

Office

Holly Pfeifer, Director



Hi and welcome! I'm Holly Pfeifer, and this is my fourth year as director of Cathedral Preschool, my fifth on staff. I am an Owensboro native and graduated from OCHS and the University of Kentucky. My husband Mark and I have been married for 24 years. We have 7 children – Annie, Paul, Natalie, Maria, Luke, John, and Julia (and a son-in-law, Ryan! And a grandbaby on the way in September!) Five of our kids are Cathedral graduates. We are members of Immaculate Parish and a lot of our free time at this stage is spent at the soccer field for one of the boys, at play practice for one of the girls, or transporting children. My favorite thing to do is float in a swimming pool or relax in a hammock with a good book (doesn't happen very often, and who am I kidding, it's usually RealClearPolitics or Facebook, not a book!) I love being the director of Cathedral Preschool and working with Mrs. Garcia to foster a loving environment for our teachers and students. Our school is a very special place, and we are blessed to have you be a part of it!

Juanita Garcia, Assistant Director



Hello Friends! I'm Juanita Garcia - my family and I are originally from Holland, Michigan. We moved to Owensboro in 2008, and I have been working at Cathedral Preschool since 2010. This is my fourth year as Assistant Director and Manager of the WrapAround Program. My husband, Javier, and I will be celebrating our 29th wedding anniversary this September. We have three wonderful children and are members of Immaculate Parish. My two youngest both attended Cathedral Preschool. We loved it so much I asked if I could stay! This will be my first year as an "Empty Nester," so I'm reacquainting myself with some old hobbies and maybe some new ones! As my children are no longer babies, I am grateful for you sharing your little ones with us to love! Thank you for letting me be a part of your child's first experience in loving school!

Wella Weafer, Office Assistant



My Name is Wella Weafer, and this will be my fifth year working at Cathedral Preschool. I am married to John, and may you recognize my last name - John's mother, Pam was director here for many years! We are parishioners at St. Stephen Cathedral and have three kids: Kate just graduated from Bellarmine this year; Travis, a Senior at OCHS; and Nathanael, a sixth grader at OCS. I also enjoy being frequently active, which includes running and cycling.

Morning Preschool

Karen Katchuk, Lead Teacher, 5-Year-Old Pre-K Class



Hello! I am Karen Katchuk and I am the Pre-K/Fives lead teacher. This is my 26th year at Cathedral Preschool, but I started out like you, as a parent bringing my daughter here. I was born and raised in Owensboro and am married to Scott, a transplant from New York state. We just celebrated our 37th wedding anniversary this summer. We are members of Macedonia Baptist Church, where we are very involved and serve as teachers of an adult couple's class. We have one daughter, Morgan, who lives in Auburn, Alabama. We cheer for the Auburn Tigers and love to go to games whenever we can. I enjoy audiobooks, puzzles, sewing, embroidering, walking, and spending time with family and friends.

I love what we do at Cathedral, and I am passionate about giving our children a firm foundation on which to build their school and life experiences.

Jane Lovekamp, Assistant Teacher, 5-Year-Old Pre-K Class



My name is Jane Lovekamp. This will be my eleventh year as an assistant teacher. I am very happy to be part of our preschool family. My husband and I are originally from Illinois, and we have lived in Owensboro for 30 years. We are members of Sts. Joe & Paul Parish. Our four children all attended Cathedral Preschool. They now live all over the country, and we like travelling to visit them – and our 4 (5th coming soon) granddaughters!

I enjoy getting to know each child as an individual and determining their learning styles to help them grow academically, emotionally and socially, through play and fun activities.

Tiffany Roby, Lead Teacher, 4 Year Olds, 5-day Class



Hello! My name is Tiffany Roby. I am the lead teacher in the Monday – Friday 4-year-old classroom. This is my 10th year working at Cathedral Preschool. I am originally from Murray, Kentucky (Go Racers!), but have lived in Owensboro with my husband, Ryan, for the past 20 years. We have a 12-year-old daughter, Sadie, who is in the 6th grade. I am passionate about early childhood education and dedicated to creating a positive and fun learning environment for young children. I'm looking forward to another fantastic school year!

Stephanie Pigford, Assistant Teacher, 4 Year Olds, 5-Day Class



Hi, I'm Stephanie Pigford. I was born and raised here in Owensboro. I have been teaching at Cathedral since January 2018. My husband Ryan and I met while we were attending Murray State University and have been married for 21 years. We have 4 boys: Aidan, 19, a sophomore at SCAD in Savannah, Georgia; Hunter, 16; Isaiah, 13; and Jonathan, 11. All our boys attended Cathedral. I am looking forward to getting to know all our new students and having an amazing school year!

Chelsea Weis, Lead Teacher, 4 Year Olds, 4-Day Class



Hi! My name is Chelsea Weis. I am the lead teacher in the Monday – Thursday 4-year-old classroom. This is my 2nd year working at Cathedral Preschool! I am a native of Frankfort, Kentucky, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, and have lived in Owensboro for the last 11 years. My husband Thomas and I have 3 children: Parker, 10, Clayton, 8 and McKinley, 4. We also have four dogs: Lexi, Saylor, Yankee, and Ellie. In my free time, I own and operate Sassy Stitches. Our boys are also heavily involved in soccer and baseball – so you're likely to see me at one of their many fields! I am so excited to get to know you and your wonderful family this school year!

