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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.

November 16, 2011 Please email information for system-wide distribution to Cathy Nelson at cnelson@gtacs.org.

Last Saturday was a “neon blur,” as football fans donned bright colors to support the Gladiators in their successful quest for a regional title. To see more photos from that event, [click here](#). Playoffs continue this Saturday at 2:30 pm as the Gladiators take on Saginaw Nouvel at Central Michigan University. **Tickets are \$7 and are available through the Athletic Department** office from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm this Thursday and Friday. Go Glads!

If you're planning to travel to Mt. Pleasant for this weekend's game, you can find a Catholic Church or Mass time to suit your schedule at <http://www.masstimes.org>. The [Gospel](#) reading for this weekend, the **Solemnity of Christ the King**, provides a vision of the end times and its relationship to the way we love others today.

GOOD NEWS

- Friday, 11/18 is a **Jean Day/Grub Day for Boots For Kids** which has already disbursed 423 pairs of boots to kids! Requested donations this year are **dental supplies, socks, hats and mittens/gloves**.
- On Saturday, more than **200 Gladhander volunteers** gathered to hear the big news: Proceeds from this year's Auction were the third highest ever and the highest in a decade, at \$420,391. Thank you to all who participated!
- Last weekend, more than **800 bags of food** were collected for Father Fred and the St. Francis Food Pantry. GTACS high school students assisted members of the Life Teen Underground youth group with this effort.
- Enrollment at GTACS remains strong and stable at **985 students**.

FROM OUR HEARTS TO HERS

Many of you are already familiar with the courageous journey of Katie Barsheff, a third grade student at Immaculate Conception Elementary. Katie is headed to the University of Michigan for another open heart surgery on Monday, November 21 at 8 a.m. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. You can post messages of support via her family's [Facebook](#) page. A journal kept by Katie's mom can be found at www.katiesheartjourney.com.

FRUIT FOR FLUTES? BAND CITRUS SALE UNDERWAY

Music students will be taking orders for Indian River grapefruit and oranges after Masses this weekend at St. Joseph's, St. Francis and Christ the King parishes. You can also download the [order form](#) and turn it into the TRIP office or to BAND c/o the St. Francis office. Contact Cherie Domine at cadomine@yahoo.com 231 620-0041 or Maureen DeYoung at mdeyoung@gtacs.org for more information.

BE FIT, HAVE FUN

Here's a low-cost, just-for-fun cross-country skiing learning opportunity. [WE SKI](#) takes place on Thursdays in January from 6-8:00 pm at Timber Ridge Resort & Campground. The \$35 family rate includes a trail fee, snack, après ski meal plus age- and ability-appropriate instruction. Registration is limited to 90 people and ends December 25, 2011.

IT'S TIME FOR THE FESTIVAL OF TREES

Zonta's annual [Festival of Trees](#) runs Thursday, November 17-Sunday, November 20. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and free for preschoolers. There are a lot of different events and activities included as part of this year's Festival. Be sure to vote for your favorite school-decorated tree, as there is a cash prize associated with top honors. Thank you to the volunteers who coordinated the effort this year.

FREE HOCKEY!

Not going to the football game? It might be a great time to check out Bay Reps Hockey action. There are back-to-back scrimmages versus Central and West this Saturday at Centre Ice beginning at 6:15 p.m. and admission is FREE.

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COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE ADVENT MISSION AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

St. Patrick Catholic Church is sponsoring a weekend [Advent Mission](#). Frank Runyeon, a nationally recognized performer, will present "Light in the Darkness, An Advent Mission" on Saturday, November 26, at 6:30 pm and "Living in the Light in the Media Age" on Sunday, November 27, at 12:30 pm. These presentations are appropriate for all ages and are designed to remind us what the season of Advent is all about. A free-will offering will be taken.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: A TRADITION FOR THE LADIES OF GTACS

As we enter our four-week journey to Christmas, join with other women as we ready our hearts and minds for the birth of Christ. [Advent by Candlelight](#) is Tuesday, November 29 at St. Patrick Church. Program begins in the church at 6:30 p.m. followed by coffee, wine, desserts, and fellowship in the social hall. Please RSVP to (231) 313-2729 or email AdventUpNorth@yahoo.com. A free-will offering will be taken.

