



The Angelus

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FROM THE DEAN

The time to gather dried palm leaves has arrived. This ritual is part annual harvest and part hunt. One dried palm is found behind a depiction of the Madonna and Child which hangs in our front hallway. Several adorn crosses and icons throughout the house, and a couple reside in a prayer book and Bible, all gathered and placed in a neat bundle. But later, looking for the television remote, I spy a palm that has fallen to the floor behind a table, clearly neglected. I didn't notice that it had been missing from its former place of honor for weeks or months. Later, opening a drawer looking for a pen, I found a small palm cross tucked away, out of sight. I honestly do not know how many Lents and have come and gone since it ended up there.

Such is the reality of our life of faith. Some commandments, some teachings, some baptismal promises are honored, evident in our lives, our piety and our works of service. They shine forth, drawing attention not to ourselves but to Christ the Light of the World.

But like palms tucked away out of sight or those which fall to the floor and are neglected, we know there are those things, done and left undone, which must be confronted, confessed, and purged from us.

On the great fast day, ashes created from palms both hon-

ored and neglected will be traced upon on sinners just like me. This simple cross of ash signals a sincere desire to change, and assures us and the world of God's never-failing love, mercy, and forgiveness. From litany of penitence to confession and absolution, from the peace to the dismissal, the parable of The Prodigal Child is re-enacted, and is renamed The Parable of the Forgiving Father. We are found like a neglected palms covered with dust behind the couch. We are lifted up, washed with baptismal water and restored to the beloved child of God.

Gathering palm leaves is part harvest, part hunt. So is Lent. The Lord Almighty is relentless, searching until we are home again. And once we are reassured of our worth, our inheritance, and our mission, we are sent forth to seek, and serve and bring others into the fold — especially those

most neglected, like the palm covered in dust or tucked out of sight. The feast of grace begins with a fast, the garment of salvation is adorned with ash, the way of the cross is the way of life.

Eternal Lord of Love, behold your Church walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent.

*With my love in Christ,
Terry+*

LORD, bless to me this Lent ...

Suffer me never to think

*that I have knowledge enough to need no teaching,
wisdom enough to need no correction,
talents enough to need no grace,
goodness enough to need no progress,
humility enough to need no repentance,
devotion enough to need no quickening,
strength sufficient without they Spirit;*

Lest, standing still, I fall back evermore.

—Eric Milner-White

Ministry discernment at the Cathedral

Have you ever wondered, "What sort of outreach ministry would I want to engage at this time and in its particular location?" The Social Action Committee here at the cathedral is asking you just that. We've entered into a time of discernment, the result of which we hope and pray will be a ministry through which all parishioners are able to experience God in their lives through the act of reaching out to others.

As of the first of this calendar year, the Rent Assistance Program that we

have supported for several years has reached a conclusion. The nature of that program was that only two to three parishioners at a time could be engaged in this ministry.

Priscilla Brown, the Rent Assistance Program's coordinator and manager for the past three years summed up the committee's feelings with this observation: "I've been touched, humbled, and moved by engaging with people through this program. This experience has changed me, but I want that experience to be available to everyone

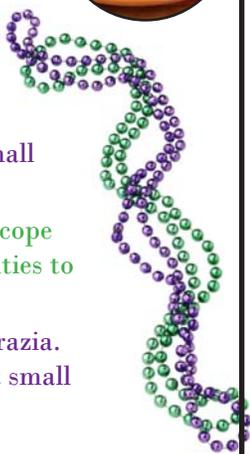
in the parish." This gives voice to a considerable part of our vision of future ministry here at the Cathedral — that all of us have the opportunity to engage and to be changed.

The Social Action Committee would like to encourage you to share with us any thoughts and ideas about ministry possibilities that you might have. We also ask that you keep us in your prayers as we try to listen for God's voice in the life of this parish..

—by the Rev. Canon Joe Behen



- Café Grazia turns in to Café Gras this month in anticipation of Mardi Gras.
- Red Beans and Rice is the main course. All parishioners are cordially invited to join the fun, bring bread or a salad to share, and enjoy the fellowship!
- Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. with small group activities to begin at 6:30.
- You might even want to stay and scope out one of the small group activities to see what they're up to.
- Visit www.ghtc-kc.org/pages/cafe-grazia.html for information about what small groups will meet this night.



