**Mardi Gras Entertainment for 2017**

By JOHN AND TRASA DIEM
Entertainment Chairpersons

The 2017 Trinity Mardi Gras committee is proud to present one great musical performance for your entertainment. Saturday, January 28 will feature “An Evening With Lauren Alaina.” The concert will start at 8:00 p.m.; doors will open at 7:00 p.m.

Georgia native Lauren Alaina captured America’s hearts when she appeared on Season 10 of ‘American Idol.’ Lauren recently released a self-titled five-song EP, the highly-anticipated follow-up to her No. 1 debuting first album Wildflower. Other songs that Lauren has performed include, “Georgia Peaches,” “Like My Mother Does,” “Next Boyfriend” and “Bare Foot and Buckled.” Lauren co-wrote every track on the EP, including the ESPN exclusive promo track, “History,” and her latest empowering single, “Road Less Traveled,” playing on country radio now.

Tickets for the concert will range from $35.00 to $50.00 depending on seating location. Call Trinity High School at 483-6081 or go to Dickinsoncatholicschools.com for more information.

So come early, enjoy a great meal, visit with friends and then join us in the auditorium for the concert. This is going to be great show and we know you’re going to enjoy it!

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**Mardi Gras Auction**

By JOHN ODERMANN & WILLY POLENSKY
Auction Co-Chairs

I have $900…Do I hear $1,000? Sound familiar? Come join us for the 53rd Annual Mardi Gras auction. Many items donated by local individuals and business will be up for bid. There will be a great selection of silent and live bid items. Make sure to check out the auction bill that will be available Mardi Gras weekend.

What would the Mardi Gras be without some fun in the Midway? Our Midway Chairs Jason and Lisa Jacobs along with our newest members to the committee, Gary and Rosa Kudrna will once again bring fun for everyone. Take a stroll for a chance to win a cake in the cake walk, try your hand at the candy wheel, check out the crab boil or sit down for a few games of bingo.

Thanks to Eric and Cheri Ehls for serving as our advertising chairs and getting the information about Mardi Gras out to the public. Their hard work of making countless telephone calls and putting together the posters and newsletter, radio ads and everything else is greatly appreciated.

Mardi Gras is a great community celebration and is only possible because of all of those involved. It truly takes the whole community to pull this off. From the students, to the teachers, administrators, parents, and all patrons of the school. Our many sponsors also make it possible for us to provide an event that is a great value for all of our families in the community. Without all of you this would not be possible, but I often think this is what makes it such a worthwhile endeavor. Thank you all for making Mardi Gras possible once again and please remember to come and enjoy it as well.

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**Trinity Mardi Gras Bingo 2017**

Bingo conducted by Dickinson Charities throughout the three days with jackpots at the following times and dates:

**Friday, January 27:**
(5:30 p.m. Start)

- 6:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 7:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 8:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 9:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 9:50 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 10:00 - $200 @ 75 Numbers
- 10:15 - $500 @ 75 Numbers

**Saturday, January 28:**
(3:30 p.m. Start)

- 4:00 - $300 @ 75 Numbers
- 5:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 6:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 7:00 - $300 @ 75 Numbers
- 8:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 9:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 9:50 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 10:00 - $200 @ 75 Numbers
- 10:15 - $500 @ 75 Numbers

**Sunday, January 29:**
(12:30 p.m. Start)

- 1:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 2:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 3:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 4:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 5:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 6:00 - $100 @ 75 Numbers
- 6:50 - $200 @ 75 Numbers
- 7:00 - $500 @ 75 Numbers
- 7:15 - $750 @ 75 Numbers
- 7:40 - $1000 @ 75 Numbers

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**53rd Trinity Mardi Gras**

**Old Tradition – New Beginning**

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By JEREMY & TESAHA JAHNER
General Chairs

There have been 52 Mardi Gras prior to this year. It has become a great winter tradition, not just for our Dickinson Catholic Schools, but for the community at a whole. The 53rd will be something special, it will be a “New Beginning” as we are able to celebrate the opening of a new school. Hard to believe that it has only been three years since the lives of our school community were changed forever. I can’t think of a better way to kick off the opening of a new building than a celebration like Mardi Gras.

With that, I would like to officially invite you to the 53rd annual Mardi Gras, January 27th, 28th, and 29th. The Mardi Gras Committee has worked hard to bring you an event like no other. We are blessed this year with circumstances that we have not had to deal with the last few years. no construction to work around and more space.

The new school will be open for your viewing during the entire weekend. Feel free to check out all of the new space (class rooms, meeting rooms, fine arts wing and commons area). All entrances to the school will be available for easier access to the festivities. Please take this opportunity to see the new school, reconnect with friends, and enjoy all that the Trinity Mardi Gras has to offer.

After a one year break from entertainment, John and Trasa Diem have worked hard to bring you a top entertainment act. For one night only, Saturday, January 28th, come out and see a great performance by top artist Lauren Alaina. She is an American Idol finalist and been nominated for several CMT Music Awards.

Delicious home cooked meals have always been a staple of Mardi Gras and this year’s kitchen committee is working hard to once again bring fun for everyone. Saturday, January 28th, come out and see a great musical performance for your entertainment. Saturday, January 28th, come out and see a great musical performance for your entertainment. Saturday, January 28th, come out and see a great musical performance for your entertainment.

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**Auction • Raffle • Meals • Midway**

Special Entertainment • Fun For All

See you at the Knights of Columbus Activities Center - Home of the 53rd Annual Trinity Mardi Gras January 27, 28 & 29, 2017
Welcome To Our New Home

By STEVE GLASSER
President
Dickinson Catholic Schools

It is a great honor to welcome all of you to the new Trinity Junior High and High School for the 53rd Mardi Gras.

