



“My teaching style is to give students chances to explore and learn new things in the way that makes the most sense to them. We are all on the same team, with the same goal: to create the best possible learning environment. I hope to learn as much from my students as I teach them!”

Stephanie Pauwels

Second Grade

Ms. Pauwels is new to St. Thomas in 2018. She has a BS in Elementary Education from Loyola University in Chicago and previously student taught at Washington School in Evanston, IL.

About the Students

“Second grade is such an exciting time of growth, and an exciting time in a person’s faith journey, with First Communion and Reconciliation.”

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“I am excited to teach in a place where I can share my faith surrounded by nice people and I can grow as a teacher.”

Special Units

- Communities
- Map Skills & Geography
- Weather
- Matter
- Earth Systems & Landforms
- Stand-alone short-form STEM units
- A variety of creative writing activities in addition to and in support of our curriculum

Field Trips (vary by year)

- Zoo
- Christmas Musical
- Legoland
- Morton Arboretum

Projects Related to Our Faith

- First Reconciliation and First Communion
- We attend weekly Mass and prayer services
- Advent and Lenten Promises
- First Communion Service Project to aide Catholic Relief Services

All School Activities

- Track-A-Thon
- Pep Rally
- Santa’s Workshop
- Gifts of Love
- Spirit Chains
- St. Joseph Table
- Grandparents Day
- May Crowning
- Field Day