



KATHY MCGARVEY

5th - 8th Grade Science / 6th Grade Homeroom

About Me:

I am Mrs. McGarvey. I came to St. Thomas in 2013 and I am the 6th grade HR teacher as well as the 5th-8th grades science teacher. I have over 19 years of teaching experience in both public and Catholic schools at the high school and junior high level. I earned my BS in Biology and Education from Loyola University. I facilitate the 6th & 7th grade STV Science Fair (including preparation for the IJAS regional and state competitions), coordinate the STV Giving Garden, and lead the Nature Ninjas Environmental Club. Not only am I a teacher here at St. Thomas, but also a parent of four STV graduates!

“My goal is not only to motivate the students to excel in science but to give them the tools to become better students and to prepare them for their next step in their spiritual, intellectual and social lives. With our Smithsonian Science Curriculum, our students are excited to work in hands-on inquiry-based lab situations, work cooperatively in groups to reach common goals, decipher science texts using informational text strategies and use current technology (iPads, Chromebooks, Vernier Probes) to aid in scientific understanding.”

Religion:

- **Old Testament to New Testament to Today:** God’s covenant with us is fulfilled in our relationship with Jesus Christ
- **Weekly Mass, Planning Liturgy and Music for Mass**
- **Monthly Service Projects:** Halloween Fun Fair, Project Linus blankets, STV Food Drive, making food for PADS
- **STV Giving Garden for Parish Food Pantry & Two Can Tuesday**

Field Trips:

- Lorado Taft Trip and Science Field Trip (varies)
- Feed My Starving Children
- St. Viator musical theater

About St. Thomas of Villanova School:

My husband and I have been parishioners at St Thomas for the past 28 years. Deciding to enroll our oldest daughter in STV preschool 23 years ago was one of the best decisions we ever made. It is a place where students not only excel academically but also feel a sense of community and family. I feel privileged to be a part of the hard working and truly dedicated staff at St Thomas of Villanova.