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A MESSAGE FROM THE President

BY STEVE GLASSER

As I sat back and reflected on the start of the 2019-2020 school year, a recurring theme kept entering my mind: “It’s a great time to be a Titan!”

We are experiencing a wave of momentum regarding enrollment. We have worked hard to develop a culture that awakens greatness in our administration, faculty, staff and students. I feel this culture is beginning to take hold, and the result of this is a system wide enrollment growth of 15%. Our system includes preschool through grade 12.

We created 121 preschool spots and I am very happy to say that we filled all 121 – and we have waiting lists. Our newly formed all day pre-kindergarten has one section at both Trinity Elementary East and Trinity Elementary West with a total of 37 students. This filled up quickly and we are excited to plan for future growth opportunities. The 121 students is a 60% increase over last year’s *Titan Tots* Preschool enrollment.

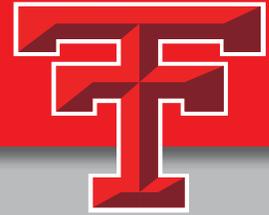
After achieving accreditation last spring for our junior high and high school, we felt the next step was to embark on a comprehensive strategic planning process. The plan will provide a vision for 2020-2025. Our school last compiled a strategic plan in 2010. There will be a lot of communication coming out in the near future regarding this process.

The wave of momentum that we are riding was never more evident than at the Fall Gala. We had an incredible night grossing close to \$275,000. Through the generosity of many, \$100,000 of funds raised at the Gala will go towards faculty and staff salaries and benefits. It is a great blessing to have such dedicated teachers and staff and we need to continue to do all that we can to increase salaries and benefits. In a little over a year, we have raised over a \$1,000,000 for the Employee Salary and Benefit Fund. Please contact us if you would like to contribute to this fund. I want to thank the Office of Mission Advancement staff; our Trinity Catholic Schools faculty and staff; parents; volunteers; sponsors; auction donors; and patrons for making the Fall Gala a huge success!

As we transition from fall to winter activities, I would like to remind you about the upcoming musical *Fiddler on the Roof* on December 6, 7 and 8. The musical is always a fantastic event as we showcase our talented students. Please mark it on your calendar.

The beautiful season of Advent is fast approaching. I want to extend a warm invitation to please join us for the celebration of Holy Mass at Trinity Elementary East, Trinity Elementary West, Trinity Elementary North or Trinity Junior High and High School. There are several opportunities throughout Advent culminating with our traditional Golden Mass in the Trinity Auditorium on Friday, December 20 at 1:30 PM.

In closing, I wish you a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!



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(Trinity Junior High and High School's Winter Musical Production)

December 6 – December 8, 2019

Trinity Auditorium

TRINITY JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 12, 2019, Trinity Auditorium

GOLDEN MASS

December 20, 2019, Trinity Auditorium

TRINITY MARDI GRAS

January 24 – January 26

Trinity Junior High and High School

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 25 – February 1, 2020

MANY GIFTS, ONE NATION DAY OF GIVING

(online giving event for Trinity Catholic Schools in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week 2020)

January 26, 2020

2020 TITAN HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS OPEN

March 1 – April 30, 2020

DIVINE WINE AND DINE

(presented by the Trinity Fine Arts Boosters)

March 14, 2020

Fisher Commons (at Trinity Junior High and High School)

TRINITY JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

March 17, 2020, Trinity Auditorium

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE FOR EDUCATION

May 6, 2020

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION WEEKEND

July 3 – July 5, 2020

TITAN HALL OF FAME BANQUET

September 26, 2020, Trinity Cafeteria

20TH ANNUAL TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FALL GALA

October 17, 2020



ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO

Deacon Jim Nistler, Todd and Peggy (Nistler, '85) Mayer; Joe Mayer ('15) and Sarah Mayer ('18) at the home of an African friend, Ambrose, and his family, while visiting the Diocese of Bismarck's African Mission in Kenya. Read more in the Alumni Spotlight section on page 6 and 7 of this issue of the *Titan Echoes*.



A gift that multiplies

For right around 20 years, the tradition of “Bezdicke Sweet Corn” has been a looked-forward-to time of the year for the Titan family and the community at large. Right around the beginning of August, the school telephone starts to ring with questions of “when will they be selling the sweet corn?”

Greg Bezdicke ('72) first approached the Trinity Athletic Boosters with the question, “how about if I plant an acre or so of sweet corn as a donation? I will buy the seed and coordinate the care of the crop; you all can arrange for the picking and then sell the corn as a fundraiser.” Bezdicke is the third generation on the family farm near Dickinson. His grandfather started the farm, Bezdicke’s dad (Robert) took over the farm, and Greg has now operated the place for over 20 years. Trinity has been a big part of Bezdicke’s family as all four of his siblings are graduates of Trinity High School: Myron Bezdicke ('73), Joyce Bezdicke ('76), +Deborah Bezdicke ('81), and Jeff Bezdicke ('86).

