



St. Anthony of Padua
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Welcome!

Please welcome Sarah Nikodemski to our child care team. Sarah will serve as the co-director alongside Mrs. Pudelko beginning on March 16, 2026.

A note from Sarah:

My husband and I have been longtime parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua since we moved to the west side of Grand Rapids. I was born and raised in Grand Rapids, and I graduated from St. Thomas and Catholic Central.

I married my husband, Bob, about 30 years ago. We have three grown children. They all attended St. Anthony. Emily, our oldest daughter, got married to Cruz Dunham this past fall. We are so blessed to have a wonderful addition to our family. Emily is working as a counselor in Grand Rapids. Tony, our second child, is a design engineer at a company in Grayling, MI. He is now living in Mount Pleasant working on his second engineering degree while working full-time. Our youngest, Katie, graduated from Kendall College. She graduated with a degree in photography. She works in marketing and social media and does photography on the side.

While my children attended St. Anthony, I served on the Home and School Association Board and the Booster Board, including a term as president. I later worked as the athletic director at St. Anthony and volunteered on the Auction Committee for many years. I truly love being involved with the St. Anthony community.

I graduated from Grand Rapids Community College with an associate's degree in early childhood and went on to Aquinas College to obtain my bachelor's degree in communication.

I have worked with children all my life and in early childhood for more than 15 years. I most recently worked at Head Start for Kent County and the West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science in the GSRP preschool program.

Once I saw the posting for the child care director position at St. Anthony, there were many signs for me to apply. I truly felt God was calling me to this position. I am so happy to be back at St. Anthony as an employee and cannot wait to get to know all of the staff, children, and families.

