

# St Thomas Comets- *Meet our Inspiring Leaders*

## Kindergarten Teacher- Mrs. Kate Scrivner

**Educational Background:** I am a proud graduate of St. Thomas and Peoria Notre Dame High School. I then graduated from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa with a degree in Elementary Education and an endorsement in Language Arts.

**Why I teach in a catholic school:** When you attend a Catholic School where you experienced an amazing education and were exposed to superior teachers, you want nothing more than to be a part of that journey for other students. I want that same thing for my own children. Being a student at St. Thomas helped build the foundation for the values I carry into my life today. I want to be a part of building that foundation of values and faith with my students and my own children that attend St. Thomas.

**Who inspires you:** My parents have always been my inspiration. They have been married for over 40 years and also work together on a daily basis. Most importantly, they instilled in me the importance of a strong faith, a close-knit family, to persevere even if it's hard work and to always volunteer as much as you can. I will never forget my dad telling me daily to "make it a great day." I hope to be half as inspiring as they are. And my husband, Jon, is a daily inspiration. He works so hard, crazy hours and never complains. He is an amazing father and he helps me daily to want to be better.

**My favorite teacher was:** The St. Thomas legend, Carol Crawmer. She was my junior high math, religion and homeroom teacher. Math was one of my least favorite subjects but that didn't matter because Mrs. Crawmer cared about each and every one of her students. She formed connections with everyone but her kindness and support is what truly inspired me to become a teacher myself. She encouraged me to apply for my first teaching job at St. Thomas and has become a great friend still to this day.



**Hobbies/Interests:** Enjoy crafting and am just getting my feet wet with my Cricut. I try to read or listen to audiobooks as much as I can, when I am not driving my kids to sporting events or dance classes!

**Dream meal:** Well since my husband is an actual Chef, any meal he makes me is unbelievable. But if I have to pick a favorite it might be a bowl of his amazing French Onion Soup with either some sea bass or a steak, his fancy asparagus, my mom's mashed potatoes and either a skillet cookie or one of my grandma's homemade cinnamon rolls.

**Outside of school:** Love being a teacher and I truly enjoy trying to find new games, crafts and ideas to bring into the classroom by reading blogs, journals and attending conferences. I also love spending time with my family. My kids are Stella (7), Hudson (5) and Nora (1). We enjoy playing cards or board games and always try to have our Sunday Night Dinners together with the extended family. I love spending time with friends near, St. Thomas Ladies, and far, my Duhawk Ladies!