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A MESSAGE FROM THE President

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"Perhaps you were born for such a time as this." – Esther 4:14

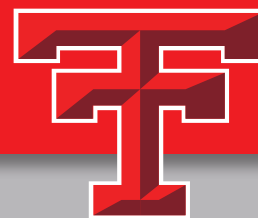
Each season, as we open the pages of this magazine, we invite you to step into the ongoing story of our school community—a story deeply rooted in faith, learning, and service. This issue is especially meaningful, as it weaves together the richness of our shared history with the vibrant promise of new beginnings. This spring, we celebrated the graduation of what we have called our last small class—29 students who, while small in number, made a tremendous impact on our school community with many continuing legacies as third generation Titans. Our Titan Class of 2025 selected the verse that headlines this column as their class verse and it reflects their faith, strength and hopefulness beautifully. As I imagine their lens on the world today and these times that are theirs and ours by God's design, I am so encouraged and admittedly, a bit embarrassed by my own adult inclinations to buy into the negativity that has become a byproduct of the 24-hour news cycle.

To be born for such a time as this—what a gift! Dear readers, our young Titans have walked in the steps of blessed Michelle Duppong, who could be the first person from North Dakota to be canonized a Saint, and of blessed Carlo Acutis, who is to be canonized a Saint this summer. Several of our students are forever a part of his story, having appeared in a documentary about this inspiring young man known as the Millennial Saint. We all watched with the world as we met our new Holy Father, the first American-born Pope, Leo XIV, who took time with several of our Titans on pilgrimage to Rome this summer—asking them about their pilgrimage, their North Dakota home and even exchanging a zucchetto with one of our rising Seniors. With the growth we are seeing in the Catholic church and in our Catholic schools, to be a Catholic in a time such as this is truly remarkable.

At Trinity, we stand today at a moment that feels both reflective and forward-looking. In hallways where generations have prayed, studied, and grown, new classes now walk—bringing with them questions, hopes, and the same spark that once lit your own steps. As we celebrate milestones, reunions, and enduring friendships, we also embrace the fresh energy of transformation: new initiatives to help us attract and retain talented faculty and staff, the opening of vibrant, new spaces to accommodate our growing student population, and bold visions for the future guided by timeless values.

The verse from Esther echoes throughout this issue: *"Perhaps you were born for such a time as this."* With each Titan story and turn of the page, it reminds us that God calls each of us—students, alumni, parents, faculty, and friends—to rise to the moment we are given. Whether you are mentoring a young graduate, leading with purpose in your profession, or simply holding the memory of your school days with gratitude, you are part of our ongoing mission and our vision to awaken greatness through our important work in Catholic education.

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers, your ongoing support and continuing to walk with us—through decades past and days to come. May this issue inspire you to see your own role in God's greater story and reaffirm that indeed, this time, this moment, is one you were born to live fully His purpose for you!



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August 18th, 2025

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August 20th, 2025

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August 21st, 2025

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

September 5th, 2025

TRINITY BOOSTER GOLF SCRAMBLE

September 7th, 2025

25TH ANNIVERSARY FALL GALA

September 20th, 2025

THS WINTER MUSICAL

December 5th-7th, 2025

GOLDEN MASS

December 19th, 2025

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January 23rd-25th, 2026

FINE ARTS DIVINE WINE & DINE

February 21st, 2026

TRINITY ATHLETIC BOOSTER BASH

March 28th, 2026

THS POPS CONCERT

May 10th, 2026

THS GRADUATION

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Welcome back to
the classes of 1965, 1975,
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ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO

During their pilgrimage to Rome in June, Titan students encountered Pope Leo XIV! Shown in the cover photo, Trinity's Asher Ellerkamp gives the Pontiff a zucchetto, the white skull cap often worn by the Pope. Pope Leo XIV took off the zucchetto he was wearing, put on Asher's zucchetto for a moment, and then gave it back to him to keep! The Pope also asked Asher and fellow students where they were from; how exciting that they could easily converse about being from North Dakota and that Pope Leo XIV, a native of Chicago, knew exactly what part of the world they were from!

