



# The Angelus

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## FROM THE DEAN

Early on the morning of Sunday, August 26, Eliseo Mederos died on the grounds of the Cathedral. Exact details will never be known, but he died after being stabbed. Eliseo may have started a fight; he may have been an innocent victim. The police investigation wrapped up shortly after 7:30 a.m., so only a few people arriving for the 8 a.m. Eucharist saw the distinctive yellow police tape.

At all three services, it was announced that police were investigating a death that occurred on Cathedral grounds and were treating the death as a homicide. We did not know the victim's name at that point, so we prayed for John Doe and the person or persons responsible.

For several days the police asked for the community's help in locating anyone related to Eliseo who could claim his body. It appears no one did. On Friday afternoon, August 31, Mother Carol Sanford and Deacon Allen Ohlstein prayed at the spot where Eliseo was murdered. His soul was commended to God, and the waters of Baptism were used to transform the place of deadly violence and reclaim it as holy ground.

Several members of the Cathedral congregation and staff, along with Bishop Howe joined in the prayers. And several regular guests and the staff from the Kansas City Community Kitchen who knew Eliseo by his nickname "Papa" rounded out the assembly. One Cathedral member told the Bishop that when he heard about this service, he just had to come and pray.

A saying attributed to Celtic spirituality says that there are certain holy places and certain holy times that create a "thin place" where the veil between those who live on earth and those who live in heaven is virtually non-existent. The celebrations of All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, and the Sunday after All Saints' Day create such thin places.

Indeed, at every celebration of the Eucharist, when we join our voices with angels and archangels and the all the company of heaven, the Holy Table becomes a sacred thin place. And this year, on November 6 and 8, we will join with our sisters and brothers from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for Requiem and Remembrance as the combined choirs sing Fauré's *Requiem* accompanied by orchestra and prayers. (See page 9 for more information.)

In these thin places and during these thin times, we naturally pray for those we love but see no longer. We trust in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection, that those we love now live with God, and one day, we, too will join

them. But let us not forget that there are others to pray for, lives which touched ours very briefly and anonymously, even souls we never met. Like Eliseo.

The author of Ecclesiasticus encourages us to sing the praise of our famous ancestors. Those who ruled kingdoms and made a name for themselves by their valor, wise counselors and composers of musical tunes and verses. Still others were rich, endowed with resources, honored in their generations and the pride of their times. But, the writer continues, there are others who have no such legacy, completely unknown to us. But these too were godly people, they performed righteous deeds, and though they are unknown to us, by the mercy of God, their glory, too, will never be blotted.

All souls, all God's children, deserve to be remembered in the Church's prayers, perhaps especially those who have no one to pray for them. As we offer such prayers, the veil between heaven and earth truly disappears.

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### Cycle of gratitude

Throughout the stewardship campaign this autumn, we've been hearing the phrase, "We Can and We Will." There is much to reflect on in those five small words! For example, we *can* do the work of ministry at the Cathedral because God has graced us with all the gifts we need. As stewards of God's blessing, we *will*, with God's help, engage our baptismal ministry. In a spirit of thanksgiving for those gifts, we respond in gratitude. The resources we need to do the work of ministry *can* and *will* happen when we each choose to pledge a portion of our financial resources. Through that generous response, the vital work we do in Kansas City, in the diocese and in the wider church *can* and *will* happen.

And the cycle of gratitude continues. It's a beautiful thing. In that spirit, allow me to express gratitude for some other works of stewardship that happen at the Cathedral, reflective of parishioners' particular interests and gifts.

**Please note that this litany is by no means exhaustive!**

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# Nominations for the Vestry

At the January 28, 2008, Annual Meeting, new members of the Vestry will be elected. Nominations are now being received through November 26. Please have the permission of the person you are nominating, or nominate yourself by contacting the Nominating Committee (not the Dean!) either by a letter sent to the Cathedral office addressed "Vestry Nomination" or via email to [vestry@ghtc-kc.org](mailto:vestry@ghtc-kc.org).

The following should be taken into account before placing a name in nomination:

## A qualified candidate for the vestry is:

- Keenly interested in the well-being of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral:
  - the congregation
  - the clergy and staff
  - the buildings and grounds
  - the greater church
  - the community.
- Regularly attends services and various events.
- Spiritually attuned.
- One who has demonstrated commitment to the work of the Cathedral by giving substantially of their time and money

## A person serving on our Vestry

- Has at least a basic set of business skills.
- Has a sense of humor.
- Has the ability to distinguish between *being* a Vestry member and *serving* on the Vestry; willing to serve on at least one parish committee.
- Should have sufficient time to dedicate to

the work of the Vestry.

- Should be of a positive nature but understand that the Vestry's work can be difficult.
- Must have the courage to speak his/her mind even when his/her positions are in the minority.
- Must listen to opposing opinions, be open to change and accept the greater will, communicating a vestry decision one did not initially support with grace and integrity.

