



St. Patrick School

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Hello St. Patrick Family,

I am Diane Bradford and I am elated to be joining the St. Patrick Catholic School community as your principal! When I interviewed for this position, I shared several factors in choosing St. Patricks; but, two stood out among the others:

- 1) I am eager to practice my faith in the workplace, and
- 2) I was enamored by the communication and sheer joy that exuded from the people and environment when I visited both times. I look forward to meeting more of the St. Patrick community!



Diane Bradford

Family has always been important to me. My parents have been and remain a bedrock for me. I am the oldest child of four, growing up with three brothers. We moved several times during my youth and I was exposed to diverse cultures and communities and taught acceptance, respect, and appreciation of differences. Our family experienced some difficulties as I grew up (losing my oldest brother at sixteen); however, my parents always turned to the Lord and strengthened our family. My parents blessed me with the gifts of my faith, strong morals, and a passion to serve others. I did not grow up attending Catholic school; however, we attended Masses and religious education regularly. My grandparents attended daily Masses and Adoration (and, I would attend along with them when we lived near them).

After living in Michigan, Florida, Oregon, California, and finally Iowa, I met my husband, Brian. We just celebrated our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. We, now, have 3 grown children. Kyle (married to Megan) works with Brian and they operate a custom cabinet and woodworking business (Bradford Custom Cabinets). Allie (married to Joe) is a biomedical engineer and works for



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Procter & Gamble. Our youngest, Nathan, just finished his first year at the University of Iowa majoring in biochemical engineering. We love spending time outdoors with our family and friends. I love growing and arranging flowers (I even have a side business with my neighbor who is a retired teacher)- we sell fresh cut flower bouquets during the summer (Old School Bouquets). In our previous parish, I served on the parish council, served as a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and taught religious education for four years. I, now, serve as a lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at our parish in Iowa City (St. Patricks) and serve an hour of Adoration once a week. This time, with the Lord, provides me a time to reflect on the past week, prepare for the upcoming week, and on the gifts I have and how He would like me to use them.

This will be my twenty-fifth year in education. My most recent position was in the Iowa City Community School District as an ELP teacher (talented and gifted). I have been a classroom teacher for fourteen of those 25 years (K, 3rd, 4th, 6th), a talented and gifted teacher for six years, an instructional coach for 1 year, and a principal for four years. Education is ingrained in me. I am curious in nature and open to change but also love tradition. I enjoy working with people and supporting teachers and staff instructionally is a passion of mine. Integrity and transparency are extremely important to me and I hope to practice these in my daily interactions with staff, students, families, and the parish. I am blessed to have this opportunity to practice my faith, my passion, and to work with wonderful people each and every day. I look forward to the 2023-2024 school year!

God Bless,

Mrs. Diane Bradford

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