Photo courtesy of Vatican Media

A Decade of Growth & Dreams for the Future

at Trinity Catholic Schools

The past ten years at Trinity Catholic Schools have perhaps been of the most transformative in Titan history. While the devastating fire of 2014 marked one of the lowest points, it remains the catalyst for significant change and growth, igniting the Catholic faithful and leading our Titan Family into a mission-driven, prosperous era.

Upon the opening of what we now know as Trinity Junior High and High School in 2017, enrollment was at the lowest point ever, prompting the expansion of Titan Tots Preschool to include full-day care. With a shortage of daycare openings in Stark County, this new full-day programming filled quickly, ultimately inspiring the construction of the Joseph J. Wagner Building*, housing eight full classrooms of preschool-aged Titans on the land between Trinity High School and the Church of Queen of Peace. These Titan Tots and their families are finding connection in the Trinity Catholic School system, advancing roughly 70% of this growing segment into our thriving elementary buildings. With the addition of so many families, a generous donor was inspired to help us renovate our existing elementary buildings, including new carpet and lighting, newly finished bathrooms, updated playground equipment, classroom enhancements, and more. We received significant support from our Titan community and local suppliers and contractors, in true Trinity Titan fashion!

The fall of 2025 marks yet another significant milestone under the leadership of Bishop David Kagan of the Diocese of Bismarck – the opening of a third elementary school - Trinity North - on the second floor of the Joseph J. Wagner building. At the time this article was written, Trinity Catholic Schools expects its highest enrollment since the early 2000's, and is scheduled to welcome just under 800 students, an increase of nearly 300 since the fire in 2014.

For more information on the Joseph J. Wagner Building, Titan Tots Preschool, or the Prairie West Activities Center, visit www.trinitycatholicschools.com/titan-echoes-1 to view previous articles.



Preliminary Design for
Potential Marian Grotto



Faith in our Future

An often misunderstood notion about funding this private school is the fact that 100% of the students at Trinity Catholic Schools receive financial assistance. Tuition covers roughly 60% of the cost to educate, and the balance is provided through the generosity of our parishes via subsidy dollars, and through fundraising. As it is with many industries, the single largest expense in education is payroll. The faculty and staff at Trinity Catholic Schools are top-notch. They give of themselves so generously to advance our mission of educating the whole student – mind, body, and soul, and partner with parents to develop positive contributors in Christ's world. Their worth is immeasurable, and that is why our number one priority is to offer a competitive pay and benefits package.

The Board of Directors strives to not only deliver a balanced budget, but one that delivers a salary structure that achieves roughly 80% of our local public school teacher salaries. This is a moving target as the cost of living increases. Our Mission Advancement team is working diligently on fundraising initiatives for this important need, including endowed giving, fund-a-need donations at the Fall Gala, and special event fundraising events, such as the Super Cooper Memorial Golf Scramble which was held in June. (Read more about it on page 7!) President's Club members were offered several opportunities to learn how planned giving can be instrumental in long-term success for our teachers. Our teachers do important work, and they deserve our prayers and utmost support as they develop young minds!

What's next?

Some special projects have recently surfaced, outside of our teacher salary focus. The convent that used to sit on the east side of Trinity High School had to be demolished, leaving an empty space on the otherwise beautiful Steffes Campus. As part of the Faith in our Future campaign, we commissioned Adam Hermanson, a designer out of Colorado who is known for his intricate and meaningful spaces (most notably the University of Mary Grotto) to draft a design for our own outdoor prayer space. The preliminary design allowed cost savings during the construction of Trinity North by wasting dirt on the hillside in preparation for our potential Marian grotto. The construction of this incredible space would enhance classroom teaching, provide meaningful learning and worship opportunities, and welcome alumni and friends to enter into a beautiful outdoor prayer experience.



