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Catholic Education...
the Link to God,
the Link to learning,
the Link to life.



Links on the Chain



On the Cover

Pictured are (l to r) Hailey Boulais, Pre-K student, TCS Alumni Amanda Catchings and Eric Pomainville, Rev. Scott Fobare, new pastor of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Church, Kathy Behrens, new principal of TCS, Rev. Don Manfred, pastor of Sacred Heart, Andy Boulais, Tiffany Boulais and Alexis Boulais, 1st grade student. Mr. Pomainville (lovingly called Mr. P), graduated from TCS in 1987 and is thrilled to be teaching his second year at TCS in the 5th and 6th grade department. Amanda Catchings graduated from TCS in 2004 and, along with being a great big sis to sisters, Hailey and Alexis, is currently a junior at Syracuse University where she is completing the honors program while majoring in Biology and minoring in Psychology. After receiving her Bachelor's degree, she plans to pursue a degree in genetic counseling or neuropsychology. Parents Andy, construction engineer at the New York Power Authority, and Tiffany, part-time staff accountant at Whalen, Davey & Looney, LLP, keep busy as the parents of three children and active members of the TCS family.

Photo Courtesy of Ed Reyes

Thirty-two years ago, a young mother of three received a frantic call from the principal of St. Joseph's school. It seemed the fourth grade teacher was seriously ill and could not finish out the school year. The principal was desperate for someone to fill in and wondered if this mother would consider coming to her aid. Without hesitation, or any thought about practical issues such as childcare or housework, a resounding "yes" rolled off the mother's lips.

Twenty years ago, another young mother of two, soon to be three, received a call from the same principal. This time the principal was in search of a kindergarten teacher at Trinity Catholic School. Likewise, without hesitation or much thought to child care or diapers, this mother responded with an emphatic "yes." Two affirmative responses, twelve years apart, placed these two mothers on parallel paths; their destinies linked by God.

At the time, both mothers believed they were pursuing careers in education but it didn't take long for their Catholic school roots to anchor them in the fertile ground at Trinity Catholic School. This was where they would be nurtured and encouraged to carry out God's purpose. And it was Sr. Mary Eamon Lyng, S.S.J., who would be the conduit for God's call. Little did they know, the honor, privilege and challenge God had in store for them. Interestingly, each of these women, a past principal and two mothers, found themselves linked in order to lead young families closer to God. It would be years before the rationale behind this association would be revealed. Is it coincidence that all three landed in the principal's chair at TCS, each acting as mentors for each other? Coincidence, no. Divine providence, yes!

The story above describes how the ties and relationships we form with others can unwittingly pave God's way for us. This is why we believe "The Link" is the perfect title for our new Annual Fund publication. The word "link" has multiple meanings and can represent many

different images depending upon our experiences. Those who are tech savvy would define a link as a connection from one web source to another. Some hear "links" and dream of fairways, plush greens, birdies and bogeys. The fashionably conscious among us may picture collections of gold and silver rings linked together to create beautiful bracelets, necklaces and other fine jewelry. Yet, at Trinity Catholic, we see a link as a relationship that helps us bridge the gap existing between God and us.

The photo cover of our magazine portrays how a little Catholic school, in a little rural town, can become one of the strongest links in the life of its constituents. Center is the young mother, originally hired as a kindergarten teacher, who now demonstrates her leadership capabilities as the new principal of Trinity Catholic. Linked on each side of her are two pastors who fervently believe in the promise and future Catholic education will provide for their parishes and the Church at large.

Linked to one pastor are two Trinity alumni. One who decided to return to his familiar and comfortable hallways in order to fulfill God's plan as a Catholic school educator. The other credits her Trinity teachers and the solid academic foundation she received here with enabling her to discover her full potential for learning at Syracuse University.

On the other side of the chain are the parents of this high achieving Trinity alum. Appreciating how the gifts of faith, compassion, and self-discipline affected their oldest daughter's future, the choice to make the financial sacrifice and enroll their youngest daughters at Trinity Catholic was an easy decision.

Look for the links on each page and discover the endless possibilities nurtured at Trinity Catholic School.

Our Mission, Our Vision, Our Priorities

Finally, the bright faces filled with excitement and enthusiasm placed as the end links of our chain depict the endless possibilities Trinity Catholic can provide for every child of God.

