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GTACS Introduces New Development Director...

Wayne Mueller



After 12 years in the world of banking, I joined Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools in December of 2004 as the Executive Director of Development & Foundation. The first 10 months have included a great deal of learning, prayer and effort. The experience has been wonderful and I am blessed to be part of such a special place.

I am continually amazed at the quality of people I encounter at GTACS. The teachers and employees are focused squarely on the students and are dedicated to their faith. The parents and alumni consistently provide support in countless ways, including money, time and expertise. I

have also interacted with a number of community members and parishioners who invest money in our system because of their strong belief in Catholic education. Although I am not a St. Francis graduate, I have quickly gained a true sense of Gladiator pride!

My Catholic school foundation (Lansing Catholic Central) has played a vital role in my life. The academic base I acquired allowed me to succeed at Bowling Green State University and during my corporate career. Most importantly, the spiritual base I acquired has been a guiding force as I progress through life. My collegiate experience was enriched because I was inspired to participate in the Catholic community on campus. My marriage covenant has been enhanced because of my faith. My interaction with children has been grounded in Christian principles. Speaking of marriage and children, I am blessed with a wonderful wife named Heidi and two beautiful boys - Ben (4 years old) and Owen (2 years old).

I thank God often for the sacrifice my parents made to send their children to Catholic schools. All of my parents' tuition payments, monetary donations and time donations resulted in a payback that will never end. Their "return on investment" is immeasurable and I'm thrilled to be the recipient!

There is an amazing Spirit within the GTACS system and I'm thrilled to play a small role in its success. To ensure the long-term viability of our Catholic schools, we need to stay focused and committed. Our current students and future students deserve the chance to receive a quality, Christ-centered education. Please continue to support this vital and meaningful ministry with prayers, time and contributions.

God bless.

2005 Gladhander Online Auction



One of the great traditions of GTACS is the annual Gladhander Auction, which is now in its 23rd year! If you cannot join us for Preview Night on October 28th or the Main Event on October 29th, please consider participating in our Online Auction.

Any alumni, parent or supporter of GTACS has the opportunity to bid on selected items. Visit www.gladhander.com and click on the eBay link to view the auction items.

The Online Auction will begin at 10:00 p.m. on October 22nd and end at 10:00 p.m. on November 1st. Depending upon demand, a second Online Auction may occur during early November. Please visit www.gladhander.com for the latest details.

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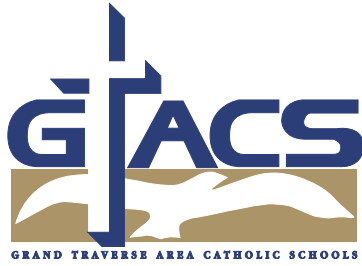
GTACS Homecoming 2005

A great time was had by all during Homecoming week at Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools. The students had fun celebrating Spirit Week with hall decorating, theme dress up days and float decorating. The week also included an awesome Homecoming Parade and Pep Assembly. On the day of the Big Game the St. Francis High School Alumni Association sponsored a tailgate party allowing alumni to catch up on each others lives and reminisce on old times. The Varsity Football team was victorious against Grayling 21-0. The week concluded with the Homecoming Dance at the Grand Traverse Resort. Wow – what a busy week!



Pictured at left is the 2005 TCSF Homecoming Court: Freshmen: Anna Marie Antinozzi and Taylor Henrick, Sophomores: Lauren Heimburger and Jacob Schell, Juniors: DeLynne Montroy, Ayriel Mawby, Dan Maxbauer and Cory Murphy, Seniors: Queen – Megan Hooper, King – Frankie Paladino, Amy Kendzioriski, Danielle Plamondon, McKenzie Ryan, Garrett Coggon, Nate Farley and Alex Zielinski





The 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 into his or her fullest spiritual and academic potential.

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- Academic Programs*
- Facilities & Technology*
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Signature _____

Faith and Knowledge
A History of the Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools

The wonderful "Faith and Knowledge" book is still available to purchase. This book presents the 125-year story of Catholic education in Traverse City and includes countless photos and stories.

The "Faith and Knowledge" book is available for \$30 (*one copy*) or \$50 (*two copies*). Please contact the Development Office at 231-946-8147 to place an order.