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Entrance Plaza View



Field View

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Additionally, in recent years, Trinity Catholic Schools was offered the opportunity to purchase the land that used to be “Hagen Field” from Dickinson Public Schools. The price was incredibly reasonable, and the location of this property makes for meaningful consideration as to how it might enhance Trinity Catholic Schools. A generous donor came forth with enough support to obtain a site analysis and preliminary drawings of what could become Titan Field, a football/track and field/soccer space. In partnership with the City of Dickinson and the Dickinson Parks & Recreation, we hope to see this project to completion, helping our Titan population but also offering a beautiful community space as the demand for youth activities increases.

While the timing of these two potential projects is unknown, the Trinity Catholic Schools Board of Directors is excited for the possibilities that lie ahead for the future of our Titan Family.

For more information about how you can help Trinity Catholic Schools offer competitive pay and benefits packages, or to help complete these building projects, please contact Mrs. Marya Skaare, President of Trinity Catholic Schools.



Relationships Bloom in Peaceful Spaces

In groundbreaking fashion, Trinity Catholic Schools led the way to bring “Catechesis of the Good Shepherd” (CGS) to Dickinson by opening its first atrium on the second floor of the Joseph J. Wagner building. Titan Tots Preschool teachers, along with the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, use this method to help little Titans build an interpersonal relationship with God in a unique environment that teaches about the mass, as well as the life and teachings of Jesus.

Since the opening of this atrium, our local Dickinson parishes have expanded their faith formation by offering this method to students and families in the Catholic Academy (formerly CCD) in Dickinson.

You can learn more about CGS by visiting www.cgsusa.org or by visiting Trinity North for a guided tour.

Super Cooper Memorial Golf Scramble

Bringing Titans, Community Together

On June 19th, the Trinity Catholic Schools Foundation held its first ever fundraising event – the Inaugural Super Cooper Memorial Golf Scramble – and it was a resounding success!

Several months ago, the foundation board discussed starting a fundraiser golf tournament to bolster its endowment fund. As plans took shape, the family of +Cooper Craig-Mellmer expressed interest in helping sponsor the event with gifts made to Cooper's Memorial Fund. Cooper loved being a Titan and made a huge impact on the Trinity community during his life; his family was eager to support a fundraiser that would help grow Trinity's endowment year after year. And so, thanks to Cooper's Memorial Fund and event co-sponsor JE Dunn Construction, the Inaugural Super Cooper Memorial Golf Scramble was born.

The day could not have been better! A full tournament of thirty-five teams competed for the top prize and custom brick trophies, symbolizing the 'foundation' of Trinity Catholic Schools. The winning team consisted of a pair of father-son duos: Lance & Korbin Pender and Leigh & Chase Tessier. Congratulations on an awesome round of golf! And, an extra special moment occurred when one of our young participants Weston Peters, age 9, made a hole in one on Hole #17!

The tournament had great support from community sponsors, Heart River Golf Course, Trinity volunteers and staff, Jim and John Odermann who grilled steaks for the post-scramble meal, and some of Cooper's friends and classmates who helped run 50/50 games out on the course. Special thanks to event organizer and foundation board member Zared Lefor, who helped bring the idea of a golf tournament to life. We look forward to growing this tournament year after year, honoring Cooper's memory while supporting the school we love!

To learn more about the TCS Foundation or to support the Cooper Craig-Mellmer Memorial fund, contact DeAnn Scheeler at 701-483-6085 or visit our website.



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

Senior Alexander Keller was named the MDU Student of the week! Alex was also named a National Merit Scholar finalist!



The 6th graders created projects depicting one of the many places they have studied in World History this year!



TEW 2nd Graders enjoyed STEM stations during Christmas Dress Up Week!

In December, **Sister Annette Dobitz celebrated her 50 Year Anniversary of teaching!**



Trinity East 1st Graders learned about consumers, producers, and needs and wants. They decided to make and sell slime! They learned a lot!



TEN 5th and 6th grade students spent time with the PreK students at Ti-

tan Tots Preschool, reading and working on art projects!



A dedicated group of 6th graders spent extra time weekly studying math with Mrs Emter, leading up to participation in the school MATHCOUNTS competition.

Congratulations to our 2nd place winner, Becket Emter and Champion, Peter Morowski!

