



# The Angelus

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## FROM THE DEAN

In November, the Vestry adopted a new Mission Statement for the Cathedral. A committee chaired by David Rice presented their work to the Vestry for adoption. (The complete statement is found on page 4.) The Mission Statement begins with this core statement:

*Our primary mission as the Episcopal Cathedral Church in the heart of the City is to be a servant church. We seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves and working for justice, peace and respect for every human being.*

By adopting this statement, the Vestry pledged to make this vision a point of reference for our common life. Decisions about strengthening a parish program, engaging in a new ministry, utilizing personnel effectively and committing money to our ministry and mission will be considered in light of this statement.

The Vestry also committed to creating a three year plan for the Cathedral. A committee consisting of members of the Mission Statement Committee, the Wardens and Treasurer and the Dean, are charged with putting flesh on the bones of the mission statement. This committee will report to the Vestry in May with proposals on how to live out the mission statement in specific ways over the next three years.

The committee will be seeking ideas from members of the parish on how we can more effectively live out our Baptismal Covenant as a parish, a diocesan cathedral and as a vital member of the city. Special attention will be paid to planning how to serve the emerging needs of a revitalized downtown and respond to growing needs among those who live in, work in and visit our neighborhood. Those ideas will be considered in light of the mission statement and our commitment to be a servant church.

This statement may well become more than a parish statement; it may become incorporated into the spiritual lives and ministries of all of us. Worshipping God, making a joyful noise, serving, learning, caring, feeding, practicing hospitality, honoring diversity and embracing all that God embraces, being a faithful steward — by virtue of our baptism we are all called to live lives which embody these priorities. And when we join together to live faithfully, the Cathedral's ministry becomes stronger.

The Mission Statement ends with this proclamation: *We*

*thank God for our gifts of time, talent and money and pledge these resources to this mission and God's greater glory!*

This conclusion is crucial. We state that we will be committed to being thankful by giving our time, energy and money to the work of our common life and God's greater glory. The ministry of the Cathedral grows when each of us grows in our understanding of God's unconditional love, how blessed we are and the call to serve. Our Lord Jesus came among us not to be served, but to serve. He told the disciples that the greatest among us is the one who serves. And our own life experiences testify to this same truth: the deepest joy is found by serving

The beginning of a new year is an excellent time to make new and lasting commitments, and for some it is a time to step out a bit more, accepting a measure of holy risk. The Lord needs bold and courageous servants. The Lord needs for this Cathedral to grow in our call to serve. Together, we can, and we will.

With my love in Christ,

Terry+

*The ministry of the Cathedral grows when each of us grows in our understanding of God's unconditional love, how blessed we are and the call to serve.*

### Middle-aged orphans

I've joined a new club: The Middle-aged Orphans. Some of you have joined this club ahead of me. And if membership in this club awaits you in the future, know that when that time comes there will be many of us to surround you with care and who will be able to say with knowledge born of experience, "I get it."

My parents died four years apart. The second death — my dad's in December — felt different in many ways from my mom's death. When Mom died, I felt as though I were under the full weight of my grief, Dad's grief, their house and all its memories AND all its stuff, the church I served where I had no ordained colleagues to step in while I was bereaved...

...AND by the sense that I was done being Dad's daughter in the way I had before. Without knowing the details of the path that would lie ahead for me, it was immediately clear that I would need to assume a much different role.

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# EVs play crucial role at the Cathedral

There are 13 Lay Eucharist Visitors that faithfully visit our homebound parishioners each week and all bring special gifts of compassion to this vital ministry. This ministry augments clergy visits and further demonstrates our continued connection to these members in our shared faith.

One of the newest Lay Eucharist Visitors is Matthew Walsh. His special gift to this essential ministry is that of artist. You may already have seen his work at our September Fourth Friday gathering.

In December, Matthew visited Bebo Sloan and presented her with this lovely icon he wrote for her. By happy coincidence, it had been her birthday only the day before.

The icon, blessed by Dean White, is now another visible sign of honoring our absent members and a reminder that we are all integral parts of the Body of Christ.

Matthew chose to do the Virgin of the Sign "simply because I liked the balance and symmetry of the icon and the color I was able to bring to it." He also liked "the link between the advent of Christ (the icon shows Christ Immanuel) and the death of Christ, the cross being reflected in Mary's pose."