St. Francis High School Alumni Association members Leanne Rodebaugh Rubello-Laucky and Lynn Leabo, 1982 graduates, enjoy looking through Faith and Knowledge: A History of the Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools. This remarkable book was recently published by the schools and is available for purchase.

Staff Awards

Jerome Colligan, SFHS math teacher, was the first recipient of what will be an annual Madeleine Thomas Award. This award is given by the Grand Traverse-Leelanau-Antrim Bar Association.

reunions

Class of 1931

The five remaining members of the Class of 1931 had a get-together and social hour on October 23, 2004 at Auntie Pasta's in Traverse City. Those attending were: **Julius Verreau**, **Frances Kroupa Rokos**, **Rhea Miller Orth** of Traverse City. **Marjorie Ward Duell** of Grand Rapids and **Suzanne Taghan Plamondon** of Lake Leelanau. An enjoyable time was had reflecting back to the 73 years ago that they graduated.



Class of 1931

Class of 1949

The St. Francis High School Class of 1949 held its 55th Class Reunion on August 22, 2004. They gathered for mass at St. Francis church with thanksgiving and remembrance of their deceased classmates:

Theresa Fasel Berry, Wilhelmina Sbonek Marsh, Joan Kilinski Sassin, Mary Valade Carlisle, Joseph Kroupa, Genevieve Walters, Dorothy Rice Greenman, Donald Whiteford, Matthew Reay, Dick Zimmerman

After mass, they gathered at Marcella Whiteford Sleight's home on West Bay for an afternoon of sharing fond memories of their school days at St. Francis. A catered luncheon buffet was enjoyed by class members and spouses. Classmates present were:

Front row:

Betty Gallagher Brief, Kathy Bryan Morio, Margaret Ducheny Belanger, James Bennett Teresa Kishefsky Chubbuck, Pyllis McGillis Babel

Back row:

Phyllis Houghton Bryant, Pat Coppens Gignilliat, Jack Niescur, Dorothy Dreves Round Gladys Andres Kalchik, Marcella Whiteford Sleight, Evone Couturier Aldrich, Maxine Micham Pekkala



Class of 1949

Class of 1977

The Class of '77 held their annual picnic on Sunday, July 16 at Bingham Township Park. A fun time was had by all!!!



Class of 1955

St. Francis Class of 1955 celebrated their 50th Reunion on August 13th at the home of Alice Nelson and Pete Shopieray. Members present were:

Top row: Alice Nelson Schopieray, Anne Olson Schaub, Barb Flees King, Martha Fehley Hays, Bob Kessler, Brother Richard Hittle S.J., Thomas Knapp.

Second row: Barb Depka Kratky, Mable Mannor Benak, Dorothy Lewis Fehrenbach, Kay McGinley St. Pierre, Mary Kuhlman Champe

Third row: Phyllis Taylor Gertz

Fourth row: Eugene Strang, Cathy Birdsey Plamondon, Margaret Gallagher Sophia Bufka, Joan Largent Thayer, Peggy Cox Boomer, Glen Belanger, Lois Eagleton Lynch Blasser, Charlene Lark

Front row: Tom Monaghan, Don Korb, Judy Lardee Fruendl, John Courturier, Karen Neiman Mane Treadway, Louis Hoolihan

Alumni News...

Mary McGee ('82) Cullen was recognized as an Outstanding Person in Education for the year 2005. Mary is presently a sixth grade teacher at Interlochen Elementary School. Mary comes from a large, loving family and she and her husband Fran are the proud parents of two daughters.

alumni updates

births

Anna Marie - a daughter born to Jessica and Jason ('91) **Francisco**

Jeremiah Lee, March 25, 2003 – a son born to **Rebecca (PANEK '95)** and Brian Crain

Adam Thomas, August 5, 2004 – a son born to Keri and **James ('95) Revett**

Vindarr, September 9, 2004 – a son born to **Sally (Reid '91)** and Joseph Soffredine

Brady, October 8, 2004 – a son born to Jill and **Tom ('93) Read**

Shawn, October 19, 2004 – a son born to Laura and **Mark ('94) Bramer**

Sierra Elizabeth, November 10, 2004 – a daughter born to **Michelle (Argue '83)** and **Gene ('77) Brzezinski**

