Rose Church in Meriden, Ct, and attended public elementary, middle and high schools. I attended Alfred University in upstate NY for a year after I graduated high school, and then enlisted in the United States Navy in August of 1990. I received an honorable discharge in 2000 after serving 10 years in the Navy as a Naval Aircrewman. I finished my Bachelor of Science in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University while serving my last 3 years of active duty in San Diego, CA. I moved to Louisville, KY on Christmas Eve of 2003. My wife is born and raised in Louisville and attended Assumption High School and the University of Kentucky. We moved back to Louisville in 2012 after living in Northern KY for 4 years while I worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have coached Football at SMM for the last three years, work the silent auction booth at the SMM picnic, Usher in Church, and I am currently the Lay Director for the upcoming men's CHRP retreat on March 3-4. I attended CHRP as a retreatant in March of 2017.

Priorities & Vision

As someone who didn't grow up in Louisville, or attend a Catholic school, I have been moved by the community and sense of camaraderie that my family and I have experienced at SMM. There is always something to become involved in, and by doing so, it brings a great sense of fulfillment and humility. My priority and vision is to ensure that inclusiveness is a priority at our school and Church, and to consistently serve as an ambassador for SMM and faith-based values. My goal for my own children, as well as the children I serve as Coach, and hopefully on SAC, is to build complete students who are equally confident academically, athletically, and most important; spiritually.



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FAMILY:

My husband Kenny and I have been married for eight years. Our son Carter is seven years old and is in first grade at St. Margaret Mary.

BACKGROUND:

I was born and raised in Louisville, KY, attending grade school at Our Lady of Lourdes and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy. I received my Communications degree from the University of Louisville and then my Masters in Business Administration from Bellarmine University. After college, I worked at Creative Alliance (now Schoppechio) Advertising Agency for six years. I then decided to change careers and went into medical sales, which I loved! I was quickly promoted to a larger territory and moved to Chicago where I worked and lived for eleven years.

My husband is also a Louisville native and although we knew one another in high school and college, we didn't start dating until later. We reconnected at a mutual friend's wedding and dated long distance. He moved from California to Chicago to be with me and we were married at St. Joseph's in Louisville and a year later our son Carter was born in Chicago. We moved back to Louisville before Carter's first birthday to be closer to family.

Although I left the work world to take care of our son, I have kept myself very busy through volunteering at both St. Margaret Mary and in our neighborhood, Owl Creek. At St. Margaret Mary I have been on numerous field trips and classroom holiday parties, worked booths at the annual June picnic, taken food for the bereavement committee, helped with Sunday school and the nursery. In Owl Creek, I have led the children's playgroup, helped with our holiday parties and swim team. I am an extremely organized, dedicated and hard working individual. I love St. Margaret Mary and I only want the best experience for our son.

PRIORITIES/VISION:

My Catholic faith has always been very important to me, which is why I believe a Catholic education not only prepares students for high school and college but also helps to build a strong faith and gratitude of service. Additionally, I love the great sense of community a Catholic school provides. I would be honored to represent the families of St. Margaret Mary on the School Advisory Council.



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YEARS IN PARISH: 14

FAMILY: My wife, Mara, and I were married at St. Margaret Mary in 2004. We have two boys, Sam (6th grade) and Will (4th grade).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: I was raised as a Military child, born in Radcliff, Kentucky. Being in the Military, my family moved around quite a bit during my childhood. I lived in several states in the US, then attending middle school in Germany. Finally, I went to high school in New York State. Following high school, I moved back to Kentucky at 17 years old, attending the University of Kentucky. After college, I moved to Louisville in 1997 and have remained here ever since. In 2004, I married my wife, Mara. Since that time, we have been busy raising our two sons, Sam (12) and Will (10). I made the decision in 2010 to participate in RCIA and become Catholic myself. I felt that it was extremely important for me to do so in order to fully raise my boys in this faith. We have been active members of the St. Margaret Mary parish since our boys have attended school here. Mara has become a permanent fixture at SMM serving most recently as PTO President, coaching Quick Recall, being a room parent and you can be sure she has attended most every field trip that both boys have had over the years. I have been extremely involved in the Athletic Ministry here over the years, serving a term as an Athletic Director after serving two terms as the K-2 Soccer Coordinator. In addition, you can always find me on the court or on the field coaching various sports. I am an Accountant by day and have spent most of my career helping small businesses build and grow and thrive.

PRIORITIES/ VISION: We have been thrilled with what the Catholic school experience has been for our boys. Sam and Will have had nothing short of amazing teachers at SMM continue to grow in their faith and academics each year. Sam and Will have experienced the wide range of opportunities and experiences at St. Margaret Mary and for that we are grateful each day. I feel blessed to be a part of such an amazing and dynamic community. In addition, I believe that this community will only continue to be this successful with the time and talent that our parents and community give each day. I feel that communication and relationships are the two most important things that we need to continue to grow and maintain in our community. I would love the opportunity to serve this community as a member of the SAC and be a voice for our parents and community.



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Years in Parrish: 7

Family: Laura and I have been married for 13 great years and have two wonderful children, Alex in 5th grade and Eliana in 3rd grade at St Margaret Mary.

I grew up an Army military brat, living across the U.S in 9 states and twice in Europe. Laura and I met and married in N. Virginia, had our two children before we decided to make Louisville home. It's one of the best decisions we have made. We are both cradle Catholics and wanted a catholic community to be a part of and raise our children. Luckily we found St. Margaret Mary and have immersed ourselves in this wonderful community. I've served on Parrish Council, Doughnut Committee, volunteer for Parish Picnic each year, attended CHRP as well as been on the CHRP formation team.

Being raised by a mom who was a Catholic School teacher and dad who was active in the Knights of Columbus, I was shown what it meant to be a part of a catholic faith community and to serve. I would like to continue that servitude and show my children that to be catholic, serving is part of practicing our faith. I would be honored to represent St. Margaret Mary's School Advisory Council and be a voice for parents and students.



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YEARS IN PARISH: 8

FAMILY: I come from a large Catholic family. My husband, Mike, and I have been married for almost 19 years. We have two children; Paige is in 6th grade and Peyton is in 4th grade at St. Margaret Mary.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: I was born and raised in the Highlands in Louisville. I attended St. Raphael Elementary School and Assumption High School. I went to the University of Louisville Business School where I earned a Bachelors Degree in Marketing. My husband and I were married at St. Louis Bertrand. I worked for Healthcare Recoveries as an Insurance Subrogator for nine years before starting a family. I have served as Room Parent all seven years my kids have attended St. Margaret Mary. Other stewardship activities include the Bereavement Committee, M2M group, Girl Scouts, Community Chefs, Fish Fry, Fall Festival, school picnic, class chaperone and other volunteer functions throughout the year.

PRIORITIES/VISION: I grew up in the nurturing support of the Catholic community in Louisville and have successes in life through the power of this community. I believe that Catholic parishes and schools make a big difference in the development of our children. My husband and I are committed to the Catholic community. I think parental involvement in this community is vital to the success of St. Margaret Mary. I would be honored to serve as a dedicated member of the School Advisory Council.