Mary Eagleson, Assistant Teacher, 4 Year Olds, 4-Day Class



Hello! My name is Mary Eagleson, and I'm excited to be the Assistant Teacher this year. I worked WrapAround Care last year, so you may recognize me from there. I'm originally from Owensboro and graduated from OCHS and WKU with a degree in hospitality management. I'm married to a hard-working guy, Jake, and together we have 2 kids: Elliott (7) and Lorelei (4). Elliott is in 2nd grade at the K-3 campus. Lorelei goes to Cathedral Preschool too. I love to travel, read, cook, eat, and play games and cards with my family. I can't wait to get to know you and your sweetie better! I'm ready for a great year of fun and learning!

Tanya Ackerman, Lead Teacher, 3 Year Olds, 5-Day Class



Hello! My name is Tanya Ackerman and I'm very excited to begin my third year as lead teacher in the 5-day 3-year-old classroom! I'm an OCHS and WKU graduate and a member of Immaculate parish. I've been married to my husband Paul for 26 years and we have two daughters: Kenlee (19) who is beginning her freshman year at WKU and Brena Ann (17), who is beginning her senior year at Owensboro Catholic High. I feel very blessed to have this opportunity to work with your children! My door will always be open!

Hayden Morris, Assistant Teacher, 3 Year Olds, 5-Day Class



Hello, I'm Hayden Morris. This will be my first year at Cathedral Preschool working as an assistant teacher, and my ninth year working in early childhood education. I have been a stay-at-home mom for the past 4 years to my three kids: Jack (11) and Frankie (5), who both attended Cathedral, and Rowan (3), who will be attending this year. My husband Aaron and I have been married for 5 years. I am excited to meet the kids and dive in to the upcoming school year!

Jackie Osowicz, Lead Teacher, 3 Year Olds, 3-Day Class & 2-Day Class



My name is Jackie Osowicz and I'm in my third year as lead teacher in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday & the Tuesday-Thursday 3-year-old classroom. My husband, Jordan, and I are both from Owensboro and have been married 16 years. We have 3 kids: Stella (12), Henry (9), and Vera (6). We are members of Our Lady of Lourdes parish. I am so excited to meet all the students and have a wonderful year!

Sharon Clark, Assistant Teacher, 3 Year Olds, 3-Day Class



My name is Sharon Clark, and this is my second year at Cathedral Preschool as a teaching assistant to Mrs. Osowicz on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. I was born in Owensboro and have lived in Philpot all my life. My husband Steve and I are members of St. Pius X parish. We have 4 grown and married sons. I love spending time with my four grandchildren (and one more on the way!)

Carrie Olsen, Assistant Teacher, 3 Year Olds, 2-Day Class & Specials Music Teacher



Hi, I'm Carrie (Payne) Olsen, and I was born and raised here in Owensboro! After studying music at IU, then teaching in Bloomington, Indiana, for 20 years, I moved back home to Kentucky to be near my family. I play cello and teach strings, and I'm very enthusiastic about music in the early childhood setting. This is my 7th year here at Cathedral Preschool, and I'm once again assisting Mrs. Osowicz on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

WrapAround Care

Patrick Calhoun, WrapAround Assistant, Mrs. Weis WA Class & Specials WA Art Teacher



Hello, I'm Patrick Calhoun, and this is my fifth year as a WrapAround Assistant at Cathedral Preschool. I am an Owensboro native, lifelong Catholic, OCHS graduate, and member of St. Stephen Cathedral parish. I love music and rollercoasters, and I'm told I am an expert paper airplane maker. My daughter, Addie, attended Cathedral Preschool and is a fourth grader at Owensboro Catholic Schools.

Madison Hawkinson, WrapAround Assistant, Mrs. Roby WA Class



Hello. My name is Madison Hawkinson and I am so glad to be working for Cathedral Preschool. I have an Associate's degree focused on early childhood and special education. I truly enjoy helping people and value education. My goal is to spread kindness and happiness so that others can shine and do the same. I am still very much a kid inside as I love to run, jump, skip, hop, dance, play games, do crafts – you think of it, I like it. Having just been here for the past year, I have witnessed and thoroughly enjoyed the Christ-centered atmosphere and the warm and inviting faces. I look forward to learning even more about everyone and growing more relationships. I am ready to see the gift that each child has to offer this year.

Sierra Storm, WrapAround Assistant, Mrs. Ackerman WA Class



Hello, I'm Sierra Storm and I am a WrapAround Assistant in Mrs. Ackerman's class. I was born and raised in Owensboro and graduated from OIA/OHS. My hobbies are reading and baking. This will be my fifth year working here and I'm excited for another year at Cathedral, ready to spread positivity and kindness to all of our students!

Rachel Powell, WrapAround Assistant, Mrs. Ackerman WA Class & WA Curriculum Coordinator



Hello! My name is Rachel Powell. I am a Wraparound Assistant in Mrs. Ackerman's class along with Sierra Storm. I will also be coordinating our WrapAround curriculum and assisting the administrative staff with special projects. I am from Owensboro, as is my husband, Adam. We have a six-year-old daughter, Noelle, who attended Cathedral Preschool and is a First Grader at OCS. I enjoy reading, traveling with my family, and celebrating all the holidays. I am so excited to meet all the kids attending Cathedral Preschool this year!