A good Vestry member is able and willing:

- To leave behind "constituencies" and personal agendas, in favor of doing what is best for our parish.
- To share one's talents and abilities and one's honest opinions. And then, listen to others' opinions with an open heart and mind.
- To be a good steward of the Cathedral's resources, both human and financial.
- To know enough of the Cathedral's history

to be buoyed by a strong sense of accomplishment and community, yet not enough to be unwilling to change.

- To understand and be faithful to the concept of confidentiality.

## A member of the Cathedral Vestry

- is positive and enthusiastic about God's ministry in Kansas City and the surrounding communities.
- is supportive of and trusts the clergy and staff of the Cathedral to do their work and to

serve the best interests of the parish, diocese and national Episcopal community.

- is aware that whenever two or more are gathered in Jesus' name, Christ is there also.

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## from the dean

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For Eliseo, we have become the ones who carry forth his memory by our prayers. And it is a privilege to do so.

In Word and Sacrament, and through generous acts of service, the Risen Christ becomes truly present. By virtue of our Baptism, we are called to seek and serve Christ in all people and places. Eliseo's death has touched us and taught us about our responsibilities as God's people. May we pray and work more fervently for an end to violence and homelessness. May we never take granted the thin place we call Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. And may Eliseo and all the departed through the mercy of God rest in peace and rise in glory.

*With my love in Christ,  
Terry+*

## Thanksgiving Day Sung Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day is a major holy day in the Episcopal Church.

A sung celebration of the Holy Eucharist will begin at 10:15 a.m.

We gather at the Lord's Table to give thanks for the fruits of the earth, and ask God to make us faithful stewards of God's bounty for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of God's Name. The liturgy will include hymns, a homily and a Litany of Thanksgiving.

*Come ye Thankful People,  
Come Raise the Song of Harvest*

(The Cathedral offices and buildings will be closed on Friday, November 23.)

## Staff trained

The Cathedral staff attended a CPR/AED training presented by St. Luke's Heart Safe Community partnership. The training included CPR, instruction on use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and general information about handling emergencies.

## The Angelus

*A laypersons' newspaper published in the interest of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.*

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*The Angelus Small Group* meets the first Tuesday of each month and is open to anyone interested in contributing (writing stories, taking photographs) regularly to *The Angelus*. No experience necessary.

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: [communications@ghtc-kc.org](mailto:communications@ghtc-kc.org) or fax: 816.474.5856.

## Adult Formation

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Founders' Hall

### Conversation with the Dean November 4

Hear about the just completed Diocesan Convention and recent developments in the life of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

*There will be no class November 11.*

### Connecting Worship and Daily Life • November 18 and 25

*led by John and Lucy Richards*

Based upon the ministry book, *Liturgy on the Go*, these sessions will examine how liturgical worship and daily life are interwoven together. Each informs and shapes the other as our daily activities are connected to our worship of God.

How has your previous week influenced your Sunday worship and how will it relate to your week ahead? How do we act and feel like Christians all seven days of the week? Copies of these books were distributed during the September series of "Ministry in Daily Life." Additional copies will be available for this series, also.

## Children love to move

Children's Formation is delighted to welcome parishioner Andrea Skowronek November 18 for a morning of liturgically inspired creative movement for children! Our children will see and learn how to use the body as an expression of joy and prayer through dance.

Andrea is an Artistic Co-Director of City in Motion Dance Theater. City in Motion is a producer of dance, a school of dance and a professional dance company. Skowronek is on the faculty of the City in Motion School of Dance and has taught at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory and Saint Mary College in Leavenworth, Kan.

Andrea has choreographed many pieces for City in Motion including "Syrinx" dedicated to her late father, Felix

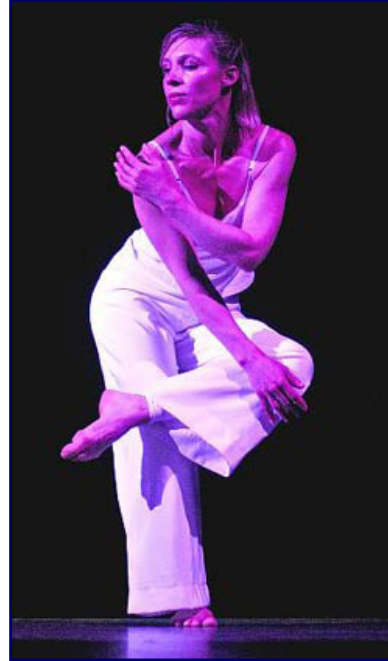
Skowronek, who was a flute professor at the University of Washington, a founding member of the Soni Ventorum Wind Quintet and a leading force in the revival of the

wooden Boehm-system flute in the United States. Andrea has also choreographed pieces for City in Motion Children's Dance Theater.