Vincent Arthur, November 26, 2004 – a son born to Cindy and **James ('85) Ockert**

Junie Lynn, December 13, 2004 – a daughter born to Cassandra-Ann and **B.J. ('99) Bossert**

Jacob Christian, December 27, 2004 – a son born to Kim and **Mark ('84) Spieles**

Catherine Elizabeth, January 6, 2005 – a daughter born to Lara and **Daniel ('82) Walt** Andrew, February 21, 2005 - a son born to Tracy and **Patrick ('84) Lints**

Michelle Mary Grace, February 22, 2005 – a daughter born to **Mary Lynn (Doherty '85)** and Steve Robinson

Austin Thomas, March 7, 2005 – a son born to Andrea and **Brian ('87) Spieles**

Josiah, March 31, 2005 – a son born to **Vickie (Ockert '83)** and Duane Schaub
Audrey, April 3, 2005 – a daughter born to **Lani (Hoenscheid '91)** and **Chris ('90) Smith**

Charles William, May 28, 2005 – a daughter born to Jennifer and **Tom ('85) Corwin**

Amelia Catherine, May 31, 2005 – a daughter born to **Melissa (Endres '94)** and **Jerry ('94) Dunham**

Jordyn Riley, June 1, 2005 – a daughter born to **Kara (Pfanenstiel '94)** and Nate Reens

births

Tyler Andrew, June 4, 2005 – a son born to Christy and **Andy ('94) Ritola**

Matthew, July 29, 2005 – a son born to **Erin (Gartland '95)** and Matthew Vollmer

Paige Evelyn, July 13, 2005 – a daughter born to Sarah and **Joe ('98) Hardy**

Mason, July 21, 2005 – a son born to **Kelly (Sellers '86)** and **David ('91) Daciuk**

Hannah Elizabeth, August 16, 2005 – a daughter born to **Stacie ('95 Bennett)** and Sean Millichamp

Gabriayla Belle, August 18, 2005 – a daughter born to Barbi and **Judson ('95) Downer**

Parker, August 21, 2005 – a son born to Carrie and **Uriah ('92) Petersen**

Alica, August 24, 2005 – a daughter born to **Tami (McManus '89)** and **Cory ('89) Revett**

Taylor Kate, September 15, 2005 – a daughter born to Kara and **Ryan ('93) Farage**

marriages

Miriam Teresa (Pico '01) and Joshua David Benghauser, May 15, 2004

Elizabeth Anne (Ruedisale '96) and Matthew Thomas McNicholas, May 22, 2004

Janell (Wilson '98) and Alexander Alt, May 22, 2004

Heather Jane (Grayson '98) and **Brian Armond ('98) Schmuckal**, June 19, 2004

Jessica Ann (Trzcinski '97) and **Michael ('97) Lesinski**, July 31, 2004

Emilie Nicole (Preseau '99) and **Daniel Anthony ('99) Spalla**, August 7, 2004

Amber Jo Sanborn and **Joshua David ('01) Turner**, August 7, 2004

Carrie Marie (Yanska '98) and **Brian Austin Hatcher**, August 21, 2004

Bridget (Cesere '95) and **Timothy Duniec**, September 4, 2004

Cassandra-Ann Wolf and **Bernard Ray ('99) Bossert, Jr.**, September 11, 2004

Josephine Marie (Schmude '00) and **Andrew Scott Caldwell**, October 16, 2004

marriages

Kara (Argue '95) and **Robert Duhm**, December 11, 2004

Kathryn Lee Pettit and **Maximilian David ('93) Morkin**, March 16, 2005

Deidra Lee and **Thomas ('96) Tracy**, April 27, 2005

Amy-Elizabeth Kulczycki and **Daniel Robert ('95) Zanotti**, April 30, 2005

Kristina Anne (Bull '98) and **Jesse James Baker**, May 21, 2005

anniversaries

Linda and **Jim ('61) Scamehorn** celebrated 35 years on October 4, 2004

Julia (Strauss '54) and **Frederick Dreves** celebrated 50 years on October 23, 2004

Marie E. (Gatzke '59) and **David E. LaBonte** celebrated 40 years on October 24, 2004