The inside pages continue to reveal many more success stories, biographies and sketches about the significant connections formed inside the classrooms and corridors of Trinity Catholic. We have also included an “Investors’ Report” summarizing Trinity Catholic’s mission, vision, goals and financial status. We hope you enjoy reading our first publication and find it interesting and informative. We look forward to receiving feedback from each of you and would love to publish a story about *you* in our next edition of “The Link.” Please feel free to share your thoughts or any suggestions for future stories with us at cathalumni@twcny.rr.com. And remember, you can always stay linked with us by visiting our school website: www.trinitycatholicschool.net.

The leadership at Trinity Catholic would like to thank each of you for choosing to become a link on our chain of faith. For some of us Trinity Catholic School is a link to our past and for some it is the bridge to a future. But for all of us, Trinity Catholic School is a link to God, a link to learning and a link to life.



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- To nurture spiritual, academic, and personal growth in an atmosphere of Christian Love.
- Foster opportunities for all stakeholders to act as peacemakers, give service and participate in liturgical prayer.
- Provide learning experiences that are pertinent, rigorous, and developmentally appropriate.
- Develop programs which will enrich and enhance our students’ God-given talents and abilities.
- Attract and retain excellent teachers and administrators.
- Renovate and refurbish facilities in order to provide a safe, comfortable, and creative learning environment.
- Engage students in 21st Century learning.
- Increase enrollment with addition of new programs.
- Establish affordable tuition where every family’s contribution is a fair and just share toward Trinity’s per pupil cost.
- Become a learning center for all constituents—parents, parishioners, and community members.



Investments that matter

You can be assured that every penny donated to Trinity Catholic School is put to good use. Whether it’s to help give a family a hand-up or give a classroom a spruce-up, these are just some of the ways we will invest in our future.

- Scholarships
- Upgrade the safety and security of the our buildings
- New roof
(current one is 22-years-old and leaking)
- New gym
(current one is on the third floor and over 82-years-old)
- Phones in every classroom or new intercom system
(current one is 40-years-old)
- Smart Boards in every classroom
- Updated bathrooms
- New windows and coverings in the cafeteria
- New ovens
(current ovens can’t get warm enough to bake)
- 1 or 2 Full-size vans for transportation



Wouldn’t it be Loverly?



All we want is to fix our school,
Ground-floor gym with a
swimming pool,
New Smart Boards
would be really cool!
Oh, wouldn’t it be loverly?

A brand new roof,
so we don’t get wet,
Alarms and locks,
so the staff won’t fret,
New window panes
and we’d be all set!
Oh, wouldn’t it be loverly?

Little kids on their
playground slides,
New teeter-totters and other rides,
Would make us swell with pride!
Oh, wouldn’t it be loverly?
Wouldn’t Trinity be loverly?
Loverly, loverly!

Renewable Icebergs: Winning Idea



TCS fifth grader, Violet Reyes, took first place in Clarkson University's Youth Energy and Environmental Expo held at Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY, last May with her entry: renewable icebergs.

Violet came up with the idea after watching a movie about polar bears and how they are dying because the polar ice caps are melting. Consequently, they are having to head farther and farther south to find food and shelter.

"I came up with a renewable iceberg that is made up of wood chips, rubber, pine needles, pine cones and sawdust," she said. The fully recyclable and easily available items would be combined to build a foundation on which the snow and ice could form, creating a faux iceberg on which the bears could hunt, den, and birth babies.

The faux icebergs could be placed in areas where the ice caps were melting to re-extend the bears' ecosystem.

Violet entered her project in one of four categories, ultimately claiming a first place trophy in the "Climate Change" section, even though she was competing against other students all the way up to 12th grade.

Each of the projects was evaluated by a pair of judges who interviewed the students as well as appraised the scientific accuracy of their posters and materials. The 22 volunteer judges included university faculty, professional engineers, school superintendents, business representatives and retired teachers.

Approximately 215 area students from 4-12 grades filled the Clarkson Student Center with over 90 original research projects and experiments. "It was so big at first," Violet said, "but I had fun!"

Entering her project was only part of the fun, however. Looking at others' entries was equally as entertaining. "There was a lawn mower running on a renewable resource that would not pollute the air," she said, "and it was created by 6th or 7th graders!"

