

Board of Education Candidates 2024

Samantha Foust

Samantha (Cummins) Foust is the wife of Chris and mother of three boys Grady (2nd grade), Chandler (Kindergarten) & Jackson. She also owns and operates a bicycle spoke business. Samantha coordinates the PTO fundraiser games for the Smorgasboard and carnival and volunteers at the school once a week for lunch duty. Samantha is a proud graduate of St. Joseph School (Class of 2002) and a lifelong parishioner of the Church.

Christopher Ochs

Hello, my name is Christopher Ochs. I am a lifelong member of the St. Joseph Parish in Olney and a 2002 graduate from St. Joseph School. I have worked for the First National Bank in Olney for 17 years where I currently hold the title of Assistant Vice President and Controller. My wife Danae and I have four boys; Rylan (10), Gavin (8), Carson (2), and Daelyn (1). As a third generation graduate from the school and a parent of future graduates, I would appreciate the opportunity to help the school continue to prosper and grow.

Marissa Graves

My name is Marissa Graves, and I am a 2007 graduate of St Joseph School, where I attended K-8th grade. I live on a family farm with my husband, Brandon, and our two kids, Averie (9) and Owen (6), who both attend St Joseph School. My extended family (Runyon - Steber) has been involved with St Joseph Church and School for 5 generations. I currently serve on the Enrollment Committee and the Smorgasbord Committee within the school/parish. I have been a Registered Nurse for the past 11 years and am employed at UIC Division of Specialized Care for Children. I believe in the great level of education, the close knit community, and the foundation of faith that St Joseph School provides its students, and I would be honored to serve on the school board.