When we next repeat "We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup," we remember that these ministers of Christ's love play a crucial role in our Cathedral life, and offer comfort to those of us who are ill.

If you would like to learn more about the Lay Eucharist Visitor program, please contact the Rev. Bryan England, [bengland@ghc-kc.org](mailto:bengland@ghc-kc.org).

—by Jan Frizzle



artwork by Matthew Walsh

## About the Virgin of the Sign

The title comes from Isaiah 7:14. "A woman standing with arms raised and the palms of her hands turned heavenward was the simplest means by which early Christian art represented the soul of the deceased (often a martyr) awaiting eternal life in Christ. In the fourth or fifth centuries, this typology was transformed into the image of the Virgin Mary Orans or Orant (from orare, to pray). In this pose, which also recalls Christ on the Cross, she sends her prayer heavenward. Over her heart appears an image of Christ Emmanuel, just as the empress and dignitaries of the Byzantine court wore medallions with an image of the emperor."



January 23 • 6:30 p.m.

Reel People is a movie discussion group that meets once a month. Our movie this month is *Junebug*.

A supper of pizza and salad is served while watching the movie, and a discussion is held after the film. (Cost to the members is \$5 for the meal, if possible.)

Everyone is invited and guests are especially encouraged to come. Please RSVP to Annie Heck or Gary Hicks if you plan to attend.

## Adult Formation

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Founders' Hall

### Clergy Forum

January 6

This forum will provide a time for dialogue about happenings within the Church, GHTC or other timely topics.

### Religion and Violence

January 13, 20 & 27

Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, James Carroll, James Cone, Susanah Heschel and Tariq Ramadan.

This month, GHTC will host the Trinity Institute's regional conference (see article on page 3).

Meet some of the keynote speakers via brief, recorded pre-conference interviews as they explore the deep roots of religious conflict and illuminate each faith's vocation as a force for peace.

These voices of prominent Christian, Jewish and Muslim theologians will help us examine our own faith and the faith of others. How do we 'untangle the roots of conflict' all around us? How do we peacefully live together without losing our unique identities?

Themes to be discussed in our forum will include peace, forgiveness and nonviolence.

## 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@ghc-kc.org](mailto:communications@ghc-kc.org) or fax: 816.474.5856.



To all who have offered prayers, hugs and cards of condolences at the news of the death of my father, I give my heartfelt thanks. Rick, Cady and I have felt powerfully upheld by your care and concern. Thank you and God bless you all. Sue Sommer+

# Religion and violence: Untangling the roots of conflict

An Interfaith Dialogue with James Carroll, James H. Cone, Susannah Heschel and Tariq Ramadan

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral will serve as regional host to Trinity Institute's 38th National Theological Conference, *Religion and Violence: Untangling the Roots of Conflict*, January 22-23, via live webcast. A panel of prominent Christian, Jewish and Muslim theologians will explore the deeply rooted, seemingly inexorable union of religion and violence, illuminating the resources within each tradition for living together in peace, without losing the unique identities of each faith.

Keynote speakers will include: James Carroll, James H. Cone, Susannah Heschel and Tariq Ramadan. Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, will preach the opening Evensong Monday, January 21, and can be viewed from any computer via the internet at [www.trinitywallstreet.org/institute](http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/institute).

Conference participation is open to clergy and laypersons of all faith traditions and can be attended on the GHTC campus in Founders' Hall. While people of all faiths raise prayers for peace, reports of religiously fueled violence fill the news. Critics question whether we can afford to tolerate any longer a force as destructive as religion. Is violence an inescapable result of religious commitment, or is it a distortion, a human projection on a God in whom there is no violence? Is it the sole province of extremists, or do its roots touch all persons

of faith? Do solutions to the problem lie within the traditions themselves? Through keynote presentations and group theological reflection after each speaker, this interfaith gathering will provide opportunities to deepen understanding, build community and explore how religion can be a powerful force for peace within ourselves, our families, our communities and the world.

