



The Angelus

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FROM THE DEAN

In my homily for our recent Youth Liturgy I shared the some remembrances of school days at Lincoln Elementary School, particularly some memories of recess and time on the playground. One such memory, repeated many times, was standing with a bunch of classmates as teams were chosen for that week's game of baseball or kickball. Two captains picked the teams, one by one, the first choice going to the captain who won the coin toss or best two-out-of-three at Rock/Paper/Scissors. We always knew which players would be among those chosen first, because they could hit the ball farthest or run the fastest. And unfortunately, we generally knew who would go near the very end. A great deal of prayer was said every Monday, as we sought the divine favor of the great Captain-in-the-Sky who would cause us to be picked somewhere in the middle, as early as possible.

Few things felt worse than to be one of the last. Whether it was because you weren't that talented at hitting or fielding or because you had not invited either captain to your sleepover or had refused to let them copy your answers during the morning's pop quiz, it never felt good to be one of the final players picked. Sometimes the final choices were made with relative kindness, but at other times, one captain might say, "I don't care. Smitty, you go with him. Whitey, come with me." And with the best stiff upper lip one could muster in elementary school, I took my place.

In St. John's Gospel, as Jesus is speaking with his closest friends for the final time, he says, "You did not choose me. I chose you." At our Baptism, Jesus chose us, claimed us, made us his. And though we have the sense at Confirmation and at every time we renew our Baptismal Covenant that we are choosing again to follow Jesus, what is of even greater importance is that in all those sacred moments Christ is

reminding us that he has chosen us. And he has chosen us for most specific mission.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:44ff).

We have been chosen. By Jesus. To bear witness to God's grace and hope and love. Especially love, because love triumphs over death. God's love has triumphed over the grave; therefore that same love triumphs over all forms of death we live with: fear, envy, greed, ignorance, apathy and self-doubt, all which rob us, and the world, of life.

After that Youth Service, five people shared with me stories of not being picked until the very end and how bad that felt. One storyteller is in grade school; the other four, not for some time now. It is not surprising that such experiences stay with us, be they experiences from years gone by or rather recent, no matter what form the playground takes. That is why the Church's mission of proclaiming the love of God is such important work.

Christ has chosen us. He loves us. He has given us a mission, to be witnesses of his love which defeats death. That means we all belong to Christ, and to one another.

*With affection in Christ,
Terry+*

Adult Formation

9:15 a.m. • Founders' Hall

June 7

2009 General Convention

This July lay and clergy deputies and bishops from every diocese will gather for the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church. Join in a discussion of proposed resolutions with a clergy deputy from the Diocese of West Missouri, the Very Rev. Terry White.



Parish Picnic



June 7 (Trinity Sunday) • 11:45 a.m.

Meat will be provided; please bring a dish to pass (salad, side or dessert) and lawn chairs.

Activities for all ages are being planned!

Dean's Cup Classic silent auction and awards banquet



Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's golf tournament a success to support the Culinary Cornerstones program.

photos by Jan Frizzle

The Board of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of West Missouri invites you to gather with other women from across the diocese as we come together for breakfast and a time of sharing.

Saturday, June 6 * 9:30 a.m.
Founders' Hall

Please RSVP by Friday, May 29 to Shirley Bolden at sbolden2@comcast.net or 816.795.6129 or Judy Turner at jannet@cablone.net or 417.850.2680.

Come and be part of the wonderful things that happen when women gather together.

You're Invited to a Benefit for the
Episcopal Community Services
Kansas City Community Kitchen

Springtime for Lovers
~a recital of romantic duets~

Robert Grady, Tenor
Stacy Stofferahan Utthe, Soprano
Robert Lamar Sims, Pianist

Sunday, June 7 at 3 p.m.
Haden Hall

~free-will offering accepted~

Keeping the birthing home alive

Our babies at Maison de Naissance (MN) are always in need of TLC and today, more than ever, our local MN offices need us to keep that TLC ongoing. At a recent meeting of the Episcopal Friends-MN Foundation, it was announced that the offices in Brookside have seen a slowing down in donations—to a point where the plans for expansion may have to be put on hold. Staff members in this Kansas City office are taking salary and time reductions while operating costs for the core program in Haiti are being cut by 30 percent.

Priorities of the program(s) will need to be closely examined during this time, which is extremely difficult as MN has been growing—through increased awareness about their services and the reputation it has earned for providing excellent healthcare. The priority right now is to get enough funding to maintain the core program at MN. Cindy Obenhaus, RN and Executive Director of Programs stated this priority as, “the moms and safe delivery of the babies are the most important things.”