Adult Formation

Sundays • 9:15 a.m. • Founders' Hall

February 7

Defining Moments in Anglicanism: Who we are now is shaped by what we were then

Anglicanism throughout the world spread in no small part through the colonial efforts of Great Britain during the 18th and 19th centuries. The Episcopal Church is one example, but so are the Anglican provinces we find throughout South America, Asia and Africa. What are some of the defining moments in English Church history that shaped, for good or for ill, the Anglican Communion we know today, and what might be some of the historical bases for the challenges we now encounter? Join Dr. Elaine Reynolds, professor of history at William Jewell College, member of Grace Church Liberty, and long-time friend of the Cathedral, for what promises to be a fascinating exploration.

The Church of England and British Imperialism in the 19th Century: How Much Can We Blame on Cecil Rhodes?

February 14

No Adult Formation. Join us in Founders' Hall for the Pancake Breakfast.

February 21, 28, March 7

The Politics of Food Part 2

Where does your food come from? From family farms to industrial agriculture — the answer to that question has changed over the last fifty years. Join Emily Akins to talk about what those changes have meant for our communities, our lifestyles, and our relationships. And we'll explore our social responsibility to other members of our community when it comes to choosing food.

Lenten Academy: Wednesday Evenings During Lent

February 24, March 3, 10, 17

6 p.m. Evening Prayer • 6:15 p.m. Dinner • 7-8 p.m. Classes

In order to assist with meal planning and class accommodations, please register in advance—beginning February 14. Here's how to register:

- online at www.ghtc-kc.org/lent
- mail registration form to GHTC attn: Lenten Academy (*registration form included with Lent brochure mailed to parishioners' homes*)
- sign up at morning coffee hours
- call the Cathedral office

Class Offerings

- **The Gospel According to Rock & Roll:** Gary Hicks and Ron Miriani will look at some places that we might seek for God's voice in some of the rock & roll music of the past fifty years.
- **Dying a Holy Death:** Sam Satterfield has arranged for speakers with backgrounds in hospice work in the KC area to share with us how we might hear God's voice through spending time with those whose life on earth is nearing its end. St Luke's Hospice and KC Hospice will be represented, and Dean White will conclude during the final week.
- **History and Theology:** Tom Miller will walk us through some of the events of the late 19th and early 20th centuries that still impact some of our most basic theological assumptions in ways that are little understood.
- **Seeing God in Middle Earth:** Explore with Leigh Blackman and Joe Behen what J. R. R. Tolkien wrestled with about life's meaning in his classic work, *The Lord of the Rings*. They'll use film clips, music, and selections from Tolkien's story to help us wrestle with finding God and thereby meaning in our own Earth.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Dean White will lead participants through the Passion of Christ in an exploration of this time-honored liturgical setting.

Cathedral sponsors annual foster children's Christmas party

The Cathedral attempted to make real the spirit of Christmas for about 120 Kansas City area foster children by organizing and underwriting our third annual Family Advocates Christmas Party. The 2009 event was a "Bowling with Santa" party held Sunday, December 20 at Laurel Lanes in Raytown.

Approximately 200 attendees, including the children's foster families, had photo opportunities with Santa, bowled or played table games with family members or some of Santa's helpers, enjoyed hot dogs, soft drinks, and munched on cookies and candies provided by Cathedral committee members. In addition, the children received goody bags and Christmas necklaces to carry the cheer beyond the event. Laurel Lanes owners also graciously donated gift certificates for future free bowling for the foster families.

John Hornbeck, Cathedral member and designated spokesperson for Santa, commented, "This was such a wonderful example of what Christmas should indeed be about—bringing joy to others."

Coletta Green, a spokesperson for Family Advocates said, "On behalf of the foster children and Family Advocates, I want to thank Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. This party

was a success on many levels. It was a wonderful event that everyone enjoyed. Many of our families commented on how it brought their family together." Green added, "One of my foster fathers even told me, that he never thought he could find an activity that would bring his entire family together and have this much fun."

Cathedral volunteers who served as party hosts included Terri and Doug Curran, Vangie Rich, John and Sandra Hornbeck, David Pierson, Ruth Finet, Gary Bennett, Lori Childs and Carson Finet. Funding for the event was provided from the Social Action Committee budget.