*Religion and Violence: Untangling the Roots of Conflict* will be held at other regional partner sites established throughout the United States and Canada for groups participating through an online telecast. Forums will include the keynote speakers, panel discussions and facilitated break-out groups. The conference presentations will also be available on demand from any computer with internet access following the conference.

an interfaith dialogue on  
religion  
& VIOLENCE  
untangling the roots of conflict

The registration deadline is January 14, 2008. The registration fee is \$40 for full registration; \$25 for accompanying spouse or partner; and \$25 for seniors (55+), students or seminarians. Registration includes all sessions, lunch, refreshments and parking. Online registration is available online at [www.ghkc-kc.org](http://www.ghkc-kc.org) or register by calling the Cathedral office at 816.474.8260. Questions may be directed to Valerie Johnson at ext. 103 or by email: [vjohnson@ghkc-kc.org](mailto:vjohnson@ghkc-kc.org).

## Chili cook-off welcomes newcomers, tests your taste buds

Perhaps more than any other time of the year, the Advent season exhibits the Cathedral's remarkable beauty through its liturgy, music and sense of belonging. These, however, are just a few of the sentiments at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. The Newcomers' Committee has identified two more — an overwhelming community of friendship and outreach ministry.

The Newcomers' Committee is pleased to join the Social Action Committee in hosting the 15th Annual Chili Cook-off as the first Newcomers' Welcoming Event of 2008. The cook-off takes place in Founders' Hall Saturday, January 19, and promises to be an evening of fun and purpose.

In this somewhat different breaking-of-the-bread, our first post-Advent event will be a engaging opportunity to welcome new members and prospective new members to the Cathedral. As always, there will be delicious food and great fun, including a youth division of the chili cook-off and a pre-Mardi Gras children's parade.

This is also an event with great purpose, and the attendance fee of \$10 per person or \$20 per family plus the proceeds for the auction will go to two important social outreach ministries for the Cathedral.

**CHILI  
Cook-off**



**JANUARY 19**

The Rental and Mortgage Assistance Payments (R.A.M.P.) program is essential to keeping the families of the "working poor" in their homes. Our donations will assist them during periods of unusual financial difficulty. This program benefits families across the greater Kansas City area.

Maison de Naissance will also benefit from the fundraiser. Our support will serve the Haitian Well-Baby Medical Facility in its effort to decrease the terrible infant/mother mortality rate for a portion of the country.

We welcome our newcomers and the members of our Cathedral who wish to join us in the celebration of friendship and ministry. Bring your best chili recipe and compete for one of the awards or just come to enjoy the festivities in one of the best post-Christmas parties you have ever attended.

—by the Newcomers' & Social Action Committees

**CHILI  
CATEGORIES**

- Chili Master — the best overall tasting chili for the event
- Most Unique Chili — the best tasting chili of an unusual type (wild game chili, white chili, fruit chili and seafood chili are just a few examples from previous years.)
- Best Vegetarian Chili — the best tasting meatless chili
- Best Chili Presentation — the most impressive and/or unusual presentation
- Best Small Group Chili — the best overall chili entry from a small group of the Cathedral
- Blessed Chili — the best chili awarded by the Clergy of the Cathedral
- Best Tasting Youth Chili — the best tasting chili from an entrant age 20 or younger
- Best Overall Youth Chili — the best chili with respect to taste, presentation, uniqueness, etc from an entrant age 20 or younger



# Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral Mission Statement

Adopted by the Vestry, November 29, 2007

Our primary mission as the Episcopal Cathedral church in the heart of the City is to be a servant church. We seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves and working for justice, peace and respect for every human being.

We live out our baptismal covenant:

- **We worship** God with our hearts, minds and souls.
- **We celebrate** Holy Communion regularly; and all God's people are welcome.
- **We make a joyful noise** through our music.
- **We serve one another** through prayer and pastoral care.
- **We learn** about God through our children's and adult education programs and small groups.
- **We enjoy fellowship** with each other and welcome all to a community of friendship.
- **We care for and love God's children** through active youth and children's ministries.
- **We serve our brothers and sisters** in our social outreach ministries.
- **We feed God's sheep** through the Kansas City Community Kitchen, Culinary Cornerstones and other anti-hunger ministries.
- **We are faithful stewards** of our environment, the world God has given us to care for.
- **We support God's Church and people around the world** through the global ministries of our diocese and the national Episcopal Church.
- **We practice hospitality** as a meeting place and resource to the greater Kansas City community.
- **We are an inclusive community and honor diversity** in our staff, our worship and our outreach ministries.
- **We live out our faith** by proclaiming in word and example the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We thank God for our gifts of time, talent and money and pledge these resources to this mission and God's greater glory!