Congratulations to our TEN Spelling Bee winners who advanced to the Stark County Spelling Bee in February: Hattie Simnioniw (Champion), Ricardo Villasmil, Jameson Mundy, Sydney Fong, and Madden Jensen (alternate)!



test at DSU, and on Trinity's 4th place finish at the state competition in Bismarck! State team members include Gabe Tibor, Riley Glasser, Reid Lubken, and Joseph Ellerkamp, advised by Sr. Annette Dobitz. Gabe placed 17th individually out of about 160 competitors!

Congratulations to one of our two Trinity Junior High MATHCOUNTS teams for taking 1st place at the county con-



Preschool and elementary students across the system celebrated 100 days of school with parties, games and even shirts with 100 things!



Congratulations to Trinity High School's Acalympic team on taking 1st place at the regional competition in Beach! They advanced to the state competition on March 25th. Team members include Ben Ellerkamp, Lorelei Emter, Rhyan Jensen, Alex Keller, Levi Linker, and Leah Swanson.



Congratulations to senior Andrew Jacobs on being Trinity's 2025 recipient of the Constitution Award presented by the State Bar Association of North Dakota to high school seniors who demonstrate the best understanding of the function of the constitution of the United States in our form of government.



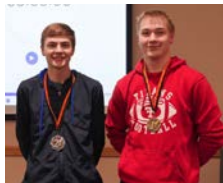


Mrs. Walters' TEE 1st Grade students worked hard on research projects about an animal of their choice, including building models of their animals' habitats. Then they turned their classroom into a zoo! Family members were invited to visit and ask the young zoologists questions about their animals!

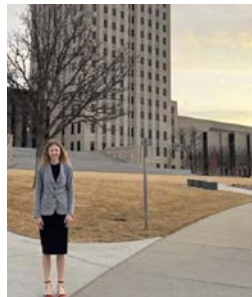
On March 19, **fourth graders from Trinity Elementary East & West had the privilege to visit the State Capitol** and observe the ND State Legislature in session!



Freshman Carley Bullinger is the private school student representative on a Department of Public Instruction student cabinet and testified at the ND Legislature in March regarding school choice!



Congratulations to Jordan Ham on his 1st place award at the High School Math Meet at DSU!



Mrs. Raab & Mrs. Berger's TEW 1st Grade students celebrated becoming authors! Students shared their individual student pages of their class books with each other. Then, they received certificates, enjoyed some special author snacks, and even had an author photo op!



Congratulations to Titans from the Class of 2027 on their induction into the National Honor Society!

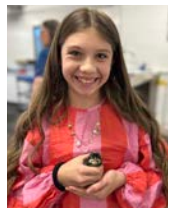
The National Honor Society recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

What better way to celebrate World Book Day than a visit to Titan Tots Preschool from Rhinestone Rhonda of The Book Corral, A Free Children's Sharing Library! Thanks for stopping by and sharing your love of books, Rhonda!



Mrs. Beede's Pre-K class studied bridges, and they used what they learned to build their own bridges!

Mrs. Meyer's 5th and 6th Grade Science classroom had baby chicks hatching after about 3 weeks in their incubator!



Congratulations to the Trinity Titan Speech Team

on their 3rd consecutive Region X Championship and their State Class B Championship!



Seventh Grader Drew Wells advanced to the National History Day contest in College Park, Maryland, this June for his research paper "Rights and Responsibilities of Early Ranchers in North Dakota." Drew was also a 2024 National History Day qualifier! Congratulations Drew!

The 4th grade field trip to Bismarck & Mandan took in many aspects of North Dakota history, including the Custer House, On-A-Slant Village and the State Heritage Center.





Trinity 1st graders took a walking field trip to the Dickinson Museum Center and Badlands Dinosaur Museum! What an awesome learning experience right here in Dickinson!



The 3rd Graders from Trinity East & West toured the Cathedral in Bismarck and spent time at Dakota Zoo for their spring field trip!

Body



Trinity's Prairie West Activities Center welcomed the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion, who proudly donated a beautiful new flag to our new space.



