

## 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.

**September 28, 2011** Please email information for system-wide distribution to Cathy Nelson at [cnelson@gtacs.org](mailto:cnelson@gtacs.org).

## THIS WEEKEND'S MASS

This weekend, we'll hear [Jesus' message](#) that... "the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." It's also Respect Life Sunday. This year's theme is, "Every human life has its origin in the heart of God."

## 30 DAYS UNTIL SEUSS IS ON THE LOOSE AT GLADHANDER 2011!

- As of Wednesday, the score in the raffle ticket sale competition was HA 37, SEAS 28, IC 28 and SF 69.
- Featured live auction item: The exclusive rights to a TCSF vanity plate to make your ride a point of pride!
- We're planning on a packed crowd at Gladhander, so lots of volunteers are needed. Contact [Kathy Britten](#).
- What's for dinner at Glad 2011? *Who's Roast Beast* and *Schlopp with Something on Top*, of course!

## HOMECOMING/SPIRIT WEEK SCHEDULE/KAIROS PRAYER REQUEST

Next week is Spirit Week and Homecoming, culminating in the Hall of Fame induction ceremony (10:00 a.m.), home football game (1:00 p.m.) and for high school students, the Homecoming dance (7:30 p.m.) This Saturday through Tuesday, St. Francis Seniors will be away on their Kairos ("God's time") retreat; please pray that this will be a fruitful time for them.

## DIocese's 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMES TO TOWN

On Sunday, October 9 at 4:00 p.m. at Christ the King -- as part of our Diocese's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration -- a special concert will be presented that will involve many of our talented friends and family members: School choir vocal artists, the Grand Traverse Area Catholic Bell Choir, instrumentalists and more. The event will also incorporate the first public performance of a musical piece composed specifically for this occasion, *Bright Shining* by John K. Boyle, Jr., as performed by the Gabriella Brass. A free will offering will be taken, and a reception is planned afterward in the lower level. Sure to be a very uplifting experience.

## TRIP NEWS

- We are selling Younkers **Community Days** coupon booklets. Your \$5 donation, which benefits the GTACS scholarship fund, buys you \$200+ in exclusive offers, plus \$10 off a purchase of \$10 or more. Community Days is November 11-12.
- If you're ever looking for something we don't offer either On-Hand or Not-On-Hand, ask us! We may be able to get it for you. We would just treat the item as a backorder. We recently added Lowe's & Home Depot \$1000s, plus Speedway \$500s to our Not-On-Hand order form because we had frequent requests for them. Just call or [e-mail us](#).
- Current bonus: **LL Bean** - 2% until 9/29

## NEWS AND NOTES

- **Tom's receipts** are due now. Please send in all receipts dated July-September 2011 no later than Oct. 12. Thanks!
- Glen's Markets is offering [Cash for Class](#) 10/2-8, 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).
- [Mothers In Christ](#) meets next on October 3, 9-11 am at Christ the King, and the topic is "Theology of the Body."
- The [Fair Food Event](#) is Thursday, October 6 at 6 p.m. at the State Theatre.
- The next **PTC meeting** is October 12 at noon in the IC basement.
- The **Alzheimer's Memory Walk** is Saturday, October 1. Holy Angels teacher, Karen Alpers, is among those participating in honor of a loved one.
- St. Pat's Men's Club is having a **pancake breakfast** Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to benefit the Northwest Michigan Food Coalition.
- The Immaculate Conception parish youth group is hosting "**Granny's Attic & Grandpa's Garage Sale**" this weekend. Proceeds benefit the 2012 East Coast Mission Trip.
- From the Right to Life dinner: About what percentage of pregnancies in the US end in surgical abortion? 22%.
- Congrats to the St. Francis Varsity **Equestrian Team** which advances to Regionals this weekend. Go Glads!

## LIFE GETS HECTIC

The St. Clare Chapel is a great place to stop for Sabbath Moments – a pause to pull away from the day's stresses, be refreshed, pray, and think about God. All are welcome. "Sabbath-keeping actually nets us more time, not less." – *Catholic Update*

God reveals man to himself; reason and faith work hand in hand to demonstrate to us what is good, provided we want to see it; the natural law, in which creative Reason shines forth, reveals our greatness, but also our wretchedness insofar as we fail to recognize the call to moral truth. - Pope Benedict