ST. FRANCIS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL HELPS "RAISE THE ROOF"

Come to [Christmas Festival](#), Sunday, December 4, in the St. Francis High School gymnasium, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm. The annual festival features an old-fashioned chicken dinner available for dine-in or carry-out, (adults \$8/children 5-12 \$6/families \$30). Attractions also include a Christmas cookie sale, sweet shop, Chinese raffle, quilt raffle and \$10,000 Grand Prize raffle, (license #R12688). There is a 1 in 10 chance to win a prize in the Grand Prize raffle, ranging from \$75 to \$1,000 to the grand prize of \$10,000. Proceeds from the raffle go towards repair of the church roof.

TRIP NEWS

Okay, last week we added Buffalo Wild Wings and Taco Bell to our TRIP program. This week we're helping get you healthy. We're excited to add **Edson Farms Natural Foods** to the On-Hand order form.

- NEW! [Edson Farms](#), located at 835 S. Garfield, is now offering \$25 gift cards at a very generous 10%!
- We have added **Cabela's \$25** gift cards to the On-Hand order form for the holiday season. \$100 Cabela's are still available Not-on-Hand.
- Current bonuses: **Bath & Body - 5%** until 12/1; **LL Bean - 2%** until 12/1; **Marriott - 2%** until 11/17

HURRY! LAST CHANCE FOR A ONE-OF-A-KIND GETAWAY!

One fabulous Gladhandler item is still available via sealed bid auction: The [Metivier Inn](#) is a lovely boutique bed and breakfast on Mackinac Island. The Inn was originally built as a private residence in 1877. Its charming location on Market Street makes it an ideal venue for your company retreat, family reunion, small workshop or other function. With your winning bid, you will have the use of this bed and breakfast for one day and one night (Sunday through Thursday nights) during May or October 2012, excluding holidays and subject to availability. Includes 15 rooms (up to two guests per room), plus use of conference room and complimentary breakfast. Travel to and from the island not included. Value is \$2,000 and the donors are Ken and Diane Neyer of the Metivier Inn. Place your bid (be specific and unique by extending to the penny your bid, as the highest bidder will take the prize) by emailing it along with your name and phone number to gladhandler@gtacs.org or submit all this information in a sealed envelope to Wayne Mueller or Kathy Britten at the Gladhandler office. Hurry. Deadline is noon, Friday, November 18, 2011.

COOKING CLASS FOR ADULTS

Would you like to be more efficient in the kitchen? Do you know what's in your food? Join Chef Jason Maday for a cooking class that will give you strategies and techniques to help you save time and prepare healthier food. Hands-on classes will be offered at the St. Francis kitchen from 6:30-9:30 pm. Cost is \$40 per person per class, limit 10 per class. If you are interested in a cooking class with a group of friends in the comfort of your own kitchen, additional classes can be offered. Contact jmaday@gtacs.org to make a reservation or learn more.

December 12	Gone fishin' (fish, shellfish, and more)
January 16	Knife skills and other kitchen basics
February 13	Pastas and grains
March 12	Comfort food (not from a can)
April 16	Charcuterie (sausage, bacon, and other smoked goodies)
May 14	Cooking without a recipe

GOT SCHOOL SPIRIT?

Show everyone you're a GLAD fan by purchasing a Gladiator house flag from the Cheerleaders. [Order here.](#)

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While nations insult the beloved name of our Redeemer by suppressing all mention of it in their conferences and parliaments, we must all the more loudly proclaim his kingly dignity and power, all the more universally affirm his rights.
-- Pope Pius XI on his establishment of the Feast of Christ the King in 1925