Andrea danced as a part of the liturgy at the Cathedral in 2006. She is married with two children, Gabriel and Marina, who will be assisting Mom with her presentation. Daughter Marina is a member of the Grace Choraliers and recently sang the challenging descant in "Blessed Are They."

Join us November 18 as we use our movements to express our joy in the Lord. Formation begins promptly at 9:15 a.m. Your children won't want to miss this unique opportunity to work with a professional dancer and discover one more way to pray!

*—by DeAnn McTavish*



*photo by Mike Strong - www.kcdance.com*

## Supporting MN for healthy moms and babies in Haiti

Maison de Naissance, a facility and program in Haiti, began as a local project in the Kansas City Episcopal community and St. Luke's Hospital to provide local and sustainable solutions to poor maternal health, infant mortality and impact poor water sources and health in southwestern Haiti.

Our Cathedral support of Maison de Naissance enables the birthing center in Haiti to provide training for midwives from the community, safe prenatal and birthing care and follow up with the families to provide ongoing health support.

In addition to the safe and supportive birthing center, MN is working on malaria education due to its impact on birth weight, pre-maturity and birth complications. Malaria nets distribution, vitamin and de-worming of the children and digging of safe wells are part of other missions which MN supports Haiti, which has the worst poverty and infant mortality area of the Western Hemisphere.

MN provided 4,785 patient visits this year due to continued support of friends in the United States.

The support of the MN also supports the Millennium goals which include: reduce infant mortality; improve maternal health; combat HIV/Aids, Malaria and other diseases; create a global partnership for development.

Due to the extreme need of the poor women and children in Haiti, and the increase of expenses from energy and continued expansion of the client base and services, continued support of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral members is needed.



*photo donated by the Friends of MN at GHTC*

*Healthy Mothers-Healthy Babies Foundation, the organization that founded MN, hosted a dinner at Aixois Restaurant last month. Several Cathedral members, including Marian Philip and Rosemary Durkin pictured here, attended the fund-raising dinner.*

Contributions can be mailed to: Healthy Mother-Healthy Babies Foundation, 6401 Wornall Ter, Kansas City, MO 64113. For more information: 816.812.7100 or [www.maisondenaissance.org](http://www.maisondenaissance.org).

*—by Rosemary Durkin*



# Bringing them in: shepherds help welcome new members

The Journey of Faith class (our catechumenate) is in full swing for this fall! We are blessed to have a wonderfully diverse group of individuals who bring so many gifts to share. Those who have joined together for this process have experienced traditions from A to Z—that is: BAptist to NaZarene! Each person brings a unique perspective of what it means to be a child of God. Each has a desire to be a part of this faithful community we all share.

Being a part of a community is more than just attending classes and pronouncing this new intention. It is also about sharing this experience along the way and a future together at Grace and Holy Trinity. This year, as we strive to make the path easier to walk, a shepherd program has been formed to help this new flock and as a way to bring our Journey of Faith goers into the fold.

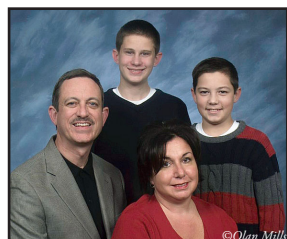
A handful of shepherds has graciously accepted the invitation to tend to this ministry. These shepherds have attended the Sunday morning

classes alongside the group and have been communicating with them at times other than Sundays. Likewise, they will continue diligently and purposefully to introduce them to others at GHTC throughout the year. This fall's shepherds are Leigh Blackman, Jim and Pattie Phillips and August Sprung. *A special thank you to you all!*

Through our various forms of communication, we will continue to hear more about this process throughout the year and we will be asked to support these efforts in several ways—through prayer, hospitality and encouragement to shepherds and our catechumens. Please offer your support to this ministry program by seeking out our shepherds at gatherings and assisting with introductions so all may be greeted in a most gracious, hospitable, and timely (GHTC!) fashion. Let us not wait until Easter to look for our newest family members. They are here with us now—all 22 of them!

We are ALL journey-goers; it is exciting to be around those who are discovering this new path in their faith journey and to serve these new brothers and sisters. The commitment of our shepherds and the entire Cathedral family to this process tells each new person: “We value you. We want you to be a part of us. Your energy brings vitality to our community. You are a clear sign of God in our midst.”

—by Valerie Johnson



Shepherds Jim and Pattie Phillips with their sons Zachary and Joshua



Shepherd August Sprung with his wife Melisa Burns and sons Erik and Sean



Shepherd Leigh Blackman with her husband Bryan



## MUSIC NOTES

from Canon Musician John Schaefer

### Hymns and service music

The Music Committee has engaged in lively discussions about hymns and service music. Our Cathedral family is so very diverse that there are those who “know” certain hymns and those who delight in others “less familiar.” What sparked the discussion was whether we, the people of God, should be singing The Lord’s Prayer. There are many in the congregation who would be glad to do so, especially the Tallis Singers. There are others for whom the experience might be less than a spiritual one.