That question that Bezdicke posed to the athletic boosters a number of years ago has turned into an outstanding, close to 20-year fundraiser for the Trinity Athletic Boosters. In the early years of this fundraiser, the boosters raised around \$5,000 from sweet corn sales, but that quickly changed when the booster members secured more volunteers to do the picking. Kent Mortenson, father of three Titan alumni and former member of the Trinity Athletic Booster Board said, “I received good, wise advice from a booster board member before my time that said ‘if you can get more people involved and pick a couple times, you will sell a lot more sweet corn.’” That was exactly

what the booster board did. Coaches and parents; student-athletes and teachers; and friends of Trinity continue to gather each August



around the corn harvest time to pick buckets of corn. Those buckets turn in to pick-up and trailer loads; and those pick-up and trailer loads turn into dollars that help the boosters support Titan Athletics the way they do.

Over the years the sweet corn sales have raised as much as \$10,500 dollars and, though the goal remains to sell as much corn as possible each year, the fundraiser pays dividends in other ways. “It’s been enjoyable for me to meet so many people through the years the Trinity Athletic Boosters have been coming out to the farm to pick for the fundraiser. It’s really a team effort and the students get the chance to see that,” said Bezdicke. Mortenson added “it’s a case of ‘the more the merrier.’ With this fundraiser, everyone is invited to get their hands a little dirty and get involved. It’s a good way to give the gift of time, and that time makes the fundraiser more successful.”

The Titan Family – and in particular the Trinity Athletic Boosters – are most grateful to Greg Bezdicke for the gift he continues to give in the form of delicious, home-grown, hand-picked sweet corn. “The athletic boosters are asked to help with a number of expenses associated with Titan Athletics – everything from new uniforms and equipment upgrades to transportation needs – and this fundraiser continues to be one we count on to make those things happen,” offered Gregg Grinsteiner ('82), Trinity High School Athletic Director. Grinsteiner continued “words fall short of expressing how grateful we are to Mr. Bezdicke for his generosity to Trinity Junior High and High School.”

**Thank you, Mr. Bezdicke
– for giving this gift
that multiplies!**



Above: Dan Kovash ('97), Trinity Athletic Booster Board Member, and Nicklaus Sobolik (Trinity Junior High Football Player and son of Damian and Suzi (Steffes, '99) Sobolik) dumping the buckets of sweet corn.

Left: Titan Volleyball Players having fun picking corn.



Anthony Willer ('89), Trinity Athletic Booster Board Member, with the Bezdicke Sweet Corn Sales Sign.



Beth (Glasser, '89) Decker loading bags of corn to sell with two of her children, Mya ('20) and Colin ('20) Decker.

Titans

IN THE NEWS

Titans in the News highlights news of our alumni. We welcome submissions for tidbits of news to include in this section. If you or an alumni you know have had recent accomplishments, awards, or other happenings in life, we would love to know! We appreciate photos, too!

Please email submissions to DeAnn Scheeler,
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Amy Grinsteinner ('07) was a guest writer for *Inspired Woman Magazine* in their August, 2019 issue. Grinsteinner wrote about the Titan Writing Lab, a focused effort and partnership she developed with the Dickinson State University English Department, to help Trinity students who wanted to improve upon their writing skills. (pictured above)

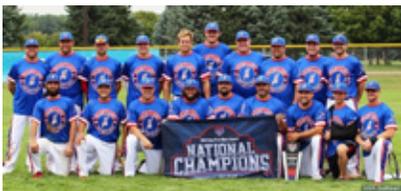
Ross Reiter ('78) was ordained to the diaconate for the Diocese of Bismarck on November 22, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck. Ross and his wife, Angela, have been married for 33 years and have three adult children.



Kari Heipko Odermann ('94) was recently on UA|TV "a 24/7 international broadcaster that targets broad audiences around the globe" (as taken from the UA|TV Facebook page). Kari was filming a show called "Head to Head" – a Ukrainian TV show – talking about Ukraine and the relationship between Ukraine and the United Kingdom.



Scott Huffman ('99) was on the 2018 Men's B Slow Pitch National Championship Team – Heartland Investors. They defeated All American Restoration Monsta, 28-27, in the championship game. Huffman also earned the honor of being named to the Men's Class B Slow Pitch First Team All-Americans.



Stephane Blanchard ('07) is a trauma and emergency care doctor at Sanford Health, Bismarck. Blanchard received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota and also graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine.



Isaiah Jilek ('19) began seminary formation for the Diocese of Bismarck in the fall, 2019, at the Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Jilek is one of four Titan alumni who are discerning a call to the priesthood.



Masy Kuntz ('19) is part of the Bismarck State College Women's Volleyball Team – the Mystics – who earned a berth into the 2019 NJCAA National Division II Volleyball Tournament. In the history of Bismarck State College, this is the first time the volleyball team has made it to a national tournament.