## Concert Chorale

*missouri state university*

*Wednesday, January 9 • 7 p.m.*

*"An incredible sound"*  
—Germany

*"Fantastic! I have never  
heard a choir with such  
perfection"*  
—Denmark

*"Absolutely magnificent;  
Parisian Audience almost  
never give a standing  
ovation"*  
—France

*"Beautiful beyond  
compare"*  
—Los Angeles

Guy B. Webb, Director



[www.concertchorale.com](http://www.concertchorale.com)

# green cathedral

*ideas for the stewardship of God's creation*

*An inconvenient truth. Carbon footprint. Reduce, recycle, reuse.*

You have seen these buzzwords and many others that talk about the impact we have on our world, and how we can take better care of the Earth.

Welcome to *Green Cathedral*, a series about our stewardship of God's creation. Every month (hopefully), we will share ideas about the environment and our impact on it. Look here for thoughts on we can make lifestyle choices that are better for the environment. We will also share stories about how people are doing their best to be good stewards.

To begin 2008, here are a few New Year's resolutions to consider, from [www.sustainer.org](http://www.sustainer.org).

1. Recycle, recycle, recycle. Recycle your bottles. Recycle your cans. Recycle your newspapers. Recycle everything you can. If your city has curbside recycling, take advantage of it. Take a look at the piles of garbage and recycling at your curb. Everything in the blue bin (or whatever you use) is something that will never clutter a landfill. Is your recycling bin fuller than the trash bags?
2. The next time you buy a car, get the most fuel-efficient vehicle you can. This doesn't mean everyone should drive a compact hybrid, like a Prius. Consider a hybrid SUV if you are looking for that kind of car. Every model year brings us more choices for fuel efficiency. Consuming less gas results in a decreased dependence on oil and the release of fewer pollutants. It also encourages car makers to improve the efficiency of their products, which benefits the next wave of car buyers.
3. Tighten up your house. Fix leaks, caulk around your windows, make sure your insulation is doing the job. In the winter, that means you keep the heat inside and the cold outside. If you can run your heater less, that results in less demand for electricity and/or natural gas. Convert to compact fluorescent light bulbs. If you replace your conventional bulbs one at a time as they blow out, you can lessen the impact on your wallet and you will gradually light your house with bulbs that use a fraction of the power than the ones in the trash. Most of the ones sold at Target or Wal-Mart have a bluish tint to them, but you can go to Home Depot, Lowe's or other stores to find compact fluorescent bulbs that glow with the same warm, friendly light as an incandescent bulb. Use a low-flow shower head. You might think that it will give you just a trickle of water, but you will be pleasantly surprised.
4. Compost. If you throw away the waste from plants (banana peels, apple cores, etc.), it emits greenhouse gases if it just goes to a landfill. If you mix it with soil, air and water, you can turn that carbon gas into material that you can mix back into the ground, or use as fertilizer.
5. Read this section of the Episcopal Church website about environmental stewardship: ([www.episcopalchurch.org/1829\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/1829_ENG_HTML.htm)).
6. Send in your ideas for these articles.

Many websites can give you more information on each of these resolutions. Also, they may also not all be for you at first. Start small and simple, perhaps by recycling more. As that becomes a habit, take a look at what you can do to make your home more energy-efficient. You are not trying to save the world, but as more of us make better choices, the impact is enormous.

After all, in Genesis, God gave us "dominion" over the earth, which in some circles is a flawed translation of "stewardship."

*—by Chris Morrison*



## Celebrating a new year in children's formation

Children's Formation began the new, liturgical year with a discussion of the colors of the church seasons, a special presentation of the Godly Play Mystery of Christmas, a glorious Advent workshop and the total team effort to tell the story of our Lord's birth through the annual Christmas Pageant.

Our children and parents worked diligently on the acting out of the Gospel and it was beautiful. Many thanks to Pageant Director Christine Morrison, Lenette Johnson, Canon Schaefer, Tori Citro and all our parents who helped with lunches, costumes and organization.

Soon we will be working with the Godly Play Baptism story and the Parables. We look forward to the new stories to contemplate in the quiet yet sometimes crunchy (with snow) reflective days of winter. Our second annual Pajama Sunday is January 20. See box for more information.