We think that there should be an “Episcopal compromise.” That is, we think it good to sing the Prayer on Festival Occasions and perhaps during certain seasons. There are other pieces of service music and hymns with which I hope we shall become familiar; living with those and the sung Lord’s Prayer for an extended period of time is surely one of the most effective ways to become familiar with new (to us) music.

### Liquid Velvet Woodwind Quintet

The Liquid Velvet Woodwind Quintet, five extraordinarily talented musicians from the University of Nebraska, will be in concert Saturday, November 17 in Founders’ Hall, beginning at 3 p.m., the Quintet will present music by Rameau, Taffanel, Barthe and Nielsen.

Through a generous



grant from the Louis and Frances Swinken Foundation, the concert will be presented without admission charge. The audience will be invited to make donations to benefit the Kansas City Community Kitchen. The Cathedral family and friends are invited to welcome warmly the youthful artists with their attendance at the concert.

### An Afternoon of Lieder

At 3 p.m. Sunday November 11 in Founders’ Hall, Douglas McConnell, Kimberly Jones and Lamar Sims will present *An Afternoon of Lieder*. Madame Thilde Beuing has been coaching the musicians on the music to be presented; you can be sure that the performances will be sensitive and beautiful. The concert is free admission; donations for expenses will be welcomed.

### The Nativity: Paul Mesner Puppets

Paul Mesner Puppets return November 30 to present *The Nativity*, a delightful event for families small and large. Narration and music tell the story of the events leading up to the birth of Christ; few shows have talking chickens, cows and the like!

Performances will be at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on November 30, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. December 1 and 3 p.m. December 2. Tickets can be purchased for \$7 for children and \$8.50 for adults. Group prices are available. See [www.paulmesnerpuppets.org](http://www.paulmesnerpuppets.org) for complete details.



# Welcome New Members

*This series appears in The Angelus each month. Please continue to welcome our new members as they become involved in Cathedral life.*

## Bob and Linda Carlson

Bob and Linda began visiting GHTC last year and Bob was confirmed this Easter. They joined the Cathedral because of the outstanding clergy and the warm, friendly congregation. They are pleased with the great diversity of the members and the great music. Bob is a health professional and Linda works in special education.

## Milt and Ann Tootle

Milt and Ann find the Cathedral congregation very friendly and enjoy Dean White and the other clergy. They are impressed with the diverse outreach by the congregation around Kansas City. Milt is a private bank official and Ann is registrar and office manager at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum in St. Joseph.

— by Tom Atkin

## Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests Saturday, December 1 • 10:30 a.m.

*Join us in celebrating Joe Behen's ordination to the priesthood.*

For the reception following the ordination service, please bring finger foods (plated to serve) for the reception. You can leave the goodies in the Founders' Hall kitchen before the service.

# A jazzy welcome, artfully done

September 28 was the first of a series of newcomer events for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. This Fourth Friday social event was sponsored by the Newcomers' Committee, but it was much more than a party.

The event included an exhibition of some of the visual artists of the Cathedral, and the level of talent was amazing. Works by Dick Fanolio, Emanuel Cooper, Jayson Vucovich, Matt Walsh and Annette and Andie Schooling took up most of the carpeted area of Founders' Hall. A wide variety of media included drawings, photography, three dimensional art, paintings and graphic arts.

On display was an equally wide range of subjects from landscapes to figures and faces. Plus, as you might expect from this group of artists, some works that covered topics ranging from religious faith to social justice. A background of melodious jazz classics provided by Havilah Bruders added to the event — and a few of the guests actually tested out the floor of Founders' Hall as a dance floor. (It works quite well.)

Most of all, however, this was an

opportunity for members of the Cathedral to meet and greet relative newcomers.

"The goal of our event was to reach out to new or potential new members and provide a relaxing environment for them to meet existing members of the Cathedral and answer any questions they might have," said Kristy Moore, co-chair of the Newcomers' Committee. "We were very pleased with the numbers of parishioners who came to support our event."

Plans are in place to have additional events like this in 2008. The committee hopes to tie into some of the Crossroads First Friday events.

Members of the Cathedral Newcomers' Committee include Joe and Jackye Finnie, Gary Hicks, Kristin and Andrew Johnson, Jeffery and Holly Johnson, Valerie Johnson, Sally Livengood, Ron and Carolyn McLeroy and Kristy Moore. Please feel free to contact any of these individuals with information of possible newcomers or with suggestions about future events.

—by John Hornbeck

# Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Scottish Colors!  
Scottish Sounds!  
Scottish Edibles!

November 11

## Calling all bakers

Coffee hour after all services November 11 will feature an array of Scottish shortbread. We need lots of shortbread to serve the parish and our special guests this festive day. One recipe is listed to below but feel free to use your favorite.