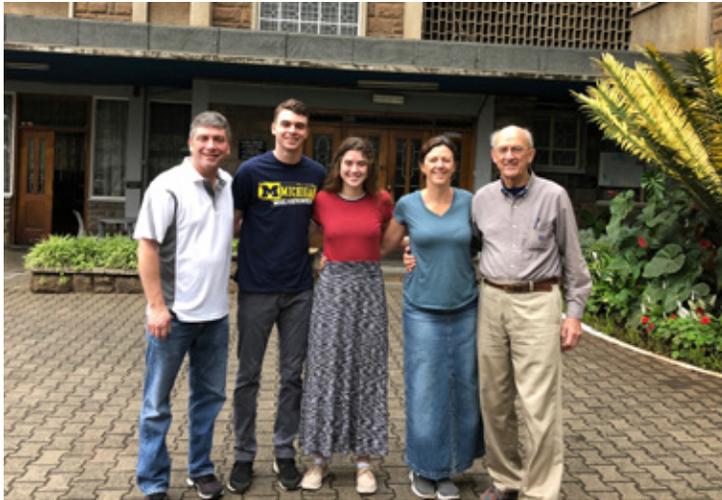


Father Austin Vetter, on November 20, was ordained and installed as Bishop of the Diocese of Helena, Montana, as appointed by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Bishop Vetter served as pastor at the Church of St. Patrick in Dickinson from September, 1999 until July, 2008. When he arrived to assume duties as pastor, the consolidated school system of Dickinson Catholic Schools did not yet exist, thus Bishop Vetter was on the board for St. Patrick/Queen of Peace Elementary School (now Trinity Elementary West). Bishop Vetter went on to chair the newly formed Dickinson Catholic Schools Board and was very involved in the consolidation process for the unified school system that exists today as Trinity Catholic Schools.



The experience of ‘furaha’:

A multi-generational visit to the Diocese of Bismarck African Mission in Kenya



Todd, Joe, Sarah, Peggy and Deacon Jim on their first morning in Kenya. Arriving late the first night, they stayed with religious sisters in Nairobi. In the background is the convent of the sisters.

The Diocese of Bismarck has had a mission presence in Africa for nearly 30 years and the great majority of those years have been in Kisii, Kenya – a village in the southwestern part of the country of Kenya. Two of the original four missionaries, Deacon Jim and the late +Henrietta Nistler, are the parents of 8 Titan Alumni: Janel (Nistler, '75) Schalkle; Connie (Nistler, '76) Dooley; Jaylene (Nistler, '76) Kovash; Nancy (Nistler, '77) Watkins; Laurie (Nistler, '79) Schneibel; Mary (Nistler, '84) Mallus; Peggy (Nistler, '85) Mayer; and Ted ('87). Jim and +Henrietta have also had 5 grandchildren graduate from Trinity; and presently have one great grandchild at Trinity Catholic Schools. Their “Red and White roots” run deep; the depth of their roots matches their commitment to Jesus Christ’s command—to form disciples and witnesses of His Gospel.

Deacon Jim and +Henrietta began living discipleship in the raising of their family. Jim’s career background is in the medical field, in education, and he was one of the first deacons in the Diocese of Bismarck; +Henrietta’s career background is that of a nurse – and most certainly the day to day work of being a mom. The Nistlers joyfully and faithfully lived their married vocation and once their youngest child had graduated and was “out in the world”, answered God’s call to pursue a

missionary life for the Diocese of Bismarck. It was July of 1990 when Deacon Jim and +Henrietta left for Africa – after being commissioned by then +Bishop John Kinney. “I was 23 when my mom and dad left for Africa and I remember it vividly. As kids, our primary concern was for their safety. We wanted them to serve, but we wanted them to be safe,” said Peggy. She continued, “The nearest phone for them to use was a long drive (several hours) into town and that was something they didn’t do very often. So it was through letters and pictures that we kept in touch with them. Mom and dad would mail a letter to one of us kids and whoever received the letter would make copies and send it on to the siblings. We missed mom and dad, but it was a time of strengthening and bonding us as a family.”

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Deacon Jim and +Henrietta served as missionaries the majority of the 90’s and welcomed a few of their children for visits on a couple occasions. Over the course of their years of service, they came back to Dickinson about 6 times and tried to make their return trips center on weddings of their children; or births and baptisms of grandchildren.

Having visited the African Mission twice while her mom and dad served, Peggy and her husband, Todd, had wanted for



Deacon Jim and Henrietta are pictured above in an early photo of them serving as missionaries.



Joe and Deacon Jim pictured in front of the gate of the school funded by the African Mission. This is one of the areas Deacon Jim and Henrietta served in their time with the Mission.



Todd, Joe, and Deacon Jim working with Rogers, a local man who works for the Mission, preparing the footings for a water tank to save rain water at the Mission.



Peggy on one of her first visits to the African Mission.

many years to give their children, Joe ('15) and Sarah ('18) an opportunity to experience and serve where Peggy's parents had spent a part of their life. Peggy knew the opportunity could be life-changing for Joe and Sarah, "I knew from my visits there, from the stories my mom and dad shared of how the mission work changed their life, and from Joe and Sarah's experience as high school students in doing mission work (Joe had made a trip with Todd to Guatemala; Sarah had taken the senior mission trip to Peru) that a trip over to the African Mission – with my dad – would be an experience of a lifetime for Joe and Sarah," said Peggy.