Things have been in a state of flux with a new look each of the last couple years. It is exciting to see where we transitioned from old to new, but now that construction is complete we, and the Trinity students, parents, teachers and others together could not be happier to settle into a brand new home for the Trinity Family.

Over the years, the Mardi Gras has been a touchdown for the Dickinson Catholic Schools’ various constituencies as it brings, students, faculty, alumni, alumni parents, parishioners and others together for three great days of fun an entertainment at Trinity High School. This year, however, brings a new wrinkle to the annual festivities. We will hold our ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on January 19th and we look forward to the dedication Mass of our brand new chapel on Monday, January 30th, a great way to kick-off our annual Catholic Schools Week. There will be a number of opportunities to attend Mass in the new chapel during Catholic Schools Week. Please visit the Dickinson Catholic Schools web site or our Facebook page for more information on those Mass times.

We have a lot to be thankful for this year as we look around our new school building and we invite you to take a peek, but there’s something we’d like to notice as you enjoy yourself at the Mardi Gras.

The last few years we built the new Trinity Junior High and High School. It’s a beautiful building, but it’s just that, a building.

Look in the middle.

Look in the kitchen.

Look in the middle at the beehive of activity.

That gray haired guy manning those tongs and serving you some ham, that kid with the braces handing you a ring before you try to win a coke at the ring toss.

Those are the people who make this building a school, and that school a home for the Trinity Family.

We couldn’t host this event, which has become an annual highlight for not just Dickinson, but the region without their help and dedication. Thank you to everyone who made this wonderful event what it is each year. A special thank to the couples and their families who make up the Mardi Gras committee. They start planning for each year’s Mardi Gras the day after the last. Their commitment to our schools is something to be celebrated. Enjoy the Mardi Gras and WELCOME HOME!

Mardi Gras Raffle 2017

BY SCOTT & JAMIE KREITINGER  MATTHEW & DUFFY MEYER

Mardi Gras Raffle is an annual tradition and the committee is excited to announce our very first 2017 Mardi Gras Raffle.

Tickets have been mailed out to area parishioners and alumni, and are available for purchase from any member of the Mardi Gras committee, or at any of the three Dickinson Catholic Schools.

The cost of the ticket is $5 and the drawing will be held at Trinity High School on January 29 at the conclusion of the Mardi Gras.

Thank you for your continued support of the Trinity Mardi Gras and good luck to all. We are excited to see you on January 27th, 28th, and 29th!

OVER $30,000 IN PRIZES!

GRAND PRIZE: 2017 DODGE CHALLENGER

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2nd Prize: $500.00 Gift Certificate
Donated By Dickey’s Barbecue Pit

3rd Prize: $500.00 Gift Certificate
Donated By ProBuild

4th Prize: $500.00 Cash
Donated By Dakota Premium Meats

5th Prize: $500 of unleaded Gasoline
Donated By Dakota Premium Meats

6th Prize: Lane Cedar Chest
Donated By Kowsh Furniture

7th Prize: $300 Gift Certificate Bundle
Donated By Stevenson Funeral Home

8th Prize: 1 Year Free Service
Donated By Consolidated Plumbing

9th Prize: $300 Cleaning Gift Certificate
Donated By Action Cleaning Service

10th Prize: Ipad Air 2
Donated By Advanced Collision Center LLC

This year’s grand prize is a 2017 Dodge Challenger

Thank you for supporting our schools and the Mardi Gras Committee.

We also thank all of you who volunteered year after year on various crews! You know who you are but here’s a bit of a reminder: Dining Room Crews; Potato Peeling Crew; Friday’s Fish Fry, Saturday’s Chicken fry, and Sunday’s Turkey Fry Crews; Noodle and Soup Crew; Turkey Cutters Crew; Ham & Dew; Dish washing, pan washing, set up, take down, and Hauling Crews. The list goes on and on. Students past, present and hopefully future. Thank you for supporting the kitchen. THANK YOU TO ALL! The Mardi Gras volunteers who have helped with the meals and for serving them for over 50 years, especially our longest consecutive year volunteer veterans which include Joan Sickler, Renea Sticka, and Gary Rall.

Thank you everyone for supporting the Mardi Gras by your attendance. We invite you again this year to mark it on your calendars or put it in your phone and come support your Dickinson Catholic Schools on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, January 27, 28, 29, 2017!

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Mardi Gras Midway 2017

JASON & LISA JACOBS  GARY & ROSA KUDRNA Assistant Midway Chairs
Laissez les bons temps rouler (Let the good times roll)! Join us in the Midway for fun for the whole family. What’s your favorite Mardi Gras food? Maybe a thick Duck or Fish Pond for the little ones? Mario Kart or Titan Touchdown for the more adventurous? Maybe you want to test your athletic prowess at the Mini Golf, Basketball Shoot, Speed Pitch or Football Toss? Need something sweet? Check out the Candy Wheel, Cake Walk, or some home made goodies at the Craft Booth & Bake Sale! There are many more, and plenty to do for the young and the young at heart. Dickinson Catholic Charities will again be joining us in the Midway, so plan on a few games of Bingo or stop by the Pull Tabs table.

Thanks in advance for attending the 2017 Trinity Mardi Gras. Your support is greatly appreciated. We cannot thank our sponsors enough, this great community event doesn’t happen without your support. I hope to see you there, “Laissez les bons temps rouler”!