The party benefited foster families who are part of the Family Advocates foster care program operated by St. Luke's Hospital-Crittenton Children's Center in partnership with Catholic Charities of Kansas City. Family Advocates is foster care contract agency for the State of Missouri Division of Family Services.



photo by David Pierson

For information on Family Advocate's Foster Care program, please contact Coletta Green at 816-767-4287. For information on helping with future Cathedral Foster Children Outreach projects, please contact any of the existing members of the committee or David Pierson, 913-491-8900.

—by David Pierson

January flower gifts

January 3

- in memory of my sister, Teresa Esshom Sheldrake — Taloyre Mahoney

January 10

- in thanksgiving for our blessings, Amanda, Caroline, Elizabeth & George — Mark & Brenda Colburn

January 17

- in thanksgiving for the birth our our granddaughter, Kate Olivia Sobba — Gerald & Barbara Reynaud

January 31

- in thanksgiving for all the blessings brought to us by the Bridgetts in our lives, on the eve of the Feast of St. Bridgett of Kildare — Mike Sancho

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).

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



- Bill Fisher
- The Rev. Alice Cowan
- James Atherton II
- Lucia Lanpher, Wayne Coldsnow's cousin

Treasurer's Report

	Nov MTD	Budgeted MTD	Actual MTD
Income	\$	126,599	\$ 124,108
Expenses	\$	130,459	\$ 124,119
Net Total	\$	(3,860)	\$ (11)
	Nov YTD	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$	1,625,143	\$ 1,666,093
Expenses	\$	1,628,029	\$ 1,604,395
Net Total	\$	(2,886)	\$ 61,698

The month income was nearly equal to the budget. While pledges were up, the amount received in plate was down considerably from the budget and actual 2008 primarily due to the inclement weather during the holidays. The total expenditures were below budget and 2008 actual. The actual results were break even. For the year of 2009, the impact of cost reductions of approximately \$228,000 were realized. Increased revenue from pledges during the year and the lower expenditures resulted in a positive \$61,698 for the year. We certainly appreciate all of the efforts made with respect to the financial condition of the church and its mission. We are also grateful for the pledges received to date and for pledges that have not yet been submitted.

—by Jim Phillips, Assistant Treasurer



Cameo Organ Recital

On Presidents' Day, Monday 15 February, Dr. Gail Archer, concert organist who resides and works in New York City, will give an organ recital in the Cathedral nave. Dr. Archer is presented by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Dr. Archer is college organist at Vassar College and is a faculty member at Manhattan School of Music and Barnard College. She has made many recordings, including recordings of music of Felix Mendelssohn, Olivier Messiaen, and American composers. She has performed in recital in America and Europe.

Her recital at the Cathedral, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will include music by Dietrich Buxtehude, Johann Sebastian Bach, Mendelssohn, Johannes Brahms and Messiaen. There is no admission charge for the recital; donations are always welcomed. Please ring Canon Schaefer to learn what specific works Dr. Archer will play.



Book Review

Now It Is Winter
written by Eileen Spinelli



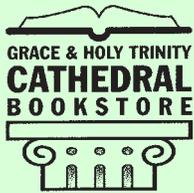
Looking for a poetic winter story while cuddling up with your special little one? Well, pull up a blanket and snuggle in for *Now It Is Winter* written by Eileen Spinelli. This is a great read-aloud story full of alliteration that creates a musical, lilting style that rhythmically soothes the listener like a lullaby. Not only is it a sweet story for quiet time, but it also teaches a valuable lesson about patience and enjoying the gifts of today.

Although the book is written for ages 4-8, it is a message we all need to hear: The story begins ... "Will spring ever come?" (How many times do we ask *that* question these days?) The inquiring young mouse keeps asking this same question and wonders when he will enjoy all the beauties of spring again. He recalls the joys of *blackberries and cream* and *steep grassy hills* to *hearing the sleepy sound of soft rain*. Although he longs for the change of season, wise mother mouse points out just as many treasures to be delighted in today. She reminds him of *oatmeal with butter and brown sugar* and *sailing downhill on a sled lifted on snowy laughter* to *sleet twinkling down sprinkling the roof that sounds like silver*.

The playful illustrations by Mary Newell DePalma invite the reader and listener to converse about the various scenes taking place. Children love to examine the detailed dwellings of the mice depicted throughout the story. This family of mice is kept cozy underground with pink fuzzy slippers, pillow fights and a game of checkers. Meanwhile, the wintry scenes contrast their home but are just as inviting with ice skating, snow angels and snowmen (or 'snowmouse') building.