Congratulations to Trinity Volleyball on placing 7th at the 2024 State Volleyball Tournament and to the following Titan Volleyball players on the following individual awards: Seniors Elly McAvoy & Bella Kovash named to ND Class B Volleyball All State First Team; Seniors Elly McAvoy & Bella Kovash named to All Region 7 Team; and Junior Annabel Scheeler named to State Class B Volleyball Tournament's All-Tournament Team!

Congratulations to Junior Hugh Meyer on being named to the NDHSCA Division A All-State Football's First Team Defense!

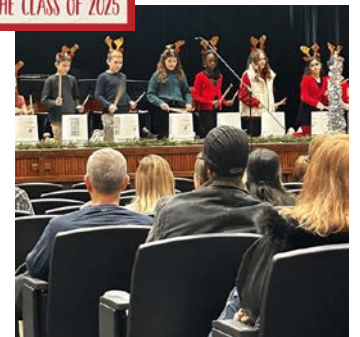


This year's winter drama production of Narnia the Musical took place December 6, 7 & 8. Thanks to cast, crew, musicians, directors, parents, and many volunteers for countless hours spent preparing this wonderful show!



Festive Family Photos featured Christmas sweaters and smiles for grades 7-12 and faculty – here's the class of 2025!

Students across the system performed wonderful Christmas Concerts for us in December!



Trinity Elementary East has an amazing group of grandparent volunteers who regularly help with lunchtime duties!



We are grateful that our chaplain, Fr. Grant Dvorak, makes time to visit and support Titans in their many extracurricular activities, even our co-op sports such as hockey (at left!)

During Catholic Schools Week's 'Dress Like a Teacher Day' we had several students dress as Trinity West's PE teacher Mrs. Selvig!!



The first day of Spring was the perfect day to get outside and explore some cool, heavy-duty equipment! Thank you to RLK Enterprises for stopping by Titan Tots Preschool.



Trinity High School's Drama Department presented 'Little Women' April 1, 4 & 5, the classic story and adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's beloved novel.



The Race for Education on May 7th was a beautiful day – students walked and ran laps, played games, and enjoyed Mrs. Steiner's bubble station! Thank you to all our supporters of this fun, annual fundraiser!



Congratulations to Titans Jake Glaser (Boys Class A 114), Max Glaser (Boys Class A 107), and Hugh Meyer (Boys Class A 189)! on their individual State Wrestling Championships!

Congratulations also to Clancy Meyer who placed 3rd at state (Girls Class A 155)! These students competed as part of the Dickinson High School co-op wrestling teams!



We celebrated a fantastic night of music and art at the Annual Pops Concert and Student Art Show at Trinity High School!



Well done to the students, teachers, and special guests who made it all happen!



This girls basketball season, both Neveah Tormaschy and Annabel Scheeler joined the 1,000+ Career Point club!



Congratulations to the Titan Girls Basketball Team on their Region 4 Championship and their 6th Place Finish at the Class A State Basketball Tournament! Senior Neveah Tormaschy was named to the all-state tournament team!



Congrats to the award winners in Trinity's 3rd Annual Art Show! 1st place - Lilly Hauck; 2nd place - Ethan Tarma; 3rd place - Ellie Kuntz; Honorable Mention - Sarah Guy; Honorable Mention - Elizabeth Dahl.



Trinity 5th Graders received a very unique and special reminder of their dear friend and classmate +Cooper Craig-Mellmer. Thanks to a donation from Tradehome Shoes, each student received a new pair of tennis shoes! We hope each student enjoys a summer full of running, playing, exploring, and being KIDS in memory of Cooper, who found joy in every day!



Congratulations to the 2025 Female Athlete of the Year Elly McAvoy and Male Athlete of the Year Camden Kubas!

Congratulations to the following Trinity students who received a Star rating at the State Music Contest on May 4th! Kylee Sickler (vocal solo and clarinet solo), Rae Espinoza (vocal solo), Men's Ensemble (900 Miles) and Mixed Ensemble (I Shall See).



Congratulations to Logan Gross who tied for 8th at the State Class B Golf Tournament and was named to the All-state golf team!



