



# The Angelus

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FROM THE DEAN

## Royal Commission

The conditions were perfect: An ideal temperature at game time; Low humidity; A gathering of Cathedral members and friends for a private pre-game party on a terrace beyond right field; A winning team; Baseball at its best!

At one point, one of our group asked me why our party of just over twenty couldn't be twice its size or more. It's a Tuesday? School has started? There were no parents and kids as usual, except the mother of two Cathedral "Boomers." Yes, we decided, this was a fun venture that we hoped more folks would attend the next time we book a night at the Royals.

Not long into the game a very nice evening got even better. Jim Robertson, one of our Deacons, came to my table and tapped my shoulder. He told me to turn around and look at who had just arrived. Standing under the tent in the middle of our private party area was a group of around twenty "20-somethings." They were attracted by the nice piece of stadium real estate we were occupying.

"They're here for a party sponsored by their workplaces," Jim told me. "I've told them to help themselves to our food. And, I've moved the sandwich board announcing our Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral private party so they can see who's hosting them!" This was indeed some of the radical hospitality Jim talked about at the Dean's Forum a few weeks ago.

The group was soon happily contented with hot dogs, hamburgers, "mega mac" and cookies. There was enough food on the table to feed our group a few times over — a welcome boon for a hungry, high-metabolism demographic. I got up and headed over to check things out and mingle.

Milt Tootle, a Vestry member there with his wife and a neighbor couple, came up to me at that point and said, "This is a perfect opportunity to pass out business cards! Let's tell them who we are." I welcomed just about all who were there and passed out all the cards I had with me. I told them we were the Cathedral across from Bartle Hall, and not the one with the gold dome. And, as they asked questions, I gave a short-hand descriptor (albeit deficient) of things Episcopalian: Essentially, we worship like Catholics, we think like Protestants. I had quickly learned that some were either from non-denominational, Roman Catholic, or no church backgrounds.

In the next half hour or so, I talked with some of our drop-in guests. I asked them about their work. I answered their questions about the Cathedral. We talked about Kansas City. I learned that most of them were new to town, and many were living within walking distance of the Cathedral! At least three expressed a desire to check us out one of these days soon.

As I fell asleep that night after another Royals' win and a good party with unexpected guests, I found myself giving thanks: Thanks to God for the hospitality shown that day to serendipitous guests, and for the gentle nudge to "commend the faith that is in us."

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." *Hebrews 13:2* As God's people in our downtown gathering place, let's see this as our royal commission. It's time for us to claim our roots and invite and engage our downtown and metropolitan neighbors. They, as we, are ready to step up to the abundant table and eat.

—Peter

# Community Needs: What You Need to Know

Dean's Forum:

Sundays, September 13, 20, 27, and October 4  
9:15 a.m., Common Room

The Dean and John Rich, Director of Mid America Assistance Coalition, convene this program featuring persons from greater Kansas City speaking about the lives of the working poor, homelessness, emergency assistance, and the question "What's a church/person to do?!"



## Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for the Women of Grace Fall Luncheon, October 17, at Trezo Mare in Briarcliff Village. This luncheon, including a short program, is an opportunity for the women at the Cathedral to build relationships and friendships with other members. All women of the Cathedral are invited!

### Episcopal & Friends LGBT Fellowship Group

The group will reconvene after a short summer hiatus on Sunday, September 13, at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Westport Road at 6 p.m. Tom and Kerri Gear will act as hosts and will provide the main course. We will fill in with appetizers, side dishes, salads, desserts, and beverages. The first season was a success, bringing together people from several parishes across both sides of State Line. In addition, people were eager to offer hospitality. The group met at a different venue each month. Remember, this group has no agenda other than the three "Fs": fun, food, and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact Jim Robertson, jasbrob@aol.com, for more information.