How do we help keep this Birthing Home alive? By helping out locally! Volunteers are needed at the office in Kansas City, which is

located at 6247 Brookside Boulevard, Suite 224. Do you have a few, or more hours each week? Maybe you have some other level of assistance you can provide? Please contact Tina Seeley, of Development and Communications, at the office and inquire about how you can be a part of the solution! Tina may be reached at 816-812-7100.

Helping our neighbors here AND in Haiti is how we can keep this ministry growing. Whether you are able to help with your time or your dollars, you will help keep this birthing home alive.

—by Valerie Johnson



Maison de Naissance
a birthing home in Haiti



photos contributed by MN office



- Grant Writers
- Researchers (for grants)
- Office duties (filing, etc.)
- Web savvy individual—
in need of a web-master

Contact Tina Seeley at
816-812-7100.



May flower gifts

May 3

- Lukas McLeroy, grandson — Carolyn and Ron McLeroy
- in thanksgiving to God for all the people of GHTC — the Rev. Carol and Grady Sanford
- in honor of Barbara Bucker on her birthday — Joan Bock and family

May 10

- in memory of Elizabeth Shelton Sifers and Marie Hall Pence — Elizabeth Pence
- in memory of Stephen — Wendy Munson
- in celebration of Michael's birthday — Cathy Thomas
- thanksgiving for our mothers: Barbara Liming and Jane Thomas — Cathy and Michael Thomas
- in memory of my husband, Tully — Ruth Moss
- in loving memory of our father, Tully Moss, in honor of our mother Ruth and in thanksgiving for all the beauty they have brought into our lives — Tully, Melinda and Elaine

May 17

- in thanksgiving for my daughter, Carrie, and in celebration of the tenth wedding anniversary of Carrie and Todd Garner — Sharyl Wallace

May 24

- in thanksgiving for Betsy Leonard's

birthday and Kathleen and Brad McLeroy's anniversary — Ron and Carolyn McLeroy

- in thanksgiving for our wedding — Lisa Hayes and Ryan Thomas
- in memory of Esther Rogers — Gina Fenger
- in memory of Albert Franklin Wallace — Sharyl Wallace

May 31

- in loving memory of our grandfather, Leslie Shaw — Page Branton Reed and Leslie Branton Hoffecker
- in thanksgiving for our wedding — Kristin Liddle and Patrick Bevil
- in loving memory of my husband, Edward, on the anniversary of our wedding — Elizabeth Gordon
- in memory of David Ludwig — Dorothy & Sam Gershman and Nan & Andy Schooling
- in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Melisa Burns and August Sprung — Pat Burns

To donate toward the flowers to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one, sign up online at www.ghtc-kc.org/flowers or contact the Cathedral office (816.474.8260 ext. 103 or office@ghtc-kc.org).





Lunch is on us!

Thursday, June 18*

12 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Founders' Hall, Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral

13th & Broadway KCMO

Catered by Culinary Cornerstones

Get the scoop

1 million meals in 2009 through the Kansas City Community Kitchen and Episcopal Hunger Relief Network.



**Can't make it? Pencil us in for September 10th.*

RSVP by June 12

ekratofil@episcopalcommunity.org or 816-561-8920

Lunch Encounters of the ECS Kind

If you'd like a behind-the-scenes look at the feeding ministries of Episcopal Community Services, please join us for lunch on June 18 from 12-1 p.m.

We'll fill you in on the Kansas City Community Kitchen, Episcopal Hunger Relief Network (pantries, hot food programs, Meals on Wheels, food rescue, BackSnacks, community gardens) and the Culinary Cornerstones chef training program.

Lunch is on us—catered by the students of Culinary Cornerstones—and if you want to stay after, you can grab a quick tour of the kitchen in action.

Interested? Contact Erica Kratofil by June 12 (ekratofil@episcopalcommunity.org or 816-561-8920) to reserve your spot. If you can't make it this time, pencil us in for September 10 at noon.



William

is a Jackson County Child Waiting for His' Forever Family

Caucasian/Male - Born June 1992

William is an energetic boy with an active imagination. He loves to be the center of attention.

He is very engaging and entertaining in his conversations and has a wonderful curiosity about the world around him.

He would love to travel all over the world someday.

William is small in size for his age with soft brown eyes and a smile that can melt your heart.

William loves to play and tells interesting stories.

William is very loving and has the ability to make anyone laugh.

William really enjoys reading and learning about different places to visit around the world.

William really wants to travel someday to different places around the world.

William would do best in a home where he is the only child.