Congratulations to Gabi Sobolik on making the 2025 All-State Class A Softball Team!



Titan Hoop Camp 2025 is in the books! We had approximately 85 boys and 90 girls in grades 1-6 participate in camp for 3 days - the future of Titan Basketball is bright!

In June, we welcomed over 130 girls in Grades 1-8 to our Titan Volleyball Camp, making this our biggest camp yet! Thank you to our participants for a fun three days, and to our Titan volleyball coaches and players for hosting an awesome camp!



Congratulations to our Titan athletes for some awesome finishes at State Track & Field in Bismarck!

See our website for a list of awards.

**NEW IN
2025-26!**



**NAMING
CONVENTIONS**

**Trinity Junior High
& High School**

Trinity Central

Trinity East

Trinity North

Trinity West

Grades 7-12

810 Empire Road

Grades 5-6

810 Empire Road

Grades K-4

515 3rd Street East

Preschool - Grade 4

733 12th Street West

Grades K-4

145 3rd Avenue West



Students at Trinity Elementary East gathered for a special lighting of the Advent wreath to begin the Advent season!



Trinity Elementary West students enjoyed having lunch with the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus!

Trinity's Grade 5-8 Know Your Faith Competition hosted St. Joseph's Catholic School from Wiliston. This year's champions - the Trinity 6th Graders!



TEW 4th Graders in Mrs. Nancy Lefor's class worked hard preparing for and presenting a play celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Congratulations to

Trinity East 1st Grader Ethan Davis on his recent baptism at St. Wenceslaus! How special to have his classmates and fellow Trinity East students in attendance. God Bless You, Ethan!



The March for Life pilgrimage in January included many stops ahead of the March, such as visiting the National Lourdes Grotto and Gettysburg National Cemetery.

Our Elementary & Preschool classrooms were busy collecting items for our food drive in November! We were so excited to share these donations with our local food pantry.



The Senior Class won the all-school Know your faith competition during Catholic Schools week, making them the Trinity representatives at the State Know your Faith competition in Minot.



Catholic Schools Week included Mass with Bishop Kagan on January 28th.

"In a Catholic school, we learn not just who He is, but who we are, as His beloved." -Bishop David Kagan

Titan Tots preschool students attended Ash Wednesday Mass at Queen of Peace Church with their parents or special guests.



On March 5th, we were blessed to have George Stephan (as seen on EWTN) here to speak to the students in grades 5-12!

The Pre-Kindergarten classes participated in Stations of the Cross at Queen of Peace church.



Even our youngest Titans are participating in Lenten traditions - Mrs. Kirsch's preschool class learned all about the Stations of the Cross in the



hallway of Titan Tots Preschool.

TEW 2nd Grader Sadie Schillo said her profession of faith at Mass, joining the Catholic Church ahead of her First Communion this spring! God Bless you, Sadie!





Three of our students received sacraments from Father Wolf for the first time at St. Patrick's Church: Rhett received Baptism, and Royce and Killian received Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation!

A number of THS students attended the Vocations Jam-boree at the University of Mary, where they had the opportunity to learn about different service organizations; different religious communities and orders within the Church; and different kinds of apostolates within the Church.



Thank you to the Class of 2025 and Mr. Kralicek for your moving performances of the Living Stations of the Cross.



About 40 people, including 20 Trinity students, joined the Blue Hawk Catholic Holy Thursday pilgrimage to the altars of repose at the parishes in Dickinson. It was beautiful to witness!



Several Trinity Junior High & High School students completed the Lenten challenge of attending daily mass every day in Lent!

Second Graders at Trinity Elementary East & West led the Crowning of Mary at their schools, honoring Mary as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God! Students dressed in their First Communion attire, which they celebrated in May.



Trinity students throughout the school system watched in anticipation as the name of our new American-born Pope Leo XIV was announced!

5th Graders had an awesome day on May 14th, visiting Jesus in 7 tabernacles throughout Dickinson and learned so much about the beauty of our faith.



Trinity West 2nd grader Hayden Pavelich was baptized, confirmed, and made his first Holy Communion! Congratulations and God Bless You, Hayden!