## August Flowers, to the Glory of God ...

August 2

- in thanksgiving for Devon Lee Stewart Sweeting — Janet & Ric Sweeting
- in thanksgiving for the wedding of Aster Visinia & Jay Nuu

August 9

- in thanksgiving for Margo Carlson Van Slyke — Bob & Linda Carlson
- in memory of my mother, Nora Gaggens — Sara Gaggens

August 16

- in loving memory of our grandson, Max — Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for the Hoffman Family; Larry, Lisa & August — Ruth Finet
- in thanksgiving for the wedding of Cecelia Bakker & Tim Brown
- in memory and thanksgiving for Mike and Monica Blank — Chris, Christine, Emily & Jack Morrison

August 23

- in thanksgiving for my grandson, William Coleman Reed — Shawsie Branton
- in thanksgiving for Kathy Alagna on her birthday — Karen Kissinger and Carolyne Coleman
- in thanksgiving for Wayne Coldsnow on his birthday — Karen Kissinger
- in loving memory of Joy Byer McPhee — Mark McPhee

August 30

- in memory of my mother, Laura Ann Bratney — Lynn Bratney

*To donate toward the flowers to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one, contact the Cathedral office (816.474.8260 ext. 103 or [jsweeting@kccathedral.org](mailto:jsweeting@kccathedral.org)) or sign up (and pay) online: [www.kccathedral.org/flowers](http://www.kccathedral.org/flowers).*



## St. Mary's Pantry Needs for September

Help stock St. Mary's Pantry with shelf staple breakfast items during the month of September. Needed items include cereal, boxed individual oatmeal packets, pop tarts, cereal bars, granola bars, etc. For more information about these and other Social Outreach projects, please contact Terri Curran, [tcurra2@yahoo.com](mailto:tcurra2@yahoo.com).



# Community Kitchen Connections

## “Labor Day” Sunday, September 6

— We welcome Beau Heyen, newly appointed Director of Episcopal Community Services.

— 8:00 and 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist:  
Beau delivers a “Mission Minute” on the work of ECS during services.

— 9:15 a.m., Dean’s Forum: A Vision for ECS  
The Kansas City Community Kitchen had its beginnings in the basement of the Cathedral Parish House, later moving in 1998 to the lower level of the then new, Founders’ Hall. In 2010 the KCKK moved to its current location at 8th and Paseo. Come learn about the entire scope of ECS ministries, how we can assist with this work, as we welcome Beau to this key outreach position.



EPISCOPALCOMMUNITYSERVICES  
Feeding the Hungry  Changing Lives

### Our Mission

The Mission of Episcopal Community Services is to engage the Episcopal and broader communities, both in feeding the hungry, and in empowering the poor to move beyond the barriers of poverty with dignity through education and job training.

### Our Vision

The vision of Episcopal Community Services is a community sharing Christ’s ministry of compassion, service, and healing.

## About the New Director

A graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, Beau brings to ECS a record of growth and innovation in anti-poverty services and hunger relief. Prior to joining ECS, Beau led Community Mobilization at the Food Bank For New York City, including leading a national awareness campaign to protect funding for SNAP, formerly known as food stamps, with strong support from Feeding America, Kevin Bacon, Mario Batali, Anthony Bourdain and anti-hunger organizations across the country, and was COO and Chief Development Officer for Masbia, a network of kosher soup kitchens and food pantries that provided over 1.5 million meals to New Yorkers in 2014. Beau was previously Director of Public Relations for West Houston Assistance Ministries, an ecumenical agency providing support to children, families and individuals who are homeless or in crisis.

A graduate of the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Beau directed youth ministries for Dallas-based Cathedral of Hope, a large United Church of Christ congregation.

Beau assumed duties at ECS this August. *The Diocese will host a Celebration of a New Ministry to welcome his new role on Sunday, September 27, during the 5 p.m. Eucharist at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.*



## The Angelus

Submissions from parishioners and small groups are welcome and encouraged. All entries are requested by the 15th day of the month prior to publication by e-mail to [communications@kccathedral.org](mailto:communications@kccathedral.org).

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more about this ministry, call 816-474-8260.



# The Way

**Wednesday Evenings  
6-8 p.m.  
Begins September 30**

Each session includes a meal and conversation, a brief teaching, and time to engage with Scripture around a table. The Way is for persons who would like to know more about the Christian faith and life, about the tradition and practices of this church, prepare for baptism or the affirmation of baptism through confirmation or reception. The Way, our version of the “catechumenate” begins in the

fall and runs through the Easter season. Breaks are taken in December and the weeks before and after Easter.

All are invited to journey along The Way. Questions? Contact Peter DeVeau, [pdeveau@kccathedral.org](mailto:pdeveau@kccathedral.org); or Larry Ehren, [lgehren@yahoo.com](mailto:lgehren@yahoo.com).



