St. Edward Central Catholic High School Mathematics Department Chair Pam Klein honored

Pam Klein, of Elgin, mathematics department chair and 25-year teacher at St. Edward Central Catholic High School, has been named this year's recipient of the school's St. Gregory The Great Award. The award honors faculty or staff member for outstanding commitment to the education and faith of St. Edward students.

"Mrs. Klein is truly the heart of our school," said Barbara Villont, superintendent and principal at St. Edward Central Catholic High School in Elgin, Ill. "Her compassion for students, her love of teaching and her commitment to our school have epitomized what it means to be a member of the St. Edward family."

For Klein, Catholic schools are all in the family. Her parents both worked at Catholic schools, and her sister teaches second grade at a Catholic elementary school in Dubuque, Iowa.

A graduate of Loras College, Klein "grew up in Catholic education."

"It is very important for me to be able to share my faith and moral beliefs daily with students and peers. I can do that at St. Edward," she said.

"Of course, I think it's very important for students to know their math, but to me the education of the whole child is so much more important. Their growth spiritually and morally, to grow up to be successful young adults is probably the most important gift we can give them," she added.

Klein and her husband, Kevin, have two adult children, Christopher and Courtney.

She will be honored at St. Edward Central Catholic High School's 30th annual Tidal Wave benefit on Saturday, April 6, 2019. For more information, visit www.stedhs.org.