William is in need of a very active, structured home.

He would do best where he would be able to receive a lot of one on one attention.

For more information on William you may contact:

Jennifer Dalrymple, Adoption Specialist

Children's Division, 615 E. 13th St., Kansas City, MO 64106

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Dezarae, Antonio, and Santonio are Jackson County Siblings Waiting For Their Forever Family

Antonio	African American	October 1995
Dezarae	African American	September 1993
Santonio	African American	April 1998

Antonio loves sports. He enjoys all types of sports and loves anything that has to do with being outdoors. He has won several awards for sports that he has played. Antonio loves to see his brothers and sisters whenever he can. He often has a smile on his face and loves to be around friends.

Dezarae is a very energetic and well spoken young lady. She loves to dress up and do her hair and nails. She has a bright smile and loves being around her friends. She loves seeing her brothers and sisters anytime she can. Dezarae is very smart and loves school.

Santonio is a very outgoing child. He is often found with a big smile on his face. He loves to be around his friends and also loves any time he can spend with his brothers and sisters. Santonio loves all sports and loves to spend time outdoors.

These children are in need of a home together. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information on any of these children.

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Progress at the House Abraham Builds



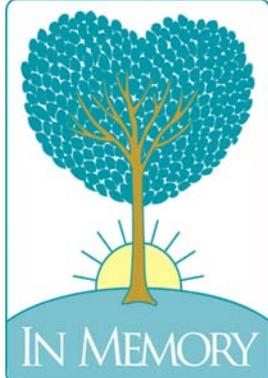
The house is moving along well! Most of the exterior work is completed. Now we are moving inside to begin the trim, painting and flooring. So, all the folks who wanted to be advised when we get to the finish work stage of the build, you are so advised. Starting the week of June 1 there should be lots of opportunity to show your skill with a Miter box or a paint brush. Let me know when you can give a day or two to this fun worthwhile project (gradysanford@mac.com).

—by Grady Sanford



photos contributed





IN MEMORY

**ELAINE GRANT
JOHN FOWLER**

Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Treasurer's Report

April MTD	Budgeted MTD	Actual MTD
Income	\$ 108,712	\$ 100,286
Expenses	\$ 129,574	\$ 125,880
Net Total	\$ (20,862)	\$ (25,594)
April YTD	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 607,995	\$ 599,544
Expenses	\$ 563,057	\$ 559,577
Net Total	\$ 44,938	\$ 39,967

Income for April was about \$8,500 under budget; \$5,000 pledges & \$2,600 events made up most of the shortage. Events is the rental of our facilities to outside organizations. Expenses were controlled well, coming \$3,700 under budget.

Year-to-date income is close to budget and expenses are slightly under budget.

—by Doyle White

June Concerts

June 7

2 p.m. in Haden Hall

- “Springtime for Lovers; a recital of Romantic duets”
- Stacey Uthe, soprano; Robert Grady, tenor; Lamar Sims, piano
- A benefit concert for the Kansas City Community Kitchen
- \$10 donation at the door

June 14

2 p.m. in the Nave

- Dr. David Lamb, concert organist, in a jovial organ recital
- \$10 requested donation at the door

June 21

7:30 p.m. in the Nave

- Chelsea Chen, young concert organist, opens the Guild of Organists’ Pipe Organ Encounter
- Donations welcomed



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The Right Rev. Barry R. Howe
Bishop of West Missouri

The Very Rev. Terry White
Dean

The Rev. Canon Susan Sommer
Canon Pastor and Subdean

The Rev. Carol Sanford
Priest Associate

The Rev. Joseph Behen
Clergy Assistant

The Rev. Bryan England
Deacon

The Rev. Bruce Hall
Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Johnston
Scholar-in-Residence

Mr. John L. Schaefer
Canon Musician

This Month's Activities

- 1 • MONDAY
3:00 p.m. Memorial Service: John Fowler
- 6 • SATURDAY
9:30 a.m. Episcopal Church Women Breakfast
- 7 • SUNDAY
11:45 a.m. Parish Picnic
11:45 a.m. Music Committee
- 9 • TUESDAY
6:15 p.m. Guild of the Christ Child
- 11 • THURSDAY
5:30 p.m. Social Action Committee
- 14 • SUNDAY • *Blood pressure checks at coffee hour*
- 24 • WEDNESDAY
6:30 p.m. Reel People
- 25 • THURSDAY
5:00 p.m. Vestry

Weekly Activities

- SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- MONDAY-FRIDAY
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- TUESDAY
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- THURSDAY
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Youth group cookout, end of a great year!



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