

My name is Kelly Engel and I teach 2nd grade at St. Francis. I am a graduate of Wayzata High School. I received a BA in Elementary Education with a minor in theology from the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN. I have continued my education with graduate classes in curriculum and instruction at the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN.

I was born in the Twin Cities area. My father took many transfers with his job and consequently, as a youngster, I lived in Texas, Kansas, Missouri and New York. We finally moved back to the Plymouth, MN area for good when I was in the 8th grade.

I began my teaching career at St. Anthony Catholic School (now St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's) in St. Cloud, MN. I taught 1st and 2nd grades in my ten years there. In 1993, my husband's career moved our family to the Brainerd Lakes Area and in the fall of 1994 I joined the faculty of St. Francis. I have been here and teaching 2nd grade ever since.

It truly is a gift to teach at St. Francis. I can count my fellow teachers among my friends and the families are very supportive. Of course, the kids are the best in town!!

My husband and I live in Baxter. We have two sons, one in graduate school and the other just beginning college. Both boys attended St. Francis through their elementary years. We miss our boys every day but we also are really enjoying the gift of an empty nest!!!