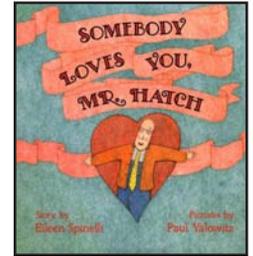
What a wise mouse she is! Dear little mouse, longing for spring keeps you from treasuring all this beauty! Be patient, small one; take pleasure in the moment ... for "now it is winter."

—by Valerie Johnson



CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

In Children's Formation, the GHTC Bookstore will host story time February 7 with *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch* by Eileen Spinelli. This Valentine-themed story describes how the simple knowledge that one is loved changes everything. It's a heartwarming tale about caring for one another and reaching out with love. Join us for a story, discussion and themed activities.



A Flipping Good Time Pancake Breakfast February 14

After both morning services
in Founders' Hall



Choose from a wide selection of pancakes, fruit, bacon, sausage, eggs and juices!

Come for a fun, relaxed breakfast!

Rex Nolan, balloon artist, will be entertaining kids of all ages!

Ticket Info:

Buy your tickets at the door for \$10 (individual) or \$20 (family).

All proceeds go to the Episcopal Hunger Relief Network and the Kansas City Community Kitchen

Ten Thousand Villages to raise funds for Maison De Naissance

Show your love and support of Haiti — and your special loved ones — by shopping with Ten Thousand Villages Saturday, February 13, from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. in downtown Overland Park. A portion of your purchase will be given directly to support the mothers and babies served at Maison de Naissance, a Kansas City based non-profit founded by two Kansas City physicians to deliver free maternal and infant healthcare to mothers and babies in Haiti.

MN survived the 7.0 earthquake Tuesday, January 12, and the ensuing aftershocks,

but their indigenous staff of 30 and thousands of patients are preparing for the long-term effects of the earthquake, which are rapidly unfolding.

Medications, supplies and fuel — already difficult to obtain in Haiti — are becoming scarce. Prices for these essentials have already skyrocketed and have become increasingly difficult to obtain. Your financial support is critical in helping MN continue to provide its services to mothers and babies

— without interruption.

Maison de Naissance (MN) is located in a rural area just outside of Les Cayes, 100 miles southwest of Port au Prince, and is well known throughout the community as a leader in providing maternal healthcare.

For more information about the Saturday, February 13, 2010 event, please contact either Tina Seeley (tina@maisonde-naissance.org) or Linda Zemke (kansascity@tentousandvillages.com).

This Month's Activities

10 • WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. Café Grazia Dinner
6:30 p.m. Small Groups (Guild of the Christ Child, Inklings, Seekers, Charitable Needlework)

13 • SATURDAY

11:00 a.m. Celebration of Absalom Jones Service and Reception
7:30 p.m. Fine Arts Chorale Concert

14 • SUNDAY

Following both morning services: Pancake Breakfast and free blood pressure checks

15 • MONDAY • PRESIDENTS' DAY

Office and Buildings Closed
7:30 p.m. Organ Concert: Dr. Gail Archer

17 • WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:30 a.m. Finance Committee
12:05 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

24 • WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:15 p.m. Lenten Academy Dinner
7:00 p.m. Lenten Academy Classes

Please verify times and dates of the events listed with the appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral office or website (www.ghtc-kc.org).



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

The Very Rev. Terry White
Dean

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The Rev. Canon Joseph Behen
Canon

The Rev. Bryan England
Deacon

The Rev. Bruce Hall
Deacon

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

Mr. John L. Schaefer
Canon Musician

Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Christian Formation
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday

9:15 a.m. EfM
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
5:45 p.m. The Tallis Singers
6:00 p.m. Grace Choraliers
7:00 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group

Thursday

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers
6:30 p.m. EfM
7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

The First Day of Lent: Ash Wednesday February 17

7 a.m. + 12:05 p.m. + 7 p.m.



Proper Liturgy including homily, Imposition of Ashes, Litany of Penitence, Holy Eucharist

7 a.m. • said service

12:05 p.m. • organ and hymns

7 p.m. • choir and hymns

Palm fronds to be burned may be left in the basket at the back of the Nave by February 14, or burned at home with the ashes being returned to the ground.

If the KCMO school district has a weather-related closing, there will be NO 7 a.m. service; the other services will be held as scheduled.

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