*Through  
September*

An estimated 15,000+ children in the Kansas City area aren't receiving the diapers they need. But we're striving to help — and we hope you'll join us. HappyBottoms is a local organization that works with partners to provide diapers to low-income families. We are collecting diapers during September for HappyBottoms. We accept all sizes (even open packs). Bring your diaper donations to the blue barrel in the cross hall or to the basket in the Tower. Help make this last diaper drive of 2015 a record-breaker!

## Community Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, October 4, 4 p.m.**

**North Lawn**



**Pet Treats • People Treats • Jazz Duo  
Parade of Animals • Prayers and Blessings  
KC Mounted Patrol  
Tons of Fun**

# Fall Youth Programming



## Weekly Youth Group

Our regularly scheduled youth group meetings have begun. We have so many awesome things planned this semester: from fellowship events, to an awesome curriculum (based on the book *My Faith, My Life*), to lots of great diocesan and network opportunities! Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to join the group, and as always, friends are more than welcome!

## Sunday Morning Program

Our Sunday Morning youth formation will begin in late September. Spectacular guest presenters will be touching on our Wednesday evening topics through a youth-centric Catechumante program. Stay tuned for more details!

## Happening #72 — September 18–20

Happening is a spiritual awakening and renewal weekend for high school youth led by high school youth. If you are going to be in high school this fall, visit [wemoyouth.com](http://wemoyouth.com) to find out more and to register!

## Network Bowling — September 27

Youth are invited to join our Network youth ministry community on Sunday, September 27, 2–4 p.m. for bowling fun at Ward Parkway Lanes! \$5 covers two games of bowling and shoe rental. Visit [wemoyouth.com](http://wemoyouth.com) for more information and to register!

## Weekly E-mails

Do you know someone who might like to get our weekly Trinity Teens Updates? Have them send an e-mail to [youthformation@kccathedral.org](mailto:youthformation@kccathedral.org) to be added to our list.

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## National College Fair

**Sunday, September 27, 2015**  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, September 28, 2015**  
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Kansas City Convention Center**

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# The Wisdom Jesus

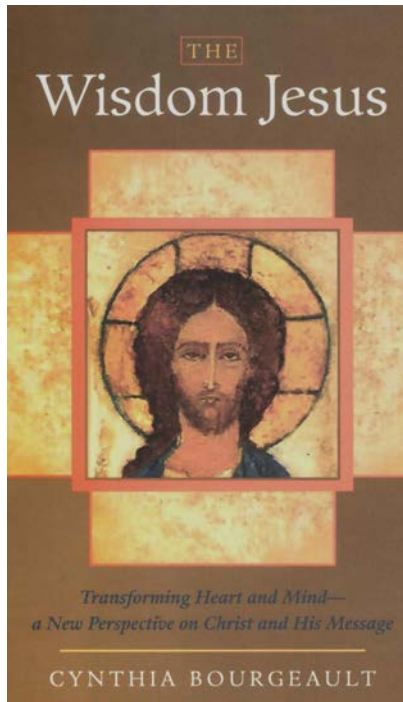
Transforming Hearts and Minds — a New Perspective on Christ and His Message

For nearly 2,000 years, Christians have followed the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. No other person has had such a powerful impact on the history of the Western world. During our time together we will attempt to set aside those things we have been taught about his life. We will attempt to take ourselves back to the Sea of Galilee 2,000 years ago. To a time when we would not have had any idea of how the story was going to turn out.

As you stand by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus comes up to you and says, “Who do you say that I am?” How would you answer? What was it that causes these folks to find him trustworthy and were willing to become a disciple?

Rodney Stark, a sociologist at Washington University, in his book, *The Rise of Christianity*, plots the curve for the Christian growth rate of 6.9% yearly from the year 40 to 300. He says that they have found physical evidence that the Christian population was at 300,000 by 300. The Nicene Creed was issued in 325 by the Council of Nicaea.

Looking back to the time of Jesus, “What caused them to say, “Yes,” to Jesus?”



**The Wisdom Jesus**  
Beginning in September: Two Identical Classes  
First and third Wednesdays of each month  
1:30–3:00 p.m., and 7:15–8:30 p.m.

A hand out can be found on the Bulletin Board in the main entrance to the Cathedral.

To enroll or have your questions answered, contact Jerry Grabher, [jgrabher@kccathedral.org](mailto:jgrabher@kccathedral.org) or 816-590-6205.