It was at Sarah's graduation open house in May, 2018, that Peggy brought the idea to her dad. After thinking on it for a few weeks, Jim agreed to the trip with Todd and Peggy, and Joe and Sarah. Their trip to the African Mission was in December, 2018 – nearly one year ago.



Joe with his grandpa, Deacon Jim.

"I think the thing we looked forward to the most was to see and experience something that our grandparents had talked about so often," said Sarah. While at the Mission, Joe and Sarah, Todd and Peggy, and Deacon Jim spent their time helping in the tea fields; cleaning and fixing things around the Mission – be it at the school, around the property, or

in the house; constructing a rainwater storage tank; and visiting friends of their grandparents – friends who were children during Deacon Jim and +Henrietta's time at the Mission and were now grown adults with children of their own. "It was really something to be there with our grandpa. To see his joy and his love for the Mission and the people there," said Joe. He continued, "one of my greatest takeaways from the trip was the reminder to be present to people – and that the 'stuff' doesn't necessarily bring happiness. The people we visited had such joy and happiness of life and they had so little." Sarah added,

"What matters most to the people we met in Africa is their faith and their family. Celebrating Christmas Day Mass with the people was a huge highlight for us. The people smiled and they danced and they sang."

"God had His hand in this trip in many ways," said Peggy. She continued, "It was amazing how we would just 'happen' upon people that my mom and dad knew from their time there and how the people, in turn, remembered and shared stories about mom and dad."

"I went over with an 'agenda' of five things I wanted Joe and Sarah to experience...things that had particularly touched +Henrietta and I in our time there," said Deacon Jim. The agenda included experiencing the outdoor market in Kisii; getting to see the southern cross (a constellation that can only be viewed in the southern hemisphere); having Holy Mass outside with the African people; visiting a home and enjoying fellowship with the people; and seeing the Manga Ridge (a luscious green landscape of Kenya). Deacon Jim remarked, "That agenda was in the back of my mind for the duration of our time at the Mission, but just being there...being present with Joe and Sarah, Todd and Peggy...it was everything I wanted it to be and then some."

Furaha – the Swahili (native language of Kenya) word for *joy*. *Furaha* marks an active life of Christian discipleship. Sacred Scripture teaches this essential truth of our Faith—that a life lived in and with Christ brings authentic joy. That *furaha* is what these generations of Titans experienced in a 10-day visit to our diocesan African Mission, and that *furaha* is alive and active in their lives today.



Sarah with one of the little girls who comes to the Mission on Saturdays to receive food for her family.

TRINITY today

This section of the *Titan Echoes* is devoted to pieces of information about Titans of today – what they are doing, a sampling of their accomplishments, and general news items happening in the school.

We are proud of our Titans!

Mind

Great Teams kicked off at Trinity Junior High and High School in September. This new initiative of the 2019-2020 school year was born out of the Late Start Wednesdays of the 2018-2019 school year. “Great Teams” is a half hour time block, every Wednesday, for students in grades 7 through 12 to come together in small groups to talk about “what’s going great and what’s not going so great” in life. We know that students who are feeling and thinking well, also learn well, and this initiative will help the faculty, staff, and administration of Trinity Junior High and High School get a good pulse on that.



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Our Titan Musicians at the junior high and high school hosted a remarkable fall concert in October.



The Dickinson Rotary Club presented the third grade students at Trinity Elementary School with their own dictionaries this fall. Students use them in the classroom as they continue to build their reading and spelling skills.



The junior class of Trinity High School spent an afternoon in Medora this fall, learning all about the Marquis de Mores and the meatpacking plant. The trip is a supplement to their US History class.

Our elementary school students continue to incorporate The 7 Habits of Happy Kids into their school days. One of the 7 Habits calls for students to “put first things first” and part of that habit includes goal setting – and even the youngest elementary students (our kindergarten students) are learning to live this habit well.



Trinity Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week at the end of October with fun dress days and lessons on making good choices to live a drug-free life. Red Ribbon Week continues to be one of the most fun weeks for our elementary Titans each fall.



October was Fire Prevention Month and the students of Trinity Elementary School welcomed firefighters from the Dickinson Fire Department – throughout the month – speaking to them about fire prevention and fire safety.

Trinity Junior High and High School hosted the annual Veterans Day Program. This Titan Tradition featured Holy Mass, a coffee and cookie social, a special program, and lunch. What a privilege it is to have welcomed and thanked veterans on this day.



Friday Fury began for the second year in a row at Trinity Junior High and High School.

This one-year-old Titan Tradition happens on Fridays. Students in grades 7-12 are welcomed to school with music, a prayer card, and special treat – bringing positive energy to the end of the week.



Trinity High School hosted a Vitalant Blood Drive in October.

The high school student council continues to seek to serve the community by hosting a blood drive (about twice a year) for students who are old enough to give blood, as well as community members. Thank you to all who gave this life-saving gift!



