

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.

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In this week's [Catholic Weekly](#), Principal Bauman: "...we really don't get started on our school's true mission until the celebration of our first Mass and our partaking in Communion....there is no better way to begin a school year." This Friday, at 8:30 am, our entire school family will assemble for our All System Mass. We are thrilled that Bishop Hebda will be with us, along with many priests and deacons. It will be a very special liturgy and there are a couple of items to note:

After the Deacon proclaims the [Gospel](#), he will take the Gospel book to the Bishop at the altar. Please remain standing during this special blessing. At the end of Mass, the Bishop will do the traditional call and response:

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord
All: Now and forever
Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord
All: Who made heaven and earth

REVISED TRAFFIC FLOW FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (RANDOLPH ST. CLOSURE) PICK-UP/DROP-OFF

There was too much congestion associated with the original plan to accommodate the closure of Randolph Street. Principal Bauman is now requesting that drivers use the [revised traffic diagram](#). Once again, thank you for paying close attention to this change. Please make sure that all drivers are aware of the updated protocol.

"IF NEVER YOU DID, YOU SHOULD. THESE THINGS ARE FUN AND FUN IS GOOD." – DR. SEUSS

A hallmark of the Gladhander auction is the fabulous décor. Gladhander decorations chairperson, Carla Nickodemus, invites you to get involved by picking up a project to work on at home, or by working with the decorations team during the school day. The Gladhander decorations room is in the TCSF lower level, room 16 and the work begins on Monday. For more information, contact Carla at carlanickodemus@yahoo.com.

LADIES' ROAD RALLY, SEPTEMBER 24

Sure, the Road Rally helps generate gifts for Gladhander, but more importantly, it's an all-out great time for the ladies. How can you help? Be a sponsor, donate a raffle prize, or volunteer. Get your car-load of lady friends organized and get ready to have some fun! Contact the Gladhander office at 941-GLAD or gladhander@gtacs.org.

Q: WHEN MOMS GET TOGETHER, IS IT CALLED "FELLOWSHIP?"

During the school year, moms can enjoy some quality "mom-time" in the, um, fellowship of other Christian ladies. It's called Mothers In Christ and the group meets from 9:00-11:00 am at Christ the King Church in Acme. Daycare is available for the little ones, and membership is very affordable. The September 12 brunch meeting will focus on "Fun, Fall Fellowship and Founding Members" and the September 19 topic is, "Raising and Effectively Disciplining our Sons and Daughters" with guest speaker Gene LaFave.

SPARTAN FANS CAN HAVE THE WOLVERINES FOR LUNCH AND VICE VERSA

SEAS students are selling fun-shaped pasta to help raise money for their spring trip to Washington, DC. They have U of M pasta, MSU pasta and pasta for 49 other college teams. Plus, there's pet pasta, sports pasta, holiday pasta and more. Contact an 8th grader or Jerri Gabriel for more information: mbgjlq5@chartermi.net.

FIRST JEAN/GRUB DAY TO BENEFIT GLAD MEALS

Our first jean day/grub day will be Friday, September 16 and will benefit Glad Meals – the program in which TCSF students and families prepare/serve lunch for the homeless and needy. For around \$150 per week, Glad Meals serves a complete meal to 50+ people. Students are asked to bring in a donation (\$.25-\$1+) in exchange for wearing non-uniform clothing (refer to your School's handbook for guidelines). Additional donations are always appreciated; checks may be made payable to GTACS with Glad Meals in the memo line. Contact Maureen DeYoung (mdeyoung@gtacs.org).

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one come to you without leaving happier. Mother Teresa