Whether young or old, everyone can be delighted by competitions such as these. They entertain us, stimulate our imagination, and give us all hope in the youth of our community and the promise of the bright future they bring to our world.

The Link to Learning

Trinity Angels Support Needy



The Link to God

What do a car wash and a movie night have in common? At Trinity Catholic, a movie night and car wash both bring smiles to TCS students and much-needed cash to TCS families who are in need, thanks to the student-run program, Trinity Angels at Work.

This program, overseen by TCS staff member, Denise Neves, was established during the 2010-2011 school year in response to a tragedy that hit a Trinity family. A mother of 4 children, Mary Grogan, a long-time Trinity parent and volunteer, suffered a recurrence of breast cancer and lost her life.

Mrs. Neves knew how hard it was for the family to deal with the extra medical bills, and decided to do something about it. She spoke to students and guided them to create several events to raise money for the family. After an Easter basket raffle and car wash raised over \$1800, the students were able to hand the Grogans a \$500 check, in addition to supplying money to other school families in need.

Last year, the group continued their angelic work, generating over \$1500 to donate to St. Vincent de Paul, a local Catholic organization that supplies food and other items to needy families, and to local police departments, fire departments, and rescue squads to purchase teddy bears to give to frightened children.

Because students fully participate in generating fundraising ideas, carrying out those plans, and then deciding who should benefit from those funds, they see firsthand the consequences of their actions and how they are acting as the hands of Christ and his angels on earth.



Learning to Fly



Many of us sat glued to the TV on July 27 watching the glitz and grandeur of the opening of the 2012 Summer Olympic Games. Some of us maybe even wondered what it would be like to be an Olympic athlete. Trinity alum, Jonny Gustafson, says it was exciting for him to watch, too, but truthfully, he's waiting for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games, saying "Next Winter Olympics it will be great to say 'I know him!'"

Jonny will most likely know a few of the 2014 Winter Olympic team members, since he is a member of the Junior National "C" Luge Team, training in one of only two national luge tracks in Lake Placid, New York, along with those athletes who will be eligible for the 2014 Olympics.

The fast-paced *luge*, nicknamed the "fastest sport on ice," has been part of Jonny's life since 2009 when he was in 6th grade. Always a fan of fast sports, Jonny accompanied a friend to a "slider search" in nearby Canton, New York, never expecting to make the team. But, he did, and *luge*, the French word for sled, has been part of his life ever since.

"It was pretty scary at first," he remembered, "but they start you out pretty slow at only 15—20 miles per hour. They gradually work you up, and then it doesn't feel like much." But, Jonny's idea of "much" may be a little different than the Average Joe's. "The fastest I went was in Utah, where I went 86 mph," referring to the trip he took last winter, where he placed third overall in the National Juniors' competition.

Luge speeds can reach up to 95 mph, and the average luge run has a vertical drop of 30 stories (300 feet). Pretty intense, considering there is only one small sled between the luger and the ice, one of the reasons Jonny has received so much training.

"Ultimately, I would love to go to the Olympics," said Jonny, "but I have a few more years of training until I am eligible. I need more time to train and grow physically."

Because of the pure physicality of the sport, Jonny will need time to develop his flexibility, core and upper body strength, all critical to ensure a good start and for holding position during his runs. Currently a member of the Junior "C" team, which means he shows long-term promise as a luge athlete, Gustafson hopes he will make the "B" team by his junior or senior year of high school. According to www.usaluge.org, this would be the highest level of participation and would allow him to represent the USA in Junior World Cup and Junior World Championship competitions, "while travelling throughout North America and Europe during the winter season."

Over the last several years, Jonny has been attending the NSA, National Sports Academy, in Lake Placid. He has gradually been away from home more and more, last year spending four months in training. The school is home to about 80 students, mostly American, along with a few Canadians, Swedes and Czechs. Most of the athletes are hockey players or skiers.

In order to stay on track academically during long training days, which usually include one hour of working on "starts," 1-2 hours in the gym, and 2-3 hours on the track, Gustafson relies on the foundation he gained at Trinity Catholic School. "All of the teachers at Trinity pushed you to do your best. All of the homework really prepared me. They taught me to work hard," he said.