Leona and **Francis ('50) McManus** celebrated 50 years on October 30, 2004

Joanne (Clous '64) and **Richard F. ('62) Scott** celebrated 40 years on November 28, 2004

Deaths

Gladys C. (Sladky) Whittaker ('27)

Florence (Emerson) Chubb ('27)

Oakley O. Lardie ('28)

Louise D. (Perkett) Round ('28)

C. Eileen (Perkett) Fisher ('31)

Marvel M. (Weatherholt) Sarasin ('32)

Rose Lynette (Michels) Simsa ('32)

Theodora M. "Dora" (Alpers) Fromholz Whaley ('38)

Mildred (Schultz) Sabo ('39)

Frederick D. Thiel ('40)

Jerome B. Valade ('40)

Bernard Thomas "Bernie" Carroll ('46)

Henry Ogden Clark ('62)

Richard Delanty ('62)

David Viskochil ('62)

James Henry Weatherholt ('63)

Ronald J. Conroy ('66)

Linda M. (Largent) Stachnik ('73)

Nancy L. (Peterman) Burke ('76)

Ronald J. "R.J." Walters ('79)

GTACS Welcomes New Staff

The following people have joined the GTACS family:

Staci Alpers,

HA Preschool Aide

Nancy Brown,

HAES and ICES Social Worker

Nancy Burt,

SFHS Math Teacher

Robin Clouthier,

ICES Kitchen Assistant

Sharon Cozart,

SEAS Kitchen Assistant

Eric Erdman,

HAES First Grade Teacher

Rose Gallagher,

HAES Kindergarten Teacher

Margie Hunter,

SEAS Vocal Teacher

Kathy Hiatt,

HA Preschool Aide

Beth Maday,

SFHS Counselor

Chris Motko,

HAES and SFHS Kitchen

Lisa Peoples,

SFHS Art Teacher

Fred Robb,

SFHS Business Teacher

New Chapel in St. Francis High School

Plans are underway to construct a new chapel in St. Francis High School. This permanent chapel will be a holy place for students, staff and community members to pray, attend Mass and participate in Eucharistic adoration. The chapel will have seating for 50 people and will become an integral part of the faith experience for our school.

Although construction timelines are always changing, it is expected that the chapel will be finished in the first few months of 2006. If you have an interest in supporting this project, please contact Wayne Mueller at 231-995-8428 or wmuell@gtacs.org.

A Meeting With Pope John Paul II

Katie Maxbauer McNulty ('93) is a proud St. Francis alum who had the chance to meet with Pope John Paul II. Katie shares this awesome experience with us:

"In 2003, I was blessed with the opportunity to meet Pope John Paul II as one of the 80 guests in attendance at the Pontifical Academy of Science's 400th Anniversary, held at the Vatican.

I stayed in Domus Sanctae Marthae, the same place the Cardinals recently lodged during the conclave. Each guest had a private audience with the Holy Father in the Apostolic Palace Clementine Sala, (where the Pope laid in state for VIPs before his funeral.) The Pope gave short remarks and I kissed his ring. I felt immense holiness in his presence and tears of joy sprang forth when he entered the

room. At that moment, you are aware of how profoundly grace works in your life.

I recalled of all those who helped me on my Catholic journey, many of whom were influential during my time at GTACS, and carried them in my prayerful heart during my meeting."



Faith in Action – A New Orleans Story

The students, parents and staff at GTACS have mobilized in a specific way to help support those suffering from Hurricane Katrina. After gathering schools supplies, backpacks, stuffed animals and clothing for weeks, a group of volunteers drove two trailers down to New Orleans. The group included Rob Bridges ('80), Mark Anderson, Gene Town, Greg Sherwin ('88) and Mike Buell ('85).

The first stop was Archbishop Chapelle High School in Metairie, which has taken in nearly 500 students from other schools. The second stop was St. Mary Magdalene Elementary School, where the teachers were impressed that many of the Holy Angels students had personalized notebooks to their "new friend."

