



# Personal Profiles

Learn more about the people who treat you like family.

## Interview with Laura Evans

Early Childhood Teaching Assistant



### WHAT WERE YOU LIKE AS A STUDENT?

I went to high school at St Catherine's High School in Racine, WI. There is where I met and married my high school sweetheart! We both went to college at UW Eau Claire. My major was Special Education. I choose this field because while I was growing up my parents were foster parents to children with special needs. After two years I determined that this field was not going to be something I could do for the rest of my working career. I took some time off and we started our family. Later, I studied Early Childhood at Gateway Technical College in Racine.

### WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BE A TEACHER?

When my oldest two children were young I worked part time in a preschool program. That is where I fell in love with the age group I work with at St. Bruno. When we moved to Oconomowoc I took a job with the "old" YMCA. While I was there I created two preschool programs. One was on site, one was at a local church in Oconomowoc. I created and taught many different preschool classes at the YMCA for 25 years. When my youngest daughter Katie (a St. Bruno grad) started high school at CMH, I retired. I really missed the children but did not miss lesson planning, parent/teacher conferences etc.

### WHY DID YOU BECOME A WILDCAT?

When Mrs.Price suggested me for an aide position and I **jumped** at the opportunity. I have been at St. Bruno's for two years and have **loved** playing every single day!

### HOW WERE YOU CALLED TO CHRIST?

St Bruno's Parish is a **very special place** for me and my family. We have been parish members for **15 plus years**. I have been involved with the Children's Ministry, the school auction, St. Ben's Meal Program and the church choir to name just a few things. My youngest daughter went to school at St. Bruno's and I spent many hours volunteering at the school.

## *St. Therese of Lisieux*

...is my 'go-to' Saint because she reminds me that I don't need to be over the top in anything that I do. It is in doing the little things with a smile that can make a big difference. I think of her often when I am standing outside of the bathrooms with the 3K/4K students!

My favorite scripture is **Philippians 4:13**

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*

### **HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL?**

Outside of work I am a devoted mom of four and grandma to seven! Something I am very proud of is that my family loves to spend time together. We are a very sport-oriented family. We love to golf, play flag football, hike and cycle at Cyclebar! We also like traveling to cheer on Katie's college basketball team. I also love to do jigsaw puzzles and I have an obsession with scrapbooking and card making.

### **WHAT DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO REMEMBER?**

One thing I want the students and parents to remember about me is that I always have a *smile* or a word of *encouragement* for each person I work with.



My prayer each morning on my way to work at St. Bruno's is always,  
*Lord, please help me to be a bright spot for each and every person I meet today.*

Some days are more successful than others but I try!