

ARE YOU AN EVERYDAY CATHOLIC?

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen once said that, “Not 100 in the United States hate the Roman Catholic Church, but millions hate what they mistakenly think the Roman Catholic Church is.” How should we, as Catholics, live in a society that is increasingly hostile to our faith? Fr. Ben Luedtke will inspire you and give you courage. This dynamic priest was ordained by Pope John Paul II, and was Mother Teresa’s personal driver in Rome. The Missionaries of Charity each pray for a specific priest. [Fr. Luedtke](#) was Mother Teresa’s special priest. Presentation for adults is Friday from 8:15-9:15 am in the Kohler Auditorium, and for grades 8-12 from 9:30-10:30 am. The event is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

GLADHANDER NEEDS YOU NOW!

Good news: Gladhander 2011 is a sell-out with more than 600 attendees. As always, but particularly with a packed house, many volunteers are needed. For security reasons, we MUST know the names of each volunteer well in advance, so now is the time to pick your way to serve – early or late night shifts available! Contact [Kathy Britten](#) today.

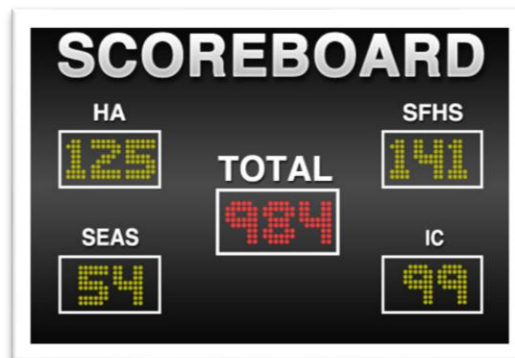
October 19, 2011

Upcoming Weekend

[Mass Readings](#)

Saturday, October 29

- Booth workers, 9:30 pm-midnight..... 14
- Booth closers, 10 pm-1 am 8
- Sell tickets to “Oh, The Places You’ll Go!”, 4:30 pm-midnight..... 4
- Spotters to assist guests with bids, 6-11:00 pm 14
- Shuttle driver, 9:30 pm-2:00 am 1
- Treasure chest ticket sales, 8:30 pm-midnight..... 4
- Valet parking, 3 pm – 3 am 2
- Wait staff (placing plates in front of guests), 4-10 pm 10
- Dishwashers, 9 pm to midnight 2
- Distribution, 10 pm to 1 am 2
- Volunteer check-in, 6-9:30 pm & 9 pm-midnight 2 each



Volunteer Opportunities Before and After Gladhander

- Transfer supplies, Wednesday, 8 am Many
- Setup, Wednesday, 8 am-10 pm (unload trucks, set risers, etc.) Many
- Setup, Thursday, 9 am-6 pm (continue building, tables/chairs) Many
- Set-up, Friday, 9 am-4:30 pm (begin final touches) Many
- Set-up, Saturday, 9 am-3:00 pm (final touches) Several
- Takedown, Sunday, 9 am-3 pm Many
- Load trucks/unload at storage, 11 am-2 pm Many
- Dishwashers, Sunday, 9 am-noon 2
- Distribution, Sunday, 10 am-noon, noon-3 pm 1 each

Here's the latest tally in the Gladhander raffle ticket sale competition between the schools.

PLEASE NOTE

If your student is planning to volunteer at Gladhander, make sure that you are there to supervise him or her unless that student is part of a group assigned to a specific task under the direction of another adult volunteer. Thank you.

FREE CHILD CARE is being provided from 9 am-3 pm on Friday, October 28 by the Munson Enrichment program staff, with assistance from SF students. Drop off children (must be potty trained) at Immaculate Conception lower level. A sack lunch, emergency contact form and ID for pickup are required.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

When dropping off students at St. Francis in the morning, please don't let them out from the south side of 11th street. Crossing the street amongst buses and cars – especially when it's dark outside -- is dangerous. A cross walk is provided near the south entrance to St. Francis, but a better idea might be to approach the drop off area only from the Cass toward Union direction. Thank you for helping to ensure the safety of students of all ages.

A VOTE FOR HAROLD IS A VOTE FOR KINDNESS!