"[Trinity] was like a second family. Everyone was really close," Gustafson said, but his favorite memories were of fun and lunch, "I always loved Play Day and, of course, the food!"

"This is an awesome opportunity," said his mom, Joanne Gustafson. "He gets to meet people from all over the world. Even if he gets cut tomorrow, it's been great."

"I hope I won't get cut tomorrow!" Gustafson replies to his mom.

Neither do we Jonny, neither do we.

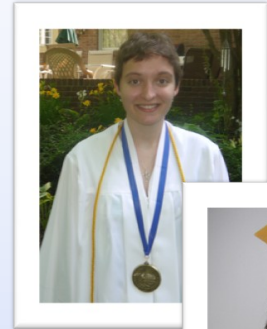


The Link to Life



Forever Friends Formed by Faith

On an evening in July, Brynn Furnace and Kelly Schaffer sit cross-legged on a porch swing, sharing popcorn and memories. Friends since 6th grade, the two will leave the next morning to attend Camp Guggenheim together for the last time. The camp, nestled in the beauty of the Adirondacks, has been a respite and inspiration for the girls ever since they were 12. Both girls are grateful to the camp counselors for encouraging them to go to Catholic colleges this fall. The girls met at a MOM's Club picnic a month before Brynn transferred to Trinity. "When I found out Brynn would be new to Trinity, I wanted to introduce her to everyone," said Kelly. They became fast friends, and after being separated in 7th grade, still managed to keep in touch. "We wrote letters. We e-mailed. Now we talk on the phone and text." They also use their summer trips to Guggenheim to catch up. "We share the same value system. It's a lot easier to get along with someone when they share your values." "Besides, Catholics just rock. We really do!" They grin again and touch their outreached fists, and confirm it all. "Fist bump!" they laugh.



Kelly

Kelly Schaffer graduated from Trinity Catholic School in 2006. After 1 1/2 years at JW Leary Junior High, she and her family moved to Ohio, where she finished middle school and then attended Anthony Wayne High School. This year, Kelly graduated as valedictorian from AWHs, a great accomplishment in itself. But, even better was receiving a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to Franciscan University which she started attending this fall.

Kelly was one of two winners of a scholarship competition that spanned 26 states and included 80 other seniors, and which included a written essay, a panel interview, and a group presentation. Although it was a competition, it was hard for Kelly to be competitive. "Everyone was so kind and smart! How could anyone make a choice? I knew God would have to choose!" And choose He did.

In 2003, Kelly's parents Pat and Greg Schaffer chose to enroll Kelly and her siblings in TCS after moving back to the United States from Italy. "I liked the overall idea of being surrounded by a Catholic environment," she said when asked what she liked most about Trinity.

"I got a lot out of our saints' project in 6th grade," she said, referring to a project which included researching a saint and dressing up as that saint for Halloween. Kelly chose St. Therese of Lisieux and has since become a St. Therese "fanatic." "I probably wouldn't

have known that much about her, and now I use her as a role model, because I feel there are things she did well that I don't."

One of the other things she learned from her experience at Trinity was to be welcoming to other people, no matter their background. "My high school [in Ohio] is large and is in one of the better school systems. A lot of really intelligent people there choose to believe that God doesn't exist. But, I see God in them," she said.

"We've been able to be civil and to listen to each other's views, and we're all better off for it. My Catholic faith has gotten stronger with my atheist friends, because I have had to investigate their questions. There are a lot of misconceptions about the Catholic faith, and I have helped my friends to understand my faith. It makes me glad that I am Catholic."

Kelly enjoys going to Franciscan University, which she refers to as "insanely Catholic," and where she now studies British and American Literature, although she is considering switching to a Theology major eventually. "I would like to learn a lot and grow in my faith."

School alum Brynn Furnace only attended Trinity for one year, moving to the school after St. Mary's School in Potsdam closed. "When I think of Trinity, the best part was the welcoming atmosphere. The people were really nice. It wasn't scary having to switch schools."

Brynn

Brynn switched schools once again this fall, to a Catholic school, LeMoyne College, which she said is similar to Trinity in its catholicity and welcoming, friendly atmosphere. LeMoyne was one of three Catholic colleges she was considering. "I wanted to go to a Catholic college. That was a big thing, because of the experience I had at Trinity. I would rather be around people with the same beliefs and values. We will all have religion in common," she said.

