



## **WELCOME ASHLEY GUINN - DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION AND MINISTRY**

My name is Ashley Guinn, and I am excited to join St. Elizabeth of the Trinity as the Director of Evangelization and Ministry. My goal is to work with the parish community to create opportunities for all of us to grow in our relationships with Christ and to help strengthen the opportunities and gifts that are already here.

I have had a deep love for Christ and His Church my whole life. I grew up on a military base with my father, who served in the Marines, my mother, and my younger sister. I have been involved in whatever parish I have been a part of, and my parish family was a great help to me whenever my father was on deployment. We moved to a suburb of St. Louis when I was in middle school and most of my family is still living in that area. I came to Chicago for college. My love for God led me to study theology, and I received both my BA and MA in Theology from Loyola University Chicago. While there I met my husband, Alex, of about a year. You will get to meet him at Masses as well over time as he intends to join me here for Mass.

I come to you after four years teaching high school theology first at Guerin Prep and then at Loyola Academy. Before that, I spent two years as the Coordinator of Youth Ministry at what was then Queen of the Rosary Parish in Elk Grove Village. I am excited to return to parish ministry and to begin working with all of you to help our parish community grow closer to Christ and strengthen His Church.

I look forward to getting to know you all more personally. Please feel free to stop me after Mass or to stop by the parish office or send me an email. Please know of my continued prayers for you and all your families, and I ask for your prayers for me as we begin this new journey together.