

St. Monica faculty and staff wish each family a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with love, peace, hope and joy.

First, let me introduce the newest member of the team from preschool teachers

**Molly Wright – Developmental Kindergarten**

- Undergraduate degrees in Sociology and Theology from the University of Notre Dame
- Masters degree in education as an ACE fellow (Alliance for Catholic Education)
- 24 years experience in Catholic Education teaching kindergarten, developmental kindergarten, and middle school religion
- Assistant Principal at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School in Chicago for two years – curriculum and scheduling
- I am a product of Catholic education and we are blessed to continue that legacy – my daughter, Maisie, is a graduate of St. Monica and my daughter, Addie, is currently a fifth grader at SMS.

**Enjoy these special messages from our Building Leadership team**

*"What is Christmas? It is the tenderness of the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future." - Agnes M. Pahro*

*As we move from Advent into Christmas, we can truly feel Christ with us. I see His light on the faces of all the children. As we seek peace in our world, we look to those around us for encouragement and strength. The St. Monica community is a family and your love is felt by all the teachers. Thank you and Merry Christmas!*

**Molly Wright - Lead Teacher Preschool**

*"As the Advent season comes to a close and we welcome Jesus on Christmas I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year. I am humbled to be asked to be the lead teacher for K-2. I am looking forward to a New Year overflowing with St. Monica traditions."*

**Emma McLaughlin - Lead Teacher K-2**

*“Merry Christmas! I hope your students had a wonderful Advent season at St. Monica. I am so excited to step into this leadership role to help our wonderful 3rd-5th grade teachers, students, and parents. I hope you have a relaxing break and we will see you back in January!”*

**Karlee Bolin - Lead Teacher 3-5**

*“I wanted to wish a very Merry Christmas to all of our wonderful St. Monica families. I am honored to be able to serve St. Monica School as the lead teacher for 6-8th grade. I am looking forward to a wonderful spring semester.”*

**Cheryl Sanchez - Lead 6-8**

*“Last week as I watched, listened to, and enjoyed our beautiful Christmas concerts, I reflected on how blessed I am to be a part of the St. Monica community, and teach our wonderful students. They bless me every day, and I am grateful and humbled to be asked to serve as the specials lead teacher. We have so much to be thankful for and to look forward to in the coming year!”*

**Lynn Plote - Lead Teacher Specials**

*“As we come upon this much deserved Christmas break, I’d like to thank you for your dedication to St. Monica Catholic School. I hope that you have a Christmas filled with love, joy, and laughter. Have a restful time off and enjoy being with family and friends. May the wonder of the season rejuvenate you! I look forward to working together in the new year.”*

**Karen Smith - Assistant Principal Curriculum, Instruction and SMART Center**

*“Wishing all of the St. Monica community peace and joy this holiday season. May we all remember the reason for the season and enjoy our time with family and friends. Merry Christmas!”*

**Lesley Jordan - Preschool Director, Aftercare Director**