

Like NBA superstars LeBron James and Stephen Curry, I'm just a kid from Akron, Ohio. I was born in Akron and grew up in the tiny village of Mogadore (go Wildcats!). I was raised by my awesome parents, Glen and Linda (who love to spoil their grandchildren), and have an older brother, Mike, and younger sister, Kari. I attended Mogadore Public Schools K-12th grade. In high school, I was a member of the National Junior Honor Society, lettered in football, basketball, and track, played trombone (very poorly) in the stage band, and was sports editor of the school paper.

I majored in history and gained my teacher certification from Hiram College, a small, liberal arts college in Ohio. Hiram's enrollment was 850 students at that time which was a great fit for me coming from a high school graduating class of 52 students. I lettered in football all four years and was involved with the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program and intramural sports in the off season. The highlight of my college years was meeting my amazing, beautiful, smart, talented, wife, Mindi during the last semester of my senior year.

While Mindi is a cradle Catholic, I grew up without the Faith in my life. I felt a longing for the Faith since my first time praying the Our Father (I knew none of the words) with my teammates before my first football game as a high school freshman. I visited some churches through my high school and college years, but never found an environment that felt like the right fit. I started regularly attending Mass with Mindi and we were married (I married way, way up!) in the Catholic Faith on July 3, 1999. During our marriage, I went through the RCIA program and officially became Catholic. Mindi and I have raised our children, Xander (18), Helena (15), and Troy (11), to embrace their Faith and put Christ at the center of their lives.

Throughout my career, I have had the opportunity to work in public, independent, and Catholic schools. I taught and coached middle school for five years before having the chance to become a principal. I even had the fortune to be NBA legend Chris Paul's JV basketball coach in Winston-Salem, NC. I was a middle school principal for 11 years in independent schools before serving as a Pre-K - 8th grade Catholic school principal for the past 9 years. Through my career, I returned to school to earn a master's in educational leadership from the University of South Carolina and an educational doctorate from Vanderbilt University in educational leadership and policy.

The opportunity to help lead such a rich Faith community in a vibrant parish drew me to Holy Cross Academy in 2019. I feel blessed to work with the dedicated group of educators who work so hard to help our students walk in the footsteps of Christ. I'm the proud parent of a Holy Cross Academy graduate (Helena) and my youngest son (Troy) enters middle school this year. I feel fortunate to be part of such a school community that is so welcoming and helps new students and their parents feel part of the HCA Family.

In my spare time, I watch too much college and pro football and have been a Steelers fan as long as I can remember. Fishing and bowling are hobbies of mine and I love supporting my children in their athletic and extracurricular efforts. My kids and I enjoy using the 3D printer and laser cutter at our local library. I love to travel and have many locations in the world that I cannot wait to visit.