Congratulations to Trinity students and brothers Adam, Isaak, and Andrew Varela, who were baptized, confirmed, and received their first Holy Communion at Queen of Peace Catholic Church! God Bless You!



In May, Trinity staff and other community members participated in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) training with Mrs. Mary Minor taking place in the atrium at Trinity's +Joseph J. Wagner Building, home of

Titan Tots Preschool and soon-to-open Trinity North elementary school! CGS is the religion curriculum taught to our Titan Tot Preschool students by the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus.

This June, 24 students and 3 chaperones from Trinity traveled on the University of Mary's Rome Pilgrimage. The group was part of a total 158 pilgrims from Catholic high schools across North Dakota.





Congrats!

CLASS OF
2025



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, Director of Mission Advancement, deann.scheeler@k12.nd.us



Congratulations to **Deacon Colton Steiner ('16)**, ordained to the transitional diaconate on May 27th at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck! On May 28th, a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated with Fr. Justin Waltz at his home parish, St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dickinson. God Bless You in the year ahead as you prepare for your ordination to the priesthood next summer, Colton!



Many Titan Alumni are members of the Bismarck Catholic Physicians Guild. Guild members take an oath to uphold the principles of the Catholic faith and morality related to the science and practice of medicine. The annual Bismarck Diocese White Mass gathers health care professionals under the patronage of St. Luke to ask God's blessing upon them. Pictured at the October 2024 White Mass are **Travis Booke, PA-C ('03)**, and **Dr. Lee Kiedrowski ('04)**. Other Trinity alumni guild members are **Brooks Thorson, DNP ('09)** and **Collin Kudrna, PT ('06)**.



Congratulations and best wishes to elementary librarian **Sister Rosemarie Dvorak** as she retires from Trinity Catholic Schools! Thank you for your many years of service!

Katie (Steffes '05) Harrington, ETS business development manager at Steffes, was recently recognized as one of Prairie Business' Top 25 Women in Business!

Katie Harrington

named top women in business



THS enjoyed hosting its first 'Real Men Sing' choral clinic & concert in February for area high school singers! Special thanks to our guest conductor **Dr. Dean Jilek ('89)** and to several Titan dads for making a surprise appearance at the concert!



This winter, Jodi Kerzman of KFYY-TV shared two separate stories featuring Trinity High School senior **Zeke Kreittinger ('25)** and junior **Rhyan Jenson!** Great job representing your families, school, and community, Zeke & Rhyan!



Trinity Alum **Jake Kubas ('18)** has been making a positive impact during his off-season from the New York Giants. While home in Dickinson, Jake has spent time sharing insights with

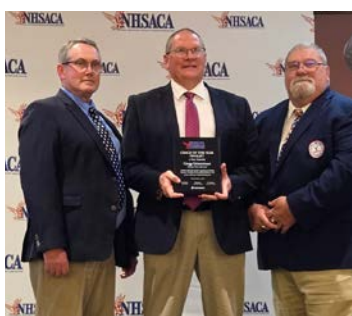
local media and visiting with his fans during a meet & greet event at Players Sports Bar & Grill. Jake is also led youth and high school football camps at Trinity High School in July. We are rooting for your continued success, Jake!

Deacon Ron Keller ('67) is a familiar face at Trinity Catholic Schools. Here, he offered blessings of the throat with a pair of candles to Trinity West students on the feast of St. Blaise. Thank you, Deacon Ron!



Jayden Dolechek ('18) was named the 2025 Winter Season Junior High Coach of the Year by the NDHSCA! Dolechek coached Trinity Junior High Girls Basketball for 4 seasons. Congratulations, Jayden!

Congratulations to head boys basketball Coach **Gregg Grinsteinner ('82)** on his 600th career win in Watford City on March 10th! Gregg was also named Region Co-Coach of the year. In addition, Gregg was honored as a finalist for National Boys Basketball Coach of the Year at the NHSACA convention in June.