Here are some words of gratitude from Lyn Moore, who functions as the Campus Minister at Archbishop Chapelle High School:

"How do we begin to say thank you for your goodness to us? Not only were your students extremely generous but you and your staff gave new meaning to the term 'special delivery' -- we are so appreciative of your support. Wish you could have been here to see the expressions on the faces of those who collected the book bags and school supplies and hear their comments of gratitude for your students in Michigan who cared enough to make life easier...clean socks and basic necessities have become valued items. We continue to register new students daily, keep us in your prayers... May God bless you and your student body abundantly for the love and hope you have provided to us."

Memorial Gifts

We would like to thank the following families for remembering Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools as a tribute to their loved ones in the form of memorial gifts to our school system this past year.

In Memory of:

Virginia Bergman Family

Florence Chubb Family

Ronald Conroy Family

Louis Crocker Family

Theodora Fromholz-Whaley Family

Katie Heinz Family

Teresa Lezon Family

Peyton Mikowski Family

Gabriel Peck Family

Dr. Creighton Wagener Family

John Walters Family

Ron Walters Family

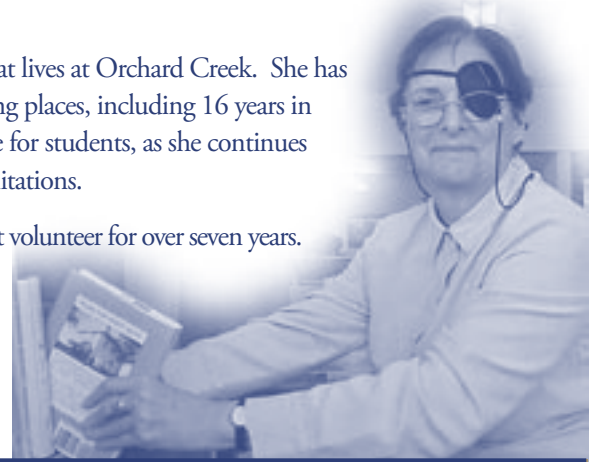
Volunteer Spotlight... Marion Talbot

There are many dedicated volunteers that give countless hours to Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools every year. One of those special volunteers is Marion Talbot, who works in the St. Francis High School library each week.

Marion is a retired physician (ENT) that lives at Orchard Creek. She has made her home in a variety of interesting places, including 16 years in Alaska. Marion is a wonderful example for students, as she continues to give of herself in spite of physical limitations.

Marion has been a faithful and consistent volunteer for over seven years.

Her passion for literature and reading is evident and she takes great pride in her work in the library. GTACS is blessed to have Marion as a volunteer. Please thank her next time you visit the library.



TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

We want to hear from our alumni! Whether you are recently married, have a new baby or just want to update your fellow alumni on exciting news, please contact us.

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Fax: 231-946-1878
Email: wmuell@gtacs.org

Name: _____ Class of: _____

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Here is what's new with me: _____



Have you seen the new GTACS website?

Please visit www.gtacs.org and explore our new website. This wonderful new website was made possible by the generous support and expertise of Lindy Lazar Marketing Communications, LLC.

A portion of the new website includes an Alumni Section that is still "under construction." If you want to help design content for this area or have specific ideas, please contact wmuell@gtacs.org.

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If this publication is addressed to your son or daughter who no longer lives with you, please call the Development Office at 231-946-8147 with his or her new mailing address.

Thank you!

Class Composites

Rob Bridges, Class of '80, and current principal of St. Francis recently visited Gaylord St. Mary's, a fine Catholic school like ours. He found that they had class composite pictures displayed in their hallways dating back to 1934! The class composites in our school hallways go back to 1989. Rob would like to ask if any alumni group would like to put a composite together for their class? What a nice thing for our school to have.

Thank you!



ST. FRANCIS ALUM "TV CELEBRITIES"

Carter Oosterhouse, 1995 graduate of St. Francis High School and star of The Learning Channel's "Trading Spaces" was in Traverse City this past June. Carter teamed up with Jennifer ('89) Buell and Dan ('90) Brady in redesigning a room in Julio ('95) Vozza's apartment. He also teamed up with brothers Julio and Adriano ('99) Vozza in redesigning a room in Jennifer's home. The episode aired in September. Pictured above is from left to right: Adriano Vozza, Jennifer Buell, Carter Oosterhouse, Dan Brady, Julio Vozza.