The Bezdicsek Family has been generous to Trinity Catholic Schools for many years in the form of the sweet corn crop. Titans at the junior high and high school – and some elementary Titans – went out to pick corn in the late summer for this annual Trinity Athletic Boosters fundraiser. Read more about this Titan Tradition in this issue of the *Titan Echoes!*



The Trinity High School Volleyball Team claimed the Region 7 Championship in November.

This is the third consecutive year the Titans have earned the Region 7 Title and a berth in the North Dakota State Class B Volleyball Tournament. The Titans finished the season with a seventh place finish at the state tournament.



The Titan Varsity Football Team and coaches hosted “Meet the Titans” at the end of August. From passing, running, and tackling drills to ending the evening in prayer – this was a fun opportunity for preschool and elementary age children to meet and interact with the Titan Varsity Football Team.



The Trinity Junior High Student Council hosted a fun night in November. Volleyball, corn hole games, a little 3-on-3 basketball, Mario Kart, and food highlighted the event!



It is always a fun day on our elementary playgrounds when the Dickinson State University Football Players make a visit. How grateful we are for these young men who come for recess time a couple times each fall.

The Dickinson High School Girls Swim and Dive Team had a successful showing at the North Dakota State Class A

Girls Swim and Dive meet in November. Trinity Junior High and High School is grateful to co-op with Dickinson High School in this sport, where six Titans compete as part of the Midget team.





Trinity Catholic Schools was well-represented at the Diocese of Bismarck 2019 THIRST Conference. Our students were a wonderful presence at our table in the exhibit hall – and they had the chance to meet some great Catholic theologians like Dr. Edward Sri.

Trinity Elementary School as well as Trinity Junior High and High School showed our priests their sincere appreciation with notes of gratitude and special gifts, given to the priests this fall.



Fiat Lux (“let the light be made”, modeled after the Blessed Mother’s “let it be done” to bring the Light into the world) began at Trinity High School in September. “Fiat Lux” is a youth group for Titan young women in grades 9 through 12.

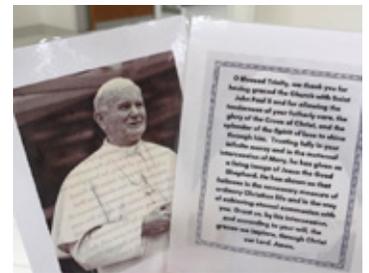


Trinity Elementary School students participated in a fall food drive for Amen Food Pantry, organized through the Church of St. Wenceslaus. **Trinity High School’s Life Skills Class** hosted a benefit breakfast for the Amen Food Pantry this fall as well.



It was a pleasure for the students of Trinity Elementary School to make pumpkin art for the Dickinson area elderly care facilities as an act of kindness – part of the bi-monthly kindness lessons happening in all of our elementary buildings this school year.

Trinity Junior High and High School celebrated the Feast of Pope St. John Paul II. Our chapel’s namesake is a tremendous intercessor for the young – and we look to Pope St. John Paul often through our school prayer. Locker signs, holy cards and Polish sausage (since Pope St. John Paul II was “the Polish Pope!”) greeted the students on that October day.



Trinity Elementary School welcomed grandparents and special friends in September for Grandparents Day.



Students in our 6th grade at Trinity Elementary School spent a cold November morning serving Trinity's neighbors by raking leaves in their yards. To give the numbers: 42 students, raked 5 yards and filled 30 bags of leaves.

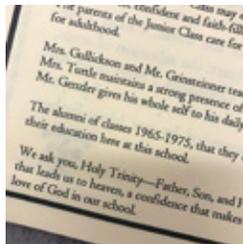


All Saints Day – a solemnity of our liturgical year – is a favorite at Trinity Catholic Schools.

Our junior high and high school students had saint muffins – and our 5th grade students had their

living museum of saints for this holy day.

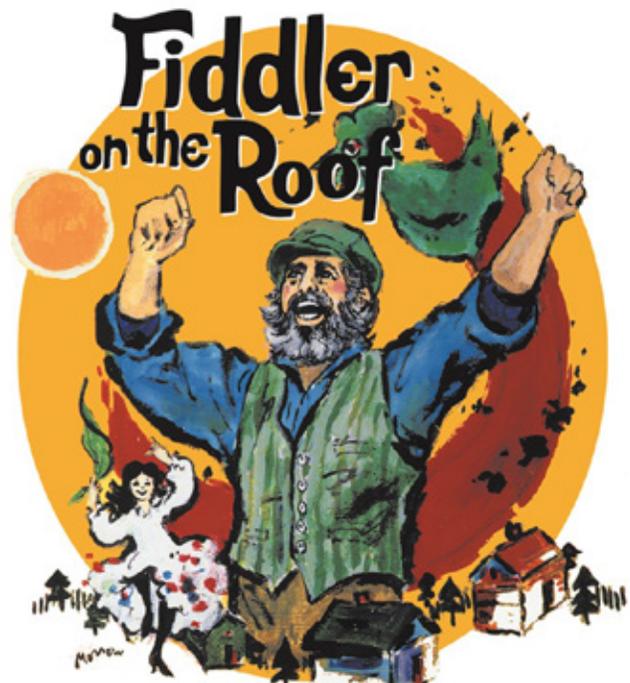
Did you know our teachers – at the elementary, junior high, and high school level – gather daily to pray? The teachers at each level have a little different format to their prayer each day, but they go to God as a team. They pray for one another; they pray for our students; they pray for our alumni and the needs of our community.