Congratulations to head volleyball Coach **Breanna (Messer '09) Sisson** on her 300th career win at Trinity High School on October 15th! Sisson led the Titans to their 8th straight Region Championship last fall, with the team finishing in 7th place at the state tournament. Sisson was also named the 2024 Female Coach of the Year by the Dickinson Press.

Lori (Odermann '87) Fisher of Fargo, the daughter of Dickinson native John W. Brinkmeyer and **Leona (Schmidt '65) Odermann**, spoke with gravity and warmth about her father's life and passing during her keynote speech at DSU's Memorial Day event. Fisher works at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fargo.



SENIOR SIGNINGS

This winter & spring, these senior Titans signed National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers this fall!



Taylor Miller to swim at the University of Mary

Neveah Tormaschy Berger to play basketball at Mayville State University



Tyler Danbom to play football and baseball at Mayville State University

Congratulations



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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 DeAnn Scheeler (deann.scheeler@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.



Just Married



**Jaren Hugelen
& Taia Klamann ('20)**
February 21, 2025



**Alex Klug ('11)
& Ashely Black ('19)**
May 31, 2025



**Peter Pavlek ('18)
& Kayla Paluck ('19)**
June 21, 2025

Welcome Little Ones



Scottlyn Jo
11/18/2024
Samantha (Daniel '17) & Keagan ('17) Jacobson



Ruth Beverly
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12/12/2024
Leila Grubb & Isaac ('19) Ellerkamp



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1/12/2025
Abby & Mark ('15) Veverka



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7/26/2024
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10/13/2024
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Hollis Peter
6/15/2025
Anna (Friedt '12) & Daniel Gannarelli

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

- Psalm 139:13

In Loving Memory



Richard King
10/31/1931-
9/23/2024



Betty Kleeman
1925-
11/2/2024



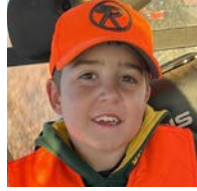
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Ernest Ficek
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12/15/2024



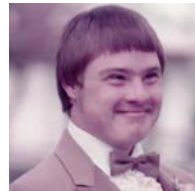
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Class of 1975



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4/24/1938-
1/3/2025



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1/7/2025



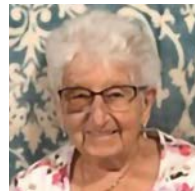
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12/31/1930-
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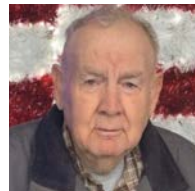
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2/18/2025



Treyson Ficek
7/30/2017-
3/2/2025



Nick Reinert
12/17/1941-
3/4/2025



Richard Filipi
12/1/1949-
3/6/2025
Class of 1967



Charlene Faller
10/20/1931-
3/13/2025



Gloria Wanner
7/3/1933-
3/13/2025



Eugene Kudrna
3/5/1947
3/18/2025



Kenneth Ficek
12/13/1947-
3/26/2025
Class of 1965



Larry Tinjum
7/10/1947-
4/3/2025



Shawn Ranum
6/6/1972
4/5/2025



Otilia "Tillie" Volesky
5/6/2029-
5/1/2025



Peggy Wanner
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5/11/2025



Adrian Kadrmas
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5/17/2025



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

- Psalm 116:15

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Following ordination, Bishop Vetter served as parochial vicar at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. He was a religion instructor at St. Mary's Central High School in Bismarck from 1994-99. He then served as pastor of St. Martin's in Center, St. Patrick's in Dickinson and St. Leo the Great in Minot. From 2004-07, Bishop Vetter was an adjunct faculty member for the Institute of Priestly Formation at Creighton University in Omaha where he taught The Spirituality of the Diocesan Priest.

Bishop Vetter has held various roles in the Diocese of Bismarck including serving on the presbyteral council, priests' personnel board, vicar for the permanent diaconate, master of ceremonies to the bishop and director of continuing education for clergy.

Bishop Vetter served as Director of Spiritual Formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome from July 2012 through June 2018. Prior to being named Bishop of the Diocese of Helena, he served as rector of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Light of Christ Catholic Schools in Bismarck.



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