

# Comet Alumni Spotlight

## Morgan Yezek Fehl Class of 2002



**Educational Background:** Jake and I graduated from St. Thomas in 2002 before going on to Peoria Notre Dame and graduating in 2006. After that, I attended Illinois State University earning a degree in Elementary Education.

**Recent Achievements:** I knew I wanted to return to the Catholic schools in which I was raised and started teaching 3rd grade at St. Philomena in 2010. I taught 3rd grade for 13 years and absolutely loved it! In 2023 I moved into a new role at St. Philomena as an interventionist and curriculum coordinator. I love the opportunity to continue working with students in a variety of grades, as well as working with teachers and our principal.

**Family:** Jake and I were married at St. Philomena in 2014. We have 4 children: Charlie (8), Maggie (7), Patrick (4), and Grace (1). We are parishioners at St. Philomena, where I teach and the kids go to school, but we still love coming back to St. Thomas for Mass occasionally and to attend the sacraments and activities for my nieces and nephew, Noelle, Lincoln, and Aly Shields.

**Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet:** One of my favorite memories at St. Thomas were the Fine Arts Days we had each year. The entire day was spent traveling from classroom to classroom where we would learn a different artistic activity (painting, sculpture, dancing, weaving), as well as the culture and history behind that technique.

**St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you:** I had so many amazing teachers at St. Thomas who inspired me to be a teacher myself. I loved Ms. Hertz in 2nd grade for her sweet demeanor and loving attitude towards everyone. I loved Mrs. Enright in 3rd grade for teaching us about different cultures and history from her and her husband's travels overseas. I loved Mrs. Bahnsen in 5th grade for the relationships she built with her students and for teaching me to love science.

**Piece of advice for current Comets:** Be kind to everyone. You never know...many years down the road you might be best friends, work with, or even marry that person sitting next to you in your third grade class!