### Cathedral Shortbread

5 cups of flour

1 cup of sugar

1 lb. of cold butter

This can be made in a food processor, in two batches. Process cold butter with sugar and add flour. Do not overprocess or it will get too hot. Pat it into an 11 x 17 ungreased jellyroll pan. You can use a smaller pan and it will just be thicker.

Prick all over with the tines of a fork. Sprinkle sugar on top and bake

on lower oven shelf for 40-45 minutes at 300 to 325 degrees.

As soon as it begins to brown, take it out because it will continue browning after it comes out of the oven.

Cut into whatever shapes you want while it is hot. You can leave it on the counter in the pan overnight and it pops right out in the morning.



# Cathedral members enjoy autumn hayride



Fifty-two Cathedral members and friends met at Shawnee Mission Park for a hayride and cookout. Around the campfire, children of all ages enjoyed toasting hot dogs and marshmallows (some of which were made into smores). A few children climbed nearby trees. This parish-wide event was sponsored by Children's Formation.





# Cathedral youth news

Tim White, Liberty High School junior, placed first place in champion Lincoln-Douglas debate at the Kickapoo Varsity Debate and Forensics Tournament, in Springfield, Mo., in mid-October. Tim also took second in Student Congress. In the Blue Springs South Varsity Tournament October 19-20, he placed first in Student Congress.

Graham McTavish of Park Hill High School, won first place for his humorous interpretation at the novice tournament at Blue Springs High School October 19-20. Graham will appear November 15-17 in *My Fair Lady* as a footman and member of the chorus (as horse race enthusiast and friend of Mr. Doolittle).

Erik Burns-Sprung is a member of the Park Hill South Marching Panthers who performed at the University of Central Missouri Homecoming Parade and area high school marching band competition in Warrensburg, where they placed first in the 5A category. They also participated in the pre-game show with more than 20 other high school marching bands. He will appear as Dan, Joseph's brother, in the Park Hill South High School drama department's November 8-10 production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Andie Schooling is part of the stage crew for the Park Hill South High School production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

## Children's Formation leaders sign covenant

Children's Formation is blessed with loving, dedicated volunteers. Godly Play teachers, chapel leaders, homily leaders, other Children's Formation volunteers and youth leaders were commissioned during the 10:15 service October 14.

The following covenant has been signed by Brenda Colburn, Mark Colburn, Jackye Finnie, Debbie Marrs, DeAnn McTavish, Christine Morrison, Cathy Walsh, Deb Wattenberg, Linda Sue White, Kristy Moore, Angela Michka, Peg Brown, Nancy Cavanaugh, Phineas Gitta, Gary Hicks, Dianne Logan, Joyce Morrow, Greg Morgan, Barbara Reynaud, Lucy Richards, Grady Sanford, Canon Schaefer, Malinda McCasland, Candy McDowell and Marnell Sparks.

### Children's Formation Covenant

We, as teachers, homily leaders, chapel leaders and devoted volunteers, commit to serving the children of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, during the 2007-2008 Formation year.

We will do our best to nurture faith and support the spiritual growth of the children in our care through our prayers, words and actions.

We love, respect and welcome all children. We will never use words or actions to harm them. We will help and guide them in their quest to experience and understand Christian love.

## cycle of gratitude

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There are tons of things done daily at the Cathedral for which thanks are due. My hope is that this will simply spark your imagination, so that your own daily prayers of thanksgiving can include the ministries that most touch your hearts.

In no particular order:

I am thankful for the Cathedral Caregivers who offer prayers, support and notes of encouragement to parishioners. I am thankful for Clint

Haberland who carefully and faithfully prepares the birthday cards each week, and for all who assist her in sending out cards to those who are sick or bereaved.

I am thankful for the beautifully renovated sacristies, for the skill of Mid-America Contractors who got the job done ahead of time and on budget; who worked carefully, respectfully and with great good humor; who sought advice when needed; and who rendered beautifully appointed space for my clergy colleagues and the hardworking Altar Guild. I am thankful for Junior Warden Bud McDowell who brought this project to the attention of the Vestry, got the bids, approved the subcontractors and daily visited the worksite. I am thankful for those whose financial contributions to the project made it possible.

I am thankful for Betty Phillips, for the years that she has served as Altar Guild directress and for her patience in waiting for this long-promised (since 1987 at least!) project to happen. I am thankful for all Altar Guild directresses that have gone before. I am thankful for Candy McDowell's vision and organizational skills as the temporary sacristy was set up in Founders' Hall and the renovated working sacristy was restored to usage. I am thankful for the entire Altar Guild, who work behind the scenes, who prepare the sanctuary, polish the precious metals and labor over the linens that we clergy soil at every celebration of Holy Eucharist.

I am thankful for my colleague Joan Bock who faithfully prepares the chapel altar Monday through Friday for the 12:05 celebration of Holy Eucharist.

