

My name is Bekah Burke and I can be found in HCA's front office as the administrative assistant. I love getting to know our families here and helping our students be successful in all they do!

I was born and half raised in Austin, Texas. My family moved to Fredericksburg when I was six years old. Shortly after moving here we became parishioners at St. Mary's. I grew up going to Mass and Religious Ed at St. Mary's and it has always felt like home. My parents have always been involved with the Parish and instilled that value of community involvement in my sisters and me. When I was in high school I helped teach preschool CCD as an aide with my sisters and eventually taught my own class there.

I received my Bachelor's of Science in Recreation, Parks, and Sports Management from Virginia Commonwealth University (Go, Rams, Go!) in 2006. I spent my summers working with Stafford County's Park & Rec Department helping with summer camps. I spent about 10 years working with the Y's Before and After school/summer camp programs as a Child Care Manager in Stafford County schools. I loved watching the kids develop their skills whether it was through physical activities, arts & crafts, or through their academic studies.

I married my husband, Patrick, in November 2014 and we have lived in Fredericksburg until recently when we bought our first house in King George. Now, my hobbies mostly include house projects but when I can I like to go explore trails and different areas, go on bike rides, reading, and playing board games with family and friends. My favorite place that I have gotten to explore was AT&T Stadium with my husband and my sister. We even got to run on the field and touch the star! Go Cowboys! I grew up playing softball and basketball and participated in track & field in the shotput and discus events in high school. In three out of the four years I was invited to the High School Track Regionals for shotput.

My Confirmation saint is St. Catherine of Sienna. St. Catherine was devoted to her family and even explained that her father was a representation of Jesus, her mother as Our Lady, and her brothers as the apostles, which helped her to serve them with humility. I am very close to my family, so this really speaks to me. She is also quoted as saying "It is surely justice to share our natural gifts with those who share our nature". Oh, what a joy it is to share my gifts with all of those around me and hopefully you!