A number of students from Trinity Junior High and High School attended Prayer Day at the University of Mary in November, where Father Mike Schmitz was the keynote speaker.



Trinity Catholic Schools Drama Department
Presents



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Jerry Bock

Lyrics by
Sheldon Harnick

Produced on the New York Stage by Harold Prince

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**Reunion Weekend:
July 3 – July 5, 2020**

Trinity high School welcomes this year's reunion classes, July 3 – July 5, 2020. The Office of Mission Advancement has the following class reunion contact people on file. Please contact your respective class representative to find details of your class reunion plans.

family CONNECTION

ATTENTION ALUMNI.

Are you expecting a tiny Titan in the coming months? Have you recently gotten married? Have you experienced a death that touches the Titan Family? We want to know about it.

Please contact Kelli Schneider (kelli.schneider@k12.nd.us) in the Office of Mission Advancement with any news and we'll include it in the Family Connection section of the Titan Echoes.



Congratulations!



Diane & Gene (Hoyt,' 68)

50th Wedding Anniversary
Celebrated: 10-25-19

Welcome Little Ones



Anthony John Ursu

Date of Birth: 02-03-19
Parents: Cassandra (Meyer, '05) & Ryan Ursu



Sage Marie Sickler

Date of Birth: 07-09-19
Parents: Maralee & Klint ('99) Sickler



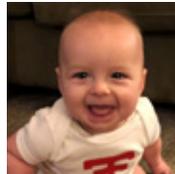
Bowden Haines Belk

Date of Birth: 02-05-19
Parents: Bree (Lefor, '07) & Taylor Belk



Edmund Nelson

Date of Birth: 07-16-19
Parents: Samantha & Devyn ('07) Nelson



Felix Kolbe Steckler

Date of Birth: 04-06-19
Parents: Paxtyn (Nelson, '12) & Zach Steckler



Wynn and Walter Dynneson

Date of Birth: 07-16-19
Parents: Lindsey (Arnold '07) & Carl Dynneson



Leah Lengfelder

Date of Birth: 04-10-19
Parents: Allison (Meyer, '14) & Austin Lengfelder



Madisyn Marie Glasser

Date of Birth: 07-25-19
Parents: Maria & Tyler ('02) Glasser



Sylvie Margaret Olson

Date of Birth: 04-29-19
Meghan (Friedt, '01) & Brian Olson



Lia Marie Glasser

Date of Birth: 08-05-19
Parents: Brittini (Pladson, '04) & Chad ('04) Glasser



Archer Ray Seiler

Date of Birth: 05-06-19
Parents: Mckenzie (Kostelecky, '13) & Eric Seiler



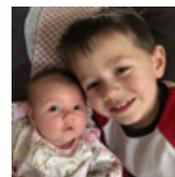
Brenna Grace Booke

Date of Birth: 09-02-19
Parents: Sarah & Travis ('03) Booke



Hadley Jo Berry

Date of Birth: 06-18-19
Parents: Casey (Kostelecky, '03) & Brandon Berry



Laney Volk
(pictured with big brother, Lars)

Date of Birth: 09-16-19
Parents: Melissa & Joe ('02) Volk



Paityn Jo Sickler

Date of Birth: 06-26-19
Parents: Erica & Brandon ('12) Sickler



Elijah Allen Klein

Date of Birth: 09-30-19
Parents: Emily (Spradley, '15) & Alex ('13) Klein



Seanna Lynn Berger

Date of Birth: 06-27-19
Parents: Tara & Jeremy Berger



Roman Blaine Skadeland

Date of Birth: 10-04-19
Parents: Halie (Knopik, '10) & Jeff Skadeland



Aria Jean Tibor

Date of Birth: 07-07-19
Parents: Emily (Jilek, '14) & Gregory Tibor

"...you knit me together in my mother's womb."

- Psalm 139:13

Just Married



Chelsea (Roshau, '07) & Kaine Hartman
Married: 12-28-18



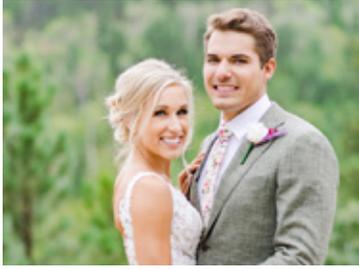
Marissa (Meyer, '11) & Matt Franck
Married: 05-18-19



Awna (Kovash, '15) & Brett Mortenson ('15)
Married: 05-31-19



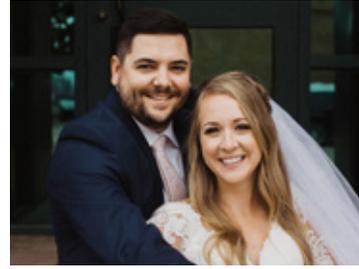
Savannah & Justin ('16) Meyer
Married: 08-10-19



Taylor (Jerome, '10) & Dylan Fridrich ('12)
Married: 08-17-19



Cori Moberg & Nicholas Weir ('12)
Married: 08-24-19



Katelyn (Grinsteiner, '14) & Brendin Steiner ('13)
Married: 09-21-19

"Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh."