Moving outdoors, I am thankful for the work of the Garden Guild. This

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guild, under the auspices of Buildings and Grounds, began with Gerry Reynaud, Sharon Hudson and Libby Gordon. These folks worked extremely hard (in some very hot, humid weather)

to get the Cathedral gardens looking beautiful. Additional guild members signed up at the Ministry Fair, nearly tripling the size of the original guild.

I am thankful also for Kissinger and Associates Landscape Design, another Kansas

City area company with whom it has been a pleasure to work. Even a casual glance at the campus reveals careful attention to landscape, color, scale and texture. We eagerly await what spring will hold for the grounds, and continue to be thankful also for TIF neighborhood renewal monies which helped make possible Kissinger's work with us.

Moving over to Founders' Hall, I am thankful for the work of Holy Hands. They are the behind-the-scenes folks who come early and stay late on Sundays to provide the delicious goodies at coffee hour following the 10:15 service.

I am thankful for the Kansas City Community Kitchen, and for the important work they do daily in feeding hungry people. I am thankful for the vision at the Cathedral that built Founders' Hall in the first place, providing space not only for the Cathedral but also for the community to gather.

I am thankful for my colleagues, both lay and ordained. I am thankful for Dean White who invited me to come to this amazing Cathedral two years ago.

I am thankful for everyone who makes our formation and worship happen on Sunday mornings: the sextons, acolytes, choir members and musicians, ushers, greeters, lectors, chalice ministers, healing prayer teams, teachers, chapel leaders, Eucharistic visitors and the aforementioned altar guild and Holy Hands teams at coffee hour.

Whew. Well, that's a good start on thanksgivings, but there are plenty more. In this month that brings us the national holiday devoted to thanksgivings, what blessings do you find upmost in your heart?

*—by the Rev. Sue Sommer*



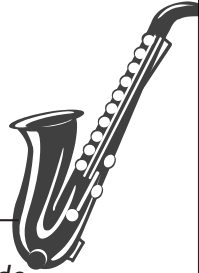
## Stewardship, and all that jazz!

Cathedral members met at the American Jazz Museum to celebrate the gifts that have been pledged and the tangible signs of the ministry we share. The evening included barbecue, music by Grand Marquis, dancing and a blessing of the 2008 pledges.

Thank you to everyone who has pledged. If you have not yet pledged, there is still time. Pledge cards and envelopes are available at the back of the church. Or you can go to the Cathedral website: [www.ghtc-kc.org](http://www.ghtc-kc.org) and make your 2008 pledge online.

# WE CAN. WE WILL!

Using the gifts God has given us  
to do the work God has called us to do



photos by Gary Hicks

## Sacristy remodel complete



The clergy sacristy was constructed to include a handicap accessible restroom and diaper changing station (left). The sacristy has more storage and will allow the clergy a better space to prepare for services.



The remodel of the Working Sacristy (right) gives the Altar Guild more storage space and more efficient work areas.

photos by Julie Toma

## Christmas pageant sign up and rehearsals



November 18

Sign up and parent/child meeting with Christine Morrison, pageant director. Meet in Haden Hall at 11:30 a.m.

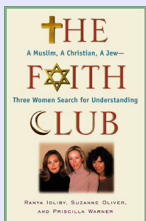
December 9, 16, 23

Pageant rehearsal. Meet in Haden Hall at 11:30 a.m.



## Mom's Book Club

The book for our November 7 meeting is *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew — Three Women Search for Understanding* by Ranya Idilby, Suzanna Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room on the lower level of Founders' Hall; childcare is provided. The group is open to all mothers, godmothers, grandmothers and mothers at heart.



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

*With Sympathy*

Teddy Adams (*Chuck Gordon's sister*)  
Evelyn Griffith (*Paula Connor's aunt*)  
Werner Detterer (*Al Schneider's stepfather*)  
Michael Duffy (*Dorothy and Sam Gershman's friend*)  
Marsh Douthat III

## Service of Requiem and Remembrance

November 6 • 7 p.m. • Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
November 8 • 7 p.m. • Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* will be offered by the combined choirs directed by Dr. Mario Pearson; with orchestra.

## Make a difference: be a tutor

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in a child's life? Have you ever considered how you could make the Kansas City School District better? Do you have an hour a week you could commit to an enormously rewarding experience?

The Cathedral has a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our surrounding community. We are partnering with Primitivo Garcia Elementary School on the West Side to provide

one-on-one tutoring in reading to students Kindergarten through the fifth grade. They will provide orientation and training on their educational software.

*GHTC is partnering with Primitivo Garcia Elementary School to provide tutors. Contact John Fowler to volunteer.*

Tutors will work at the school with individual students in 15-20 minute intervals. The only requirement is that you be able to read English reasonably proficiently. Spanish language skills are not necessary.

Almost any scheduling limitations can be accommodated as the school can use tutors anytime from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information or to volunteer please contact John Fowler at 816.435.4200 during the day or 816.453.2895 evenings and weekends.