Graduating third in her class at Norwood Norfolk High School, as well as her participation in extra-curricular activities such as the service-oriented Key Club and National Honor Society, enabled Brynn to receive the Mater Dei Scholarship given by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Her consistent willingness to be a part of her church as altar server, choir member, leader in her CYO group, and Eucharistic Minister has given her a well-rounded view of her faith and a great foundation for her future experience at LeMoyne, where she now studies psychiatry.

We congratulate Kelly and Brynn on all of their success and achievements. We anxiously await to hear how their future endeavors will continue to prove that "Catholics just rock!"

TCS Alumni Take Stand on Life



TCS Alumni Brynn Furnace, Alisabeth Furnace, McKenna O'Neill, and Eric McCarthy pose with Catholic Christian artist Matt Maher (middle) and Shane Chartrand (right) son of TCS Cafeteria Manager, Michele.

On a cold, rainy day in January, several Trinity alumni, faculty members and parents trudged through the crowds and the drizzle to take a stand on life.

The friends spent three days in Washington D.C. along with over 100 other teens and chaperones from the Ogdensburg Diocese. The weekend was spent educating the students about the Pro-life cause through speakers, Mass, videos, and music, with the culmination being the March for Life on January 23.

After a long bus drive on Saturday, students were treated to a pizza party and talk by Edel Carrick who upon becoming pregnant after being date-raped, decided to keep her son, even after doctors told her that she could lose her own life due to complications. After her emotional dialogue, Edel introduced the teens to her now seven-year-old son, Zack, emphasizing the blessing she received in deciding for life. (www.carrickministries.com)

On Sunday, students went to Mass at a local church and visited the National museums, all the while waiting for their favorite event of the weekend, a Mass held with 3,000 other teens, followed by a rock-esque concert by

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popular Catholic Christian artists Matt Maher and Audrey Assad.

Monday, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, began with a tour of the National Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, followed by the March with over 150,000 men, women and children, who united in their belief that all life is sacred, from conception to natural death, marched from the National Mall to the Supreme Court.



Woman of the Year



Trinity Catholic School is proud to announce the selection of one of our own as the St. Lawrence County Chapter of NYS Women Inc. 2012 Woman of the Year. Fifth grade teacher Ann Borsellino was selected from a field of nominations for her strengths and accomplishments in her profession and for her volunteerism. Along with volunteering for numerous organizations and being the Director of Religious Education at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's parish in Massena, Ann has been a teacher at TCS since its opening in 1983.

Trinity Catholic School is re-inventing itself as a 21st Century Learning Center. Our teachers provide learning experiences that are pertinent, rigorous and developmentally appropriate. We continue to develop programs that enhance and enrich our students' God-given potential. Your generosity allows us to provide instruction embedded in Catholic values; thereby gifting children with lifelong advantages.

- Multisensory
- Active participation
- Project-based learning
- Solve "real world" problems
- Classrooms extend into the community
- Emphasis on 6 C's:
 - Collaboration
 - Cooperation
 - Communication
 - Creativity
 - Critical Thinking
 - Compassion
- Independent Research
- Netbooks, E-Readers, Ipad
- Blogs, Tweets, Podcasts
- Virtual Field Trips

The Link to Learning



As adults, all of us have experiences that quickly bring us back to our days in the classroom: the smell of chalk dust or pencil shavings, the sound of children's laughter on a playground or perhaps the memory of a teacher's favorite saying.

Ten years and more after graduating from Trinity Catholic School, Principal Kathy Behrens' adult children still get together and talk about TCS. Inevitably, one of them will say in a singsong voice

"Where's Singe (*pronounced Sanj*)?", remembering Sr. Louise Genest and her beloved monkey puppet.

Singe the puppet, aptly named after the French word for "monkey," became part of Sr. Louise' French curriculum, but only after years of experiences that molded and shaped this woman who became a fond fixture of Catholic education in Massena, New York.

Sr. Louise grew up in the Massena area with her three siblings and parents, and due to her parent's French Canadian heritage, spoke French in the home.