- Genesis 2:24

In Loving Memory



Bridget Schwindt
10-05-21 to 05-19-19
Alumni Grandparent



Katherine Alpert
04-24-24 to 07-30-19
Former Trinity Junior High & High School Cook



Terrance (Terry) Kudrna
12-02-49 to 08-27-19
Alumnus ('67)



Marvin Soehren
06-12-43 to 11-07-19
Alumni Grandparent, Grandparent



Brian Martin
11-21-60 to 05-22-19
Alumnus ('79)



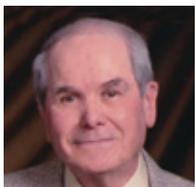
Karen Mittelstadt
11-02-50 to 07-31-19
Alumna ('68)



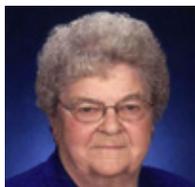
Eugene Hondl
08-17-33 to 08-29-19
Alumni Parent



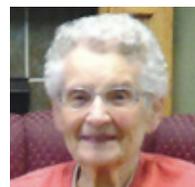
Bev Weiler
11-30-27 to 11-19-19
Alumni Parent, Alumni Grandparent



Richard Shinagle
06-23-44 to 05-25-19
Friend



Bertha Kralicek
10-15-27 to 08-10-19
Alumni Grandparent, Great-Grandparent



Helen Bleth
11-16-25 to 10-04-19
Alumni Grandparent



Thomas Elis
03-14-49 to 11-21-19
Alumnus ('67)



Roberta (Bobbie) Kennedy
01-19-26 to 06-11-19
Alumni Parent



Emil Baranko
02-25-35 to 08-19-19
Grandparent



Donald Faller
11-30-34 to 10-05-19
Grandparent



Duane Dobitz
05-27-54 to 11-22-19
Friend



Jerry Kostelecky
03-24-28 to 07-12-19
Alumni Parent, Alumni Grandparent



Edwin Hochhalter
03-30-25 to 08-23-19
Alumni Grandparent, Great-Grandparent



Charles (Charlie) Tibor
03-21-37 to 10-27-19
Alumni Grandparent

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones."

- Psalm 116:15



Trinity Catholic Schools: Embarking on a strategic plan

The summer tans, the vacation memories, athletic, music, and arts camps, bring a rowdy energy to the first day of school for our students. When this day hits in August, Trinity’s hallways regain their life; and while many ordinary young and adolescent students would give their life-savings to return to the beach, their enthusiasm for school bells to ring again is undeniable. This excitement is the most contagious emotion school classrooms carry, any principal or teacher would agree!

At the Junior High and High School level, what brings this catching emotion to the senses is an annual event that takes place at first-day and second-day school assemblies. Grade assemblies are the stage where administration and teachers introduce the new school year, present new policies, and offer energetic vision for the student body. The assemblies are not unique to Trinity, yet the event within these common occurrences is particular to Trinity students—receiving the new Trinity Student Handbook.

Let’s be clear, not every junior high or high school boy and girl anticipates the newest edition of the Trinity Student Handbook. Those who are chockful of delight, however, know that their newest student handbook is their means to a planned and ordered academic year—from volleyball practices and history homework, to musical rehearsals and chemistry lab reports—this handbook will secure personal satisfaction.

One does not have to be a child psychologist to rally on this truth: order, a plan, measure, are the ingredients to personal growth, success, and greatness, in a student’s life.

Why would those ingredients change for a school system, one like Trinity, where personal growth, success, and greatness are

standards for students to achieve. Standards, one could argue, are more imperative in the life of a school system, for one cannot give what she has not first received. In this instance, personal growth is seeking academic rigor, Mission marks success, and greatness is the summit of Vision. This is Trinity! That handbook in the mind of a student is the system strategy in the mind of Trinity Catholic Schools. For the next five years, 2020-2025, Trinity Catholic Schools—her students, teachers, support staff, administration, parents, patrons, alumni, and friends—will measure a strategic plan to bring order to all of our efforts.

The purpose of a ‘strategic plan’ or ‘strategy play’ is to bring unity under one mission and vision in a school system. Strategic planning ties together independent school efforts of leadership, instruction, and resources, so that each of these education spheres hold the same set of goals. The efforts, if not counseled by strategy due to the absence of a system plan, even if strong and prosperous, will eventually lead to disorder and diverging results. This incoherence is slow to the eye’s sight, which is why it is often times overlooked in school leadership. Teachers are consumed by classroom tasks; administration and support staff are bogged down by trivial conflict; and parents are occupied by raising their children.