## Advent Workshop: December 2

Advent Workshop 2007 is Sunday, December 2! Gather in Founders' Hall, following the 10:15 service, to share lunch and prepare our hearts for Christmas with crafts and games for all ages.

Vestry member Kathy Jennings, has assembled a team of couples offering craft projects for children. Ornament and decoupage crafts for adults and older children will be provided by Children's Formation.

Our Jesse Tree activities recall the generations that anticipated the coming of Jesus and our inter-generational workshop helps us get ready for the celebration of His birth.

Save the date, December 2, to get ready for the glorious days ahead.



## The House that Abraham Built



photo by Grady Sanford

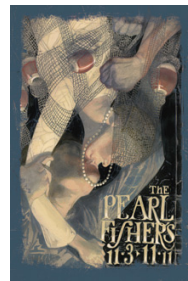
The Habitat for Humanity house has been completed and dedicated. Watch future publications for information on how you can be involved with future houses.

## Join the Cathedral opera ushers

On Sunday, November 11, members of the Cathedral Social Action Committee and friends will serve as volunteer ushers for the Lyric Opera's matinee performance of *The Pearl Fishers* by Georges Bizet.

It's a true win-win-win-event: we help out a great cause, we raise money for the Cathedral's social ministries, and we get to watch and hear a great opera by a wonderful company. Ushering is fun and easy. No experience is necessary; we'll teach you what to do.

The Cathedral provides volunteer ushers for the Lyric's four Sunday matinee performances each year.



Support the Cathedral's outreach ministries by ushering at the opera November 11.

After the *Pearl Fishers*, our next ushering opportunities will be Mozart's *Magic Flute* on March 16 and Kirke Mechem's *John Brown* on May 11. Put those dates on your calendar now and plan to join us and usher for fun and profit.

To sign up for *The Pearl Fishers* or for more information about the Cathedral Opera Ushers, contact Gary Hicks at 816.699.2224 or [gary@garyhicks.net](mailto:gary@garyhicks.net). For more information about the Lyric Opera, go to [www.kcopera.org](http://www.kcopera.org).



# Having fun helping others: Croquet Gender Challenge



photos by David Pierson

And the women won! The third annual Croquet Gender Challenge, held in late September, raised more than \$2000 for the Cathedral's social outreach ministries. Thank you for your support, in a very direct way, one or more of the social outreach programs for the Cathedral. A list of ministries the GHTC Social Action Committee supports is listed to the right. Congratulations to the tournament winners: the Amorous Altos, pictured above (Nan Schooling, Lenette Johnson and June McDonald).

## Outreach ministries needing support

The Social Action Committee for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral supports a number of social outreach ministries. And support for these ministries continues to grow. This is just a sampling of where our support has been going this year:

- The ECS Anti-Hunger Network, including the Kansas City Community Kitchen and a revitalized Culinary Cornerstones program.
- The RAMP program, assisting the "working poor" with payments for rent and mortgage.
- The Foster Child Project, including a new relationship that has been established with The Crittendon Center.
- The well-baby initiative for Haiti, including the Friends of MN at the Cathedral and the Maison de Naissance birthing center.
- Necessary Dreams, assisting Dream Works in meeting the needs of case management clients.

As might be expected, the need does not disappear. "The poor will always be with you" means that the work must continue – not that we should stop trying. So please continue your support for these important programs.





## November church calendar

As usual, a short line or two does not do justice to these important figures in church history. For more information, see the entries at <http://satucket.com/lectionary/Calendar.htm>.

- 1 - All Saints - The day, along with November 2, when we specifically pray for the departed
- 2 - Commemoration of All Faithful Departed
- 3 - Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600 - At or near the top of the list of English theologians; wrote extensively and was particularly critical that the Roman church did not believe in justification by faith
- 6 - William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944 - 98th ABoFC who was known for his diplomacy skills, he had a special knack for boiling down complex issues to make them easily understood
- 7 - Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739 - One of twelve sent by Anglo-Saxon Christians to preach in present-day Holland and Denmark
- 10 - Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461 - Early pope who shaped the form of church government; vocal proponent of the then-debated idea of Christ being both God and man
- 11 - Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397 - French (technically, Gaul) bishop who opposed the Arian view that Christ was not fully divine; tried unsuccessfully to keep a group of heretics from being executed for their ecclesial crimes
- 12 - Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836 - Educator who believed in the transformational power of the Eucharist; influenced many students to pursue missionary work overseas
- 14 - Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784 - consecrated by Scottish bishops because English bishops were forbidden to; in return applied many Scottish Anglican practices in America
- 16 - Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093 - Encouraged the development of schools, hospitals and orphanages in Scotland and promoted receiving Holy Communion frequently
- 17 - Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200 - Defender of the poor who had no use for royal snobbery, despite being an associate of several kings of England
- 18 - Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680 - Founder of several monasteries; successfully mediated between discordant Roman and Celtic Christian practices
- 19 - Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231 - Sacrificed her considerable personal wealth and devoted considerable time and energy for the well-being of the poor
- 20 - Edmund, King of East Anglia, 870 - Refused a demand from invading Danes that Christian practice be banned in the kingdom, was captured and killed for refusing
- 22 - C. S. Lewis, Apologist and spiritual Writer, 1963 - Better known as "Jack"; writer of, among many other books, works that explained and defended Christian faith while deliberately avoiding areas of belief that are not shared across denominations
- 23 - Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100 - Third bishop of Rome (after the apostles) who is known for a letter he wrote to the church at Corinth during a time of internal tension
- 25 - James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935 - Boston native who worked with the poor in New York and became active in the labor union movement
- 28 - Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864, 1885 - Christian rulers who feared growing American influence; the Queen was especially influential in founding several hospitals
- 30 - Saint Andrew the Apostle - The first of the Apostles, Andrew's feast marks the beginning of the church year; he is portrayed in the Gospel of John as being the one to bring individuals to meet Christ; the Fellowship of Saint Andrew is devoted to bringing oneself to a deeper knowledge of Christ