"I was a product of a public school," said Sister Louise. "I never went to a Catholic school." Instead, it was her exposure to the Servite nuns who taught catechism classes, who first interested her in becoming a religious, and eventually encouraged her to enter the Servants of Mary order in Omaha, Nebraska.

As a young nun, Sr. Louise was one of four religious who manned the newly opened Christ the King School in Omaha, where she taught first grade. Sr. Louise eventually became the school's principal, administering to over 850 students first through eighth grades.

Sr. Louise then returned to Massena to teach at Sacred Heart School for several years, never knowing that her life would take an unexpected turn. "They [the Servants of Mary] needed someone to go to Rome, and since I knew French and some Italian, they asked me to go."

Sister spent 6 years at the OSM headquarters in Rome, working as a secretary. "We lived in a huge convent. The Servites rented a section of the convent in the middle of Rome, between two large basilicas, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major."

Although she never got to meet the pope, Sr. Louise enjoyed visiting the 4 major basilicas in Rome, the two she lived near, as well as St. Peter's and St. Paul Outside the Walls, in addition to some exciting sights in England, Scotland, Austria, and Germany. "I got to see the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. They even had live camels!" she said.

After her exciting time in Rome, Sr. Louise requested a return back to her Massena family and Sacred Heart School, then Trinity Catholic School, where she taught 2nd and 4th grades, and then French. She eventually even made it to France, where one of her favorite things was tasting all of the different, delicious cheeses.

From being the principal of a large school in Omaha, to tasting the world's delicacies, Sr. Louise's experiences allowed her to share a piece of the world with her students. "I think it's important to develop the spiritual level of a person and the best way to do that is to be involved in a Catholic School. I believe that because the parents have to finance their child's education, that family is a strong family, because they see the importance of sacrifice."

And now, after being retired from teaching life for several years, Sr. Louise will return to Omaha and the Motherhouse, where she is looking forward to some rest and relaxation. "I lived in Omaha for a long time. I will now get to catch up with old friends and students," she says, but Singe the monkey will stay home.



Ever wonder why Sr. Louise loves ladybugs so much? It all comes down to a nickname. "In Omaha, there lived near the convent a Jewish man who owned a Cadillac dealership. A Catholic family lived near him. Every once in awhile the Jewish man would give the Catholic man a wad of money and ask him to buy the nuns ice cream, especially the little one, 'Ladybug,'" said Sr. Louise. "That 'Ladybug' was me."

Massena Bids Au Revoir to Sr. Louise



Why Your Contribution Matters

INCOME 2012-2013

Tuition	\$281,100
Parish Contribution	357,269
Tuition Assistance	73,700
Catholic School Support	37,000
State Aid	30,000
Fees	9,450
Fundraising	65,000
Interest	18,200
Latch Key	21,900
TOTAL INCOME:	\$893,619



EXPENDITURES 2012-2013

Administration <i>(salaries, benefits, supplies, phone, development)</i>	\$92,827
Instruction <i>(salaries, benefits, supplies, technology, library, books)</i>	646,087
Operation & Maintenance <i>(salaries, benefits, insurance, utilities, repairs, supplies)</i>	126,911
General <i>(auto, student activities, loan, capital expenses)</i>	14,794
Latchkey	13,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$893,619

Some of us remember a time when a Catholic education was free and readily available for all children in Catholic families. Parishes had their own schools and were able to fund each child's education without charging tuition. Devoted religious communities of priests and sisters staffed the parish schools. Churches were filled to capacity with congregations who contributed regularly each Sunday and believed strongly in stewardship toward their church and school.

Today, things are significantly different. Parishes are struggling to keep their doors open and their pews filled. Catholic schools can no longer depend upon the Church's collection plate to fund Catholic education. Catholic schools are mostly staffed by dedicated laity. These teachers are committed to teaching the Word of Christ and willingly agree to work for much smaller salaries than their public school counterparts. Yet, they do need a just wage to meet the needs of their families. Technology and 21st century learning standards have increased the educational requirements for our students. And the social and emotional needs of students have also become more complicated. These are just some of the ways Catholic education has changed over the last 50 years.

