



GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Betsy Williams
Pre-K 4/5 Teacher

When is your birthday: **October 15th**

What is your middle name: **Mary (My first name is Elizabeth—Betsy Mary sounds funny!)**

Tell us about your family: **This summer, I will have been married to my husband Bobby for 18 years. We have four children—Gracie (15), Charlie (14), Brian (11), and Lucia (7). I have three brothers. I always wanted a sister, and now I have the two best sisters-in-law in the world, and will have another this summer when my brother Joe gets married. I am so blessed! My parents and two of my three brothers live in town. My youngest brother lives in Madison, WI.**

Where were you born: **South Bend**

Do you have pets? If so, what kind and what are their names: **We have had two summer ducks, one named Eddie and the other named Hank. How we got them is a long story.**

What was your all-time favorite vacation: **This summer our family went to California and it was so much fun. I will never forget being in the middle of Lake Tahoe on kayaks with my husband and children, and looking at the beautiful mountains that surrounded us. I felt so close to God and so thankful.**

What is your favorite book: **Reading is one of my favorite things to do, so it's hard to choose. The book that impacted me the most was Left to Tell by Immaculee Ilibagiza. I couldn't put it down.**

What is your favorite color: **blue—like the ocean**

What is your favorite sport to watch and what sport do you like to play: **I like to watch any sport that my children are playing. I run, but not very fast, and not very far.**

What is your favorite type of music to listen/sing along to, and what is your favorite song: **I like all kinds of music, but my favorite is country. My favorite song is What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong. When I am running and want to get moving, I listen to Gettin' Jiggy With It by Will Smith.**

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What are your favorite foods, drink and candy: **Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate**

What is your favorite movie: **Elf, The Sound of Music, and all the Rocky movies, except #5.**

Why did you become a teacher: **I love children and spending time with them.**

How long have you been teaching/working at St. Anthony's: **This is my first year teaching here. I have had children here for the past 11 years.**

What is your fondest teaching memory: **When I was teaching reading, a little boy who was really struggling to learn to read, sounded out a word on his own for the first time. He looked up at me with a huge smile and his whole face just lit up. He went on to read a whole sentence, and was so excited. It just gave me tears in my eyes.**

Who is your favorite Saint: **Blessed Teresa of Calcutta**

What is the most exciting thing that has ever happened to you: **The days that I had my children were the happiest and most joyful days of my life. As far as pure excitement, it would be when I tried out for the TV show the Singing Bee in Chicago on a whim, and got chosen to be on the show. They flew me to Los Angeles, and put me up in a hotel. The show was filmed on a TV studio lot where they taped Hannah Montana and Judge Judy. It was very exciting taping the show in front of a live audience, and being on a TV set. I met lots of very funny and interesting people who were real characters. I ended up winning so that made it even more fun!**

What is your favorite holiday and why: **Christmas because it is such a special time with family, and there is such joy in celebrating Jesus' birth.**

Have you ever met a famous person? If so, who: **I was a waitress for Refrigerator Perry from the Chicago Bears in college when he was in town for an exhibition game. Jim Cavieziel who played Jesus in the Passion of the Christ. Fonzie from Happy Days. Country singer JoDee Messina and the group Steel Magnolia.**

What is your greatest accomplishment: **My children**

What food do you really not like: **carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, and barbeque sauce**

What color is your car: **black**

Tell us something that most people don't know about you: **Ms. Turnock, our 8th grade teacher, and I went to St. Anthony's together and were in the very first kindergarten class. We were very best friends, and used to play 'school' all the time. We would take turns being the teacher. It is very neat that we both teach at St. Anthony's now, and walk down the same halls that we walked through as children.**

Thank you, Mrs. Williams! It's been great getting to know you better!