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Meet Martin Flaherty, administrator at Holy Family Catholic School. Flaherty brings more than 22 years experience in education and academic leadership to his role. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education with an endorsement in Social Studies from the University of Iowa and an endorsement in Special Education from Iowa State University. Flaherty earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Viterbo University in Lacrosse, WI.

This school year marks Flaherty's thirteenth year in administration at Holy Family. During his tenure the school adopted a year round calendar. The school year was expanded by 15 days making it the longest school year in the state of Iowa. This change resulted in higher assessment scores for students across every content area. Students still have normal breaks throughout the school year, but breaks are shortened to minimize learning loss. Prior to his time at Holy Family, Flaherty served as the administrator at St. Patrick's School in Perry, Iowa and as a classroom teacher at Johnston High School.

"What I love most about Catholic education is I can share with my students my faith journey and how it has enabled me to see God's work in my life," shared Flaherty. "This is a blessing I never understood before I entered this vocation."

Flaherty and his wife Kristen have two daughters, Isabel who is 18-years-old, and Elle who is 14-years-old. When he's not at school, Flaherty enjoys hiking, skiing, and spending time with his family.