St. Francis senior, Harold Kranick, Jr., has created an outstanding entry in the [Bill Marsh video](#) competition. Facebook users can [vote for Harold](#) by liking his video; a \$2,000 scholarship is the top prize. Hurry! Voting ends October 28.

THE WAY WE MAKE LUNCH IS MAKING NEWS

The delicious, wholesome food served up by Chef Michael Bauer and his team is still garnering media attention. TV9&10's Michigan this Morning will be at St. Francis bright and early on Friday morning to broadcast from the hub of culinary activity. Several segments will air beginning at 6:15 until approximately 8:30 am. Tune in if you can or watch the video on the station's website.

PUT ON YOUR PINK AND LET YOUR SPIRIT FLY

Reminder: Friday, October 21, is the 4th Annual Breast Cancer Bowl at Thirlby Field at 7 p.m. That day at school, we will have a **Grub Day** for the same cause. We encourage students to wear pink if possible. All money collected from our Grub Day will stay local and go to the Munson Women's Cancer Fund -- as will the funds raised at the football game. For more information on the Breast Cancer Bowl, including how to buy a pink hat, contact the GTACS Athletic Department at 231-946-1180 or mmiddleton@gtacs.org. While you're thinking about school spirit, maybe now is a good time to [order your Gladiator house flag!](#)

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- St. Francis Student Council is sponsoring a **blood drive** on October 21.
- **October 28 is a half day** (11 am dismissal) for IC and SEAS (no PM bussing) and there's no school at HA or SF.
- Glen's Markets is offering [Cash for Class](#) 10/30-11-5 and 11/20-26. "Yes card" members can designate purchases to benefit one of our Schools: HA (72094); IC (55993); SEAS (89703) and SF (88145).
- There is a **Women's Retreat** opportunity coming up: November 4-6 at Augustine Retreat Center in Conway. Contact [Lea Ann Anderson](#).
- Next PTC meeting is November 9 at noon in the SEAS office

- Parish craft shows are coming to Immaculate Conception (11/5) and Christ the King (11/12)
- Shop Your Community Day and Traverse City Children's Book Festival are on Saturday, November 12.

MOTHERS IN CHRIST

The next Mothers In Christ meeting is October 24 9-11 am at Christ the King with special guest, Fr. Matthew Wigton on "Receiving Communion in a state of Grace."

FOSTER PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Have you ever thought about fostering a child in your home? The need for homes to take children who are victims of abuse and neglect in our community is growing. Holy Cross Children's Services is hosting an information night on Tuesday, November 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Traverse Area District Library. Learn more about becoming a foster parent by speaking directly with other foster parents, workers, and licensors. Dinner will be provided, please RSVP by calling HCCS at 231-922-9664 or email mryba@hccsnet.org.

FREE SUPPORT GROUP

Are you or is someone you know raising a relative's child(ren)? Beginning Tuesday, October 25, Catholic Human Services will be offering a free support group at the Immaculate Conception cafeteria from 5:30-7:30 pm. Child care will be provided, and a light meal will be served. RSVP to 231 947-8110.

DÉCOR GALORE COULD BE YOURS!

The fabulous decorations from Gladhander are for sale! That's right. Put your next party over the top by purchasing this year's fun collection of Seuss on the Loose displays OR items from Fun N Games (4-foot Rubik's cube!) Contact [Carla](#).

TENNIS ANYONE?

On November 19 from noon to 1 p.m., Coach Jerry Hendrick will share two decades of life lessons as a tennis coach and father. It's a great message for any parent with a child involved in sports. Cost is \$5 and lunch is included. Register at www.grandtraversetennis.com.

ARE YOU GOING DOWNHILL?

Registration for Grand Traverse Ski Club's learn-to-ski, young beginner, and advanced racing clinics is going on now at www.gtskiclub.com. Also of interest to winter sports enthusiasts, the Annual Ski and Snowboard Swap is November 11-13. Buy or sell. Reserve tickets recommended.

MISSION STATEMENT

Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools are dedicated to providing a Catholic education ensuring educational quality for all families willing to enter into a partnership to develop each child to his or her fullest spiritual and academic potential.

Please email information for system-wide distribution to Cathy Nelson at cnelson@gtacs.org.