

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Carrie Sandquist- Parish Staff

There is no place like home, and for Carrie Sandquist that place her entire life has been Saint Rose—both church and school. She's been a parishioner, student, teacher, school parent and a member of the school's front office staff. It's where she received all the Sacraments and where she was married.

"My family history here runs deep—my father and his siblings attended the parish school in the 50s and 60s, all 12 of my cousins on the Ricker side of the family as well as my younger brother Matt and I attended in the 70s and 80s and later my children were in the Pre-K program."

Today she is the school's Financial Services Coordinator, a job that includes a little bit of everything—mostly tuition/tuition assistance, enrollment and development/training. What started as a one day a week job has now expanded into three days. "It's never the same from one day to the next," says Carrie. "I love the interactions with students and parents that come through the office."

Appreciation for the little things is something Carrie has learned from the students at Saint Rose. "It's so refreshing to see a student come into the office excited for something about their day. They can't wait to tell us about their "show and tell" item or how they are celebrating their birthday with their classmates. Their enthusiasm always brings a smile and can be infectious to our busy work days."

From her desk in the front office, Carrie hears time and again how parents and students are so thankful they made the investment in Catholic education, even when other financial sacrifices needed to be made. "Many families who transfer in to Saint Rose tell us they wish they had made the switch earlier," she says.



Other things to know about Carrie:

- Carrie grew up in Roseville and was a member of Saint Rose for 25 years until she moved from the area. Her parents—Phil and Marilyn Ricker—were long-time members of the parish (both are retired and living in Blaine). Carrie attended Saint Rose School, Hill-Murray High School and the College of St. Scholastica where she received a degree in elementary education.
- A few months after graduating from college Carrie was hired at Saint Rose School as a K-8 technology teacher and grade six math teacher. She taught for six years until her first son Jack was born (he will 21 in November; younger brother Charlie is 17) and then began working part-time in the school office.
- Carrie met her husband Andy in Duluth while going to college (he attended UMD and is a medical technologist for the American Red Cross) and they were married at Saint Rose in 1998. They live in Stillwater and worship at St. Michael's. In her spare time Carrie likes to bake, read, walk, travel and play golf.