— compiled by Chris Morrison

## Flower gifts for October

### October 7

- In thanksgiving for the birthday of Bryant Johnson — Valerie and Jeff and Eliza Johnson

### October 14

- in memory of Fritz Sommer — Rick and Sue Sommer
- in memory of the birthday of my mother, Barbara Forrester Rahme — Phyllis Hart
- in thanksgiving for Graham McTavish on the anniversary of baptism — DeAnn McTavish
- in thanksgiving for birthday of my wonderful husband, Bryan and our first wedding anniversary — Leigh Blackman

### October 21

- in honor of Daddy's birthday — Madison and Tyler Culp
- in memory of Katherine and Harold R. Hall — Bruce Hall
- in thanksgiving for the marriage of Kevin Thomas and Laura Stark



### October 28

- In honor of our wedding anniversary — Jodi and Robert Culp

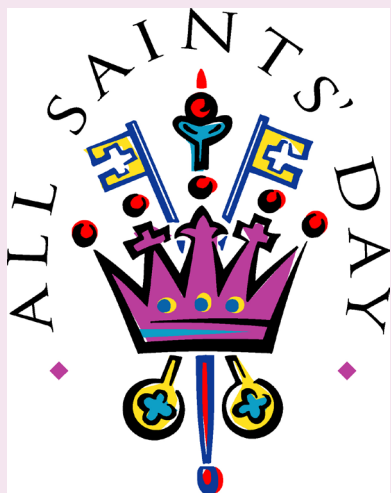
## Cathedral's financial status

SEPT MTD	BUDGETED MTD	ACTUAL MTD
INCOME	\$ 100,733	\$ 103,513
EXPENSES	\$ 135,845	\$ 133,981
<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ (35,112)</b>	<b>\$ (30,468)</b>

SEPT YTD	BUDGETED YTD	ACTUAL YTD
INCOME	\$ 1,336,274	\$ 1,344,413
EXPENSES	\$ 1,308,934	\$ 1,342,445
<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,340</b>	<b>\$ 1,968</b>

Financially September 2007 was a good month at the Cathedral. Income exceeded budget by \$2800 as both pledge and plate income were over budget. Year-to-date actual income exceeds budget by approximately \$8,000 and actual expenses exceed budget by \$33,500. There is a good chance the budget will be balanced at the end of the year.

— by Doyle White, treasurer



Thursday, November 1  
12:05 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Includes hymns for the holy day



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## 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. Order for Evening/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. Tuesday Afternoon 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

## Activities for the Month of November

### 1 • THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Cathedral R.A.M.P. Program

### 3 • SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Baptism Class

### 4 • SUNDAY

11:30 a.m. Environmental Guild  
11:45 a.m. Music Committee  
3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

### 6 • TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. The Angelus Small Group

### 7 • WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Moms' Book Club

### 8 • THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Requiem and Remembrance 2007  
11 • Sunday • Kirkin' o' the Tartan  
11:45 a.m. Social Action Committee  
2:00 p.m. An Afternoon of Lieder

### 12 • MONDAY

4:30 p.m. Buildings and Grounds Committee  
5:00 p.m. Social Action Committee  
6:00 p.m. Robbery Victims Support Group

### 13 • TUESDAY

6:15 p.m. Cancer Support Group

### 14 • WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee

### 15 • THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Cathedral R.A.M.P. Program

### 18 • SUNDAY

11:30 a.m. Women's Retreat Planning  
3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer Group  
5:00 p.m. Integrity

### 22 • THURSDAY

10:15 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service  
*Office and buildings closed*

### 23 • FRIDAY

*Office and buildings closed*

### 26 • MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Robbery Victims Support Group

### 29 • THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. Vestry



**Daylight-Saving  
Time Ends —  
November 4**

*Please verify times and dates of the events listed with the appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral Office.*