

Meet Mrs. Desmond

Biography: Mrs. Desmond holds a bachelor's degree in political science and economics from Christendom College and master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Bowling Green State University, along with certifications in Integrated Social Studies (7-12), Reading (K-12), Physical Education (K-12), and Administration (K-12)

With over 20 years of experience in education, Mrs. Desmond has served in a variety of roles including classroom teacher, curriculum coach, college and career counselor, and assistant headmistress. Prior to joining St. Joseph Catholic School, she served as the Interim Administrator and the Assistant Headmistress at Northwest Ohio Classical Academy.

As Principal, Mrs. Desmond is excited to meet and get to know families in Erie and neighboring communities. She looks forward to partnering with families, faculty, and parish leadership to ensure that St. Joseph continues its mission of forming young souls in the tradition of the teachings of the Catholic Church and builds upon its legacy of providing a quality academic experience to those students entrusted to its care.

Favorite Prayer(s): The Memorare

Favorite Scripture Verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." -Philippians 4:13

Favorite Catholic Family Tradition: Reading the Gospel on Christmas Eve and singing Christmas hymns as we processed to lay baby Jesus in the manger.

Favorite Devotion(s) Stations of the Cross, Novena to St. Therese of Lisieux, Divine Mercy Novena

Favorite Saint: I love the saints because they are great examples of faith in action at various times throughout History. Saints were ordinary people who did extraordinary things by cultivating habits of virtue and surrendering to the will of God. A few of my favorites are St. Sebastian, St. Joan of Arc, St. Bernadette, St. Damian, and St. Faustina.

Hobbies: In my spare time, I enjoy running and swimming, watching my children compete in swimming, and spending time with my family.

Awards: *Toledo Parent Magazine* Head of the Class School Leader 2022

Liberty Gala Spartan Award for Outstanding Moral Character and Civic Virtue 2024