

Hello! My name is Christina Merkal and I am the Resource Teacher at Holy Cross Academy. I am somewhat new to the area, as my family moved to Stafford in November of 2020. When we arrived, we toured a few schools and my girls immediately decided they wanted to attend Holy Cross. It was extremely fortunate for me that there happened to be a teaching position available and Holy Cross quickly became our new family in a new home.

I grew up in central Pennsylvania and attended Catholic school from Kindergarten through twelfth grade. I earned my degree at Bloomsburg University. I am married with two girls, 13 and 9, and two crazy dogs. Due to my husband's job, we have moved multiple times in the last fourteen years. We are fortunate to have had the experiences we did and those experiences repeatedly taught us the importance of faith and family.

My passion is teaching and working to help students experience success. My favorite hobbies are learning and spending time with my family. I love to read and enjoy traveling.

My patron saint is Elizabeth of Hungary. I love that she went to great lengths to help those in need.