A strategic plan offers order, coherence, and a set of goals, manifested by indicators, that teach every Trinity Catholic Schools stakeholder what our Mission is after and what our Vision accomplishes.

Pray for the Mission and Vision of this school, please. As Titans work assiduously to craft a strategic plan to awaken greatness in young Titans, from preschool to the next graduating class, know that alumni have a reserved seat at the table.

PRAYER OF THE TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS STRATEGIC PLANNING HEAD TEAM *(offered by the Head Team prior to each meeting)*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Good and Gracious God,

The time has come to honor you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—by giving our minds, bodies, and souls to you and your power.

Through your grace, grant us the vision to see, think, and provide direction and strategy to the students of Trinity Catholic Schools.

May our time gathered here, as members of the Head Team, be blessed by your goodness. We ask for the power to make decisions with sound reason, determined will, and unquestioned love.

May our own unique skills offer this group the strength needed, to lead this school in living her mission and pursuing her vision.

Make us saints as we work for the greatness of all who wear the Red & White.

You are one God, forever and ever. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

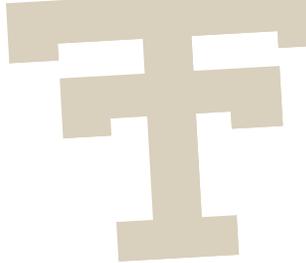
awaken greatness

JOIN THE President's Club

Trinity Catholic Schools



"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 PETER 4:10



A commitment to the Trinity Catholic Schools President's Club is the best way to help us deliver on our mission of educating the whole student – mind, body, and soul. Members of the President's Club receive special recognition and opportunities to connect with the Titan Family, including:

- Access to invite-only socials throughout the year
- A special gift
- An invitation to the State-of-the-School address
- Special recognition in the Annual Report, *Titan Echoes*, and on our website
- Students will pray for you, by name, on an ongoing basis

Members of the President's Club make a commitment to give a minimum of \$1,000 each year for 5 or more consecutive years. This program validates our mission, and helps us plan effectively for future operational needs. Individuals who file a tax return in North Dakota may be eligible for tax benefits at this level of giving (*we encourage you to discuss this with your tax preparer or accountant.*)

INTERESTED? DeAnn Scheeler, Director of Mission Advancement, welcomes the opportunity to discuss the President's Club with you.

"WE ARE CALLED TO BE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US"

Other ways to support TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

As a school, our everyday responsibility to give our students the academic foundation they need to prepare them for a future career path so that they can be a positive contributor in Christ's world. At a Catholic school, however, we tie that responsibility with the responsibility we have of partnering with parents to teach and hand on the Catholic faith. We tie the need for an academic foundation in this life, with the need for a spiritual foundation – a relationship with God – that will carry us through this life and into eternal life.

To carry out this tremendous responsibility and to faithfully execute our mission, we count on the support of our alumni and benefactors; our current parents and parishioners; and our friends. Here are just a few ways you can support Trinity Catholic Schools – mind, body and soul:



MIND

- The Annual Fund
- The Fall Gala
- A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools
- The Mardi Gras
- The Race for Education
- The Spring Raffle



BODY

- The Trinity Athletic Boosters
- The Fine Arts Boosters
- Titan Activities Passes



SOUL

- Prayer: Please pray for our students, our teachers, our administration and our staff.
- Holy Mass: the St. John Paul II Chapel offers Holy Mass daily – and our chapel has the second most Holy Mass offerings in Diocese of Bismarck. Join us for Holy Mass when you can.

LEAVE A
**Lasting
Legacy**

Planned giving through a will or an estate plan leaves a lasting legacy to Trinity Catholic Schools. The **St. John Paul II Society** is our new planned giving society. This fine group of benefactors have named Trinity Catholic Schools or the Trinity Catholic Schools Foundation in their will.

If you would like to learn more about planned giving options, please contact Trinity Catholic Schools President, Mr. Steve Glasser: steve.glasser@k12.nd.us or 701-483-6083.



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KEEP connected

We want to know! Let us know your address change, new plans, celebrations, or anything you would like to share with other alumni.



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Trinity High School Alumni
Trinity Elementary PTO
Trinity Fine Arts
Trinity Athletic Boosters
Trinity Mardi Gras



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The Dickinson
Press

The Titan Times

View the artistic and writing work of our students each month in **The Titan Times** – a supplement to **The Dickinson Press** – published the last Saturday of each month during the school year. In this news piece we also feature information about events and initiatives happening at Trinity Catholic Schools.

Heart River
VOICE

Heart River Voice

Read about new activities and happenings at Trinity Catholic Schools in **The Heart River Voice** – the community newspaper of Dickinson. This is a free publication found at many businesses around Dickinson.

TITAN
TRAIN

Titan Train

Learn more about all the great things happening at Trinity Catholic Schools by subscribing to the Titan Train – our email newsletter sent out weekly during the school year. To subscribe, call the Office of Mission Advancement or visit the website: www.trinitycatholicschools.com/titantrain



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