**Sunday, September 20**

Choral Evensong  
5:00 p.m. • Nave

**Sunday, October 4**

Choral Evensong for the Feast Day of St. Francis  
Schola Cantorum of William Jewell College  
5:00 p.m. • Nave

**Sunday, October 18**

Choral Evensong  
5:00 p.m. • Nave

**Sunday, November 1**

The William Baker Festival Singers Concert  
2:00 p.m. • Nave

**Sunday, November 14**

The St. Louis Chamber Chorus Concert  
5:00 p.m. • Nave

**Sunday, November 15**

Kirkin' o' the Tartans  
10:15 a.m. • Nave

**Choral Evensong**

5:00 p.m. • Nave

## Monthly Men's Lunch Bunch

Men of the Cathedral, join us for a monthly lunch get together. The first date is Wednesday, September 9, at Jack Stack Barbecue at the Freight House, 11:30 a.m.

Our agenda is fun, food, fellowship. All are welcome. RSVP to Jim Robertson, [jasbrob@aol.com](mailto:jasbrob@aol.com), as soon as possible, as we are limited to 25 diners.



# Family and Children's Ministry News



## Children's Formation Open House

September 13 • 11:45 a.m. • Haden Hall

All are invited to visit the Godly Play room and Children's Chapels while enjoying coffee hour refreshments. We will bless the spaces where our children worship and a Godly Play story will be told.

## New Children's Formation Programs for Fourth- and Fifth Graders

1st & 3rd Sunday Chapel during the 10:15 a.m. service

Starting on September 20 and meeting on the first and third Sundays of the month. Chapel leaders: Brenda Colburn and Yvonne Telep; Christine Morrison and Christina Kouzmanoff.

## Wednesday Night Fun! (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Starting on **September 30**, join in on service projects and fellowship with other fourth- and fifth- graders. Led by Christine Morrison and Brenda Colburn.

## Family Ministry Lunch

October 11 • 11:45 a.m. • Haden Hall

Families are invited to come together for a time of food and fellowship.

Questions about these events? Please contact Julie Brogno at [childrensformation@kccathedral.org](mailto:childrensformation@kccathedral.org) or 816-474-8260.

## Fall Fence Fest

You may have noticed the large beige tents dotting the perimeter of the Cathedral's campus. Don't worry, you haven't missed a party. The tents are for protection while all of the Cathedral's exterior

fencing is sandblasted and repainted. Work will continue through mid-fall.



# Medicare Questions?



Sunday • September 13 • 11:30 a.m.  
Founders' Hall Breakout Room  
Don Chase is available to offer counsel to anyone in the congregation looking to make Medicare-related decisions for themselves, parents, or relatives. Don is a certified by the CLAIM program to help people understand their Medicare options; in Missouri this is known as the State Insurance Assistance program. FYI: October 15–December 7 is open enrollment when Medicare recipients can change their drug program or Advantage plans (HMO-PPO). He offers this service as a volunteer and strictly in an advisory capacity. *Please call the Cathedral Office, 816-474-8260, to reserve a 30-minute timeslot.*

Don and his wife Betsy have recently relocated to Kansas City from Omaha where they were active at St. Augustine Episcopal Church.



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## Weekly Activities

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:15 a.m. Youth Formation  
9:15 a.m. Adult Formation  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
& Children's Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
7:15 p.m. Centering Prayer

### Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
2:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
5:30 p.m. The Tallis Singers  
6:00 p.m. The Way (begins Sept. 30)  
7:00 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group

### Thursday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
1:30 p.m. Centering Prayer  
6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers  
7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

### Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## Highlights for September

7 • MONDAY — LABOR DAY  
Cathedral Offices/Buildings Closed

9 • WEDNESDAY  
Men's Monthly Lunch Bunch

11-12 • FRIDAY, SATURDAY  
Stephen Ministry Retreat

13 • SUNDAY  
Children's Formation Open House  
(11:45 a.m.)

16 • WEDNESDAY  
St. Mark's Deanery (7 p.m.)

20 • SUNDAY  
Evensong (5 p.m.)

24 • THURSDAY  
Vestry (5:30 p.m.)

27 • SUNDAY  
Holy Eucharist: Episcopal Community  
Services Installation of New Director &  
Reception (5 p.m.)

## Coming Next Month

October 4 —  
Community Blessing of the Animals (4 p.m.)  
Choral Evensong (Schola Cantorum from  
William Jewell College) (5 p.m.)

October 18 —  
Evensong (5 p.m.)

October 25 —  
Fall Saints' Festival  
(11:45 a.m.)

