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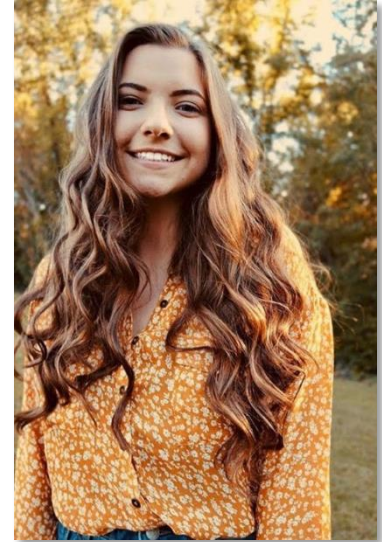
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Dear CCD Families,

Hello! I hope you are all having a great week, My name is Rachel Wilder and I am taking over as the new Director of Religious Education here at St. Joseph Parish.

For those I have not yet met, I look forward to meeting you! Until then, I figured I would give a little back story. I was born and raised Catholic in the Diocese of Springfield Illinois. I attended CCD in the Springfield Diocese 1st – 8th grade and I helped teach 2nd grade CCD in Springfield as a high schooler. I moved to the Pekin area and have been attending St. Joseph parish since 2017. Since joining the parish, I have gone on the mission trip, chaperoned high school youth ministry events, helped with 4th grade CCD, as well as VBA and Club 3:16. I am so looking forward to serving the parish in my new role as Director of Religious Education!



On a more personal level, I am recently married to my husband Aaron Wilder who I met on the St. Joseph mission trip to Standing Rock. We are expecting our first daughter this December and just moved back to the Pekin area from Peoria heights. Prior to taking this position, I worked postpartum at OSF St Francis Medical Center in Peoria while going to school for nursing. After many months of prayer, I discerned that it was best to leave my hospital job and did so this July.

I know this CCD year is bringing lots of change with a new curriculum and a new DRE. I have no doubt that we will be able to have a wonderful year if we all work together. I would like to thank you all in advance for your patience and support while Anna and I make this exciting transition and as we navigate the many changes this year brings.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all! You can reach me at dre@stjosephpekin.org

Have a blessed day,

Rachel Wilder