Trinity Catholic had to re-think how we would cover the cost of a Catholic education. Trinity Catholic School adopted a "Cost Based/Needs Based model for charging tuition. In theory, this means tuition is set at the per pupil cost—what it costs to educate each student at TCS. Families who cannot pay the full cost must apply for financial aid. This year it will cost Trinity Catholic \$4890 to educate one child. It was obvious we had very few families who could afford such a high tuition rate. Therefore, we developed a five year plan to gradually increase tuition while gradually lowering parish contributions. We presented the hard fact that if we want Catholic education to thrive in Massena everyone must equally sacrifice. This year we decreased our parishes' contributions by 5% and increased our tuition rate 15%. Families unable to pay the full tuition rate applied for financial aid and every family agreed to an increase from what they were paying last year for tuition.

Almost all of our families demonstrated a willingness to sacrifice a little more for the high quality education their child was receiving. We had 68 families apply for financial aid and we were able to award \$88,000 in scholarships for families who needed assistance. Close to 25% of these families fell into income brackets between \$10,000 - \$30,000. The funds to provide financial aid came from parish and diocesan contributions, foundations, such as the Kremer Foundation, Sisters of St. Joseph, and Mater Dei Fund, and generous contributors such as you.

As investors, we believe you should know where and how your gifts are being used. Our "Investors' Report" summarizes our income and expenses, along with our vision and goals for the future of Trinity Catholic School. After reviewing this report we hope each of you will see how important your contribution is to our children, our community and our Church.

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The Trinity Fund

A warm thank you to alumni, current parents, former parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and benefactors who generously donated in response to our first Annual Trinity Fund appeal in Spring 2012! You responded, donating close to \$18,500, a generous amount which helped meet important needs. The Trinity Fund is a new way for us to bring much-needed funds into TCS, allowing us to pay for improvements to our school, as well as scholarships for students. With your help, we hope the Fund will grow each year, helping us to offer a vital educational alternative to the children of the Massena area community. Following is a list of everyone who donated to our Fund up to October 1, 2012.

Leaders in Mission

Gifts \$7,500 +

- **Anonymous**

Crusaders Society

Gifts between \$5,000—\$7,499

- **Mary K. Grow**
in Memory of Tom and Betty Grow
- **Jerry and Bobbie Sweet**
in Memory of Fr. Tobin, Fr. O'Neil and Fr. Rittmeyer

Msgr. Brown Society

Gifts between \$1,000—\$2,499

- **Stanley and Carol Crump**
- **Joan and Paul Rufa**
- **Tom and Virginia Sullivan**

Principal's Club

Gifts between \$500—\$999

- **Reverend Donald Manfred**
- **June McCarthy**
in Memory of Nora Crowley
- **Thomas and Sharon Smith**
in Memory of Tom and Jeannette Patterson and Don and Kaye Smith

Trinity Club

Gifts between \$250—\$499

- **Donna Evans Butt**
in Memory of Daniel and Mary Evans
- **Anthony and Barbara Covais**
- **Reverend Scott Fobare**
- **Dr. Carl and Ruth Scruggs**
in Memory of Carl Scruggs Sr and John F. McCum
- **Helen Shoen**

Legacy Club

Gifts between \$100—\$249

- **Laura Barry**
- **Lyle Baxter**
- **Donna Blair**
in Memory of Judy Deragon
- **Christine Britton**
- **Shirley Chartrand**
- **Arlene Genest Conklin**
- **Michael and Joan DeRosie**
- **Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Dixon**
- **Barbara T. Dodge**
in Memory of Ellen and Paul McKenna

Legacy Club (cont.)

- **Eric and Joanne Gustafson**
- **George and Suzanne Hammill**
- **Frank Horvath**
in Honor of the values of Catholic education
- **Carolyn Jadwin**
- **Knights of Columbus, St. Lawrence Council 1141**
- **Reverend Arthur Labaff**
- **Bill and Chrissy LaShomb**
- **Victor LaShomb**
- **Helen B. Lauber**
in Memory of L. Chase Lauber
- **June McCarthy**
in Memory of Lyle Marlowe
- **Vincent McCarthy**
in Honor of June McCarthy
- **Thomas and Penelope McGinnis**
in Memory of Ester McGinnis
- **Denise and Rene Neves**
- **Candace and Dennis O'Neill**
in Memory of Mary Grogan and Judy Deragon
- **Jordi and Keely Parisian**
in Honor of Joan Rufa
- **Patricia Pellegrino**
- **Eric Pomainville**
- **Roger and Francine Pomainville**
in Memory of Msgr. John Pendergast
- **Marguerite Quinn**
in Memory Tommy Quinn
- **Jeffrey and Anne Root**
- **Jim and Becky Shaw**
- **Donna Shoen**
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- **Linda Tucker**
- **Mr. and Mrs. Eric Tully**
- **Tim and Michele Tynan**
- **Steven and Mary Valley**
in Memory of the parents of Mary Parisian and Stephen Valley
- **Reinhard Welker**
in Memory of Reinhard Welker—10/25/75-7/13/96

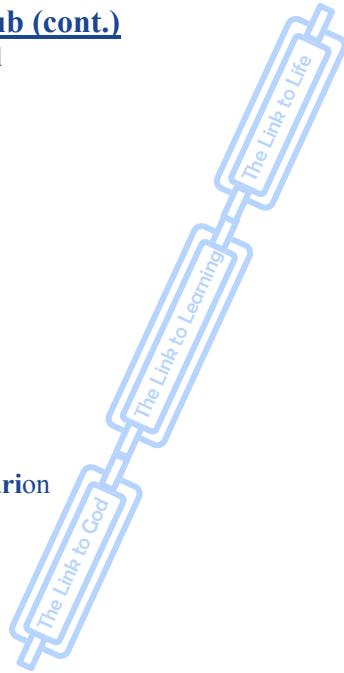
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- **Anonymous**
in Honor of Philip St. Amand
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- **Mark and Pam Bogdan**
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Blue and White Club (cont.)

- **Darin and Michele Chartrand**
- **Patricia Collins**
- **Daniel Creazzo**
- **Michael and Kathy Cross**
- **Tim Currier Family**
- **Robert and Suzanne Davis**
- **Dennis Elliott**
- **Jim and Patricia George**
- **Joe and Judy George**
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- **Rita Kilcoyne**
- **David MacMillan**
- **Jerry “Gabby” and Sylvie Marion**
in Memory of Nikita Ashley
- **Dan and Gloria McCormick**
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in Memory of Steve Clary
- **Joe Perry**
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in Honor of Josephine and Dominick Carbone
- **Joseph Tebo**
- **Selby Scott and Cheryl Lauber Sharp**
- **Marlene Smith**
in Memory of Dixie White
- **Catherine J. Stacey**
in Honor of Andrea, Ceci, Jonathan, Joseph, Nicholas and William Stacey



Heritage Club (cont.)

- **Joan Bocksor**
- **John and Nancy Bogosian**
- **Michele Bombard**
- **Sarah McCormick Cannon**
in Honor of all Sacred Heart Alum
- **Heather Doe**
- **Marlene Mere Donk**
in Memory of Armond E.J. Mere
- **Sue Heil**
- **Chris and Emily Hutchison**
- **Mr. and Mrs. Alex Krywanczyk**
- **Ronald and Gretchen LaBrake**
- **Donna MacPherson**
- **Loralee Marsh**
in Memory of Mrs. Ellen McKenna
- **Rosemary Banks McGlynn**
- **Martha McCormick**
- **Robert and Mary Meggesto Moreland**
- **Bethellen Murray**
- **Beverly M. Perry Robinson**
in Memory of Mary Grogan
- **Anne Selkirk**
- **Sisters of St. Joseph, Massena**
- **Kim Stewart**
- **Dell and Sandy Thomas**
- **Dean and Marjorie Trotter**
in Honor of Anthony Bolia
- **Mary Willmart**

Heritage Club

Gifts between \$10—\$49

- **Anonymous**
*in Honor of Ellen McKenna,
4th grade teacher at St. Joseph’s School*
- **Dan and Kathy Behrens**
- **Randy and Patricia Belina**
in Memory of Helen Belina
- **Frank and Jane Besaw**

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Msgr. Brown Society	\$1,000—\$2,499
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Trinity Club	\$250—\$499
Legacy Club	\$100—\$249
Blue and White Club	\$50—\$99
Heritage Club	\$10—\$49





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Trinity alum, Kelly Schaffer, begins a new life at the Franciscan University at Steubenville this fall. Among the many things she will take to college are her memories of dressing up as St. Therese of Lisieux as a 6th grader at TCS.

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