Many thanks to Kathy Jennings for helping to organize this year's Advent workshop and her merry band of helpers: Jim Jennings, Gary Hicks, Jackye Finnie, Joe Finnie, Paula Connors, Paula Miller, Lucy Richards, John Richards, Peg Brown, John Brown, Cathy Thomas, Greg Morgan, Bridgett Shirley and Mike Sancho.

We appreciate your gifts of time, talent and treasure to create crafts, activities and a day that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Kristy Moore and David Gaddy-Cox for their assistance in serving lunch.

Children's Formation will host a meeting of Children's Formation leaders and teachers, led by Judy Kile, chair, Diocesan Christian Formation Committee, Saturday, February 2 at 10 a.m. in Haden Hall. The topic of discussion is working with special needs children in formation. Persons interested in working with and welcoming all children in our formation programs are invited to attend.

*—by DeAnn McTavish*

### Pajama Sunday January 20

Bring the toasty comfort of home with you to church!

Wear your tasteful and appropriate pajamas to Children's Formation!

We'll have hot chocolate with marshmallows!





# Feast of the Epiphany recital with John Fowler

On January 6, (Feast of the Epiphany), at 3 p.m., John Fowler, the Cathedral's associate organist, will play a recital program of music based on French themes at GHTC. "The rebuilt Gabriel Kney organ lends itself much more than the original instrument to the playing of French music of the Romantic Period," says Fowler.

The technically challenging program begins with the stately Bach *Prelude in E flat*, which contains many stylistic elements of a French overture of the period. This is followed by a Leo Sowerby *Meditation on "Picardy,"* (a French tune used in our hymn book for the communion hymn, "Let all mortal flesh keep silent"). The first half of the program ends with the *Sonata Eroica* by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, dedicated "to Charles-Marie Widor and the Great Country to which he belongs." The latter piece was a recent "find," after being published on the website of the Eastman School of Music.

Two of the three movements are named after famous battle areas in World War I, "Rhe-

ims" and "Verdun." The middle movement, Adagio Molto, is subtitled "Tempo di Marcia Solenne."

The second part of the program contains music with a more direct French influence, including music by Nicolas de Grigny, 1672-1703) *Versets on "Veni Creator,"* Jehan-Ariste Alain, (1911-1940) *Le Jardin Suspendu*, ("The suspended garden is the ideal perpetually pursued by, but always escaping from, the artist."). The program concludes with *La Nativite*: "Dieu parmi nous" of Olivier Messiaen (1908-1993), which John Fowler played as the postlude for the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. It is inspired jointly by the Gospels of St. Luke and St. John.

"John is immensely talented, of course," said John Schaefer, Canon Musician. "He is also a scholar of the first rank; he is wonderful at providing information about the music he plays. And his repertoire is vast. His playing of the 5 p.m. Sunday service is always vibrant and imaginative."

John studied piano at an early age while he was attending Pius X School. John counts among his teachers, three well known local organists, our own John Schaefer; John Obetz of the University of Missouri-Kansas City and James Higdon of the University of Kansas. As a professional musician, he has served as Organist of Avondale United Methodist Church and St. Mary's Episcopal Church as well as his current positions as principal organist at Asbury United Methodist Church, Prairie Village and staff organist at Community of Christ Temple, Independence. He was the organist for all voluntaries (preludes and postludes) on the 1991 choir tour of England; and organist for the 2006 choir tour of Ireland, Wales and England.

-by Geoff Logan



## Classes begin January 13

Whether you are new to the Christian faith, the Episcopal faith tradition or are simply seeking a renewal as an Episcopalian, please join us. These classes also serve as our catechumenate for those seeking the Rites of Baptism, Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation.

These sessions will lay the groundwork to begin, or continue, a spiritual journey with Christ and our community. Woven throughout the series will be forums with clergy and other members. This is an opportunity to learn not only about the church, but to also become a part of our faith community through participation and fellowship.

Contact Valerie Johnson (vjohnson@ghtc-kc.org) or any of our clergy at the Cathedral office, if you would like more information. You may also check our web site for more details. Classes will run through March 9.

## Treasurer's Report

Nov MTD	Budgeted MTD	Actual MTD
Income	\$ 136,584	\$ 143,050
Expenses	\$ 154,073	\$ 161,638
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ (17,489)</b>	<b>\$ (18,588)</b>
Nov YTD	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$ 1,630,424	\$ 1,655,546
Expenses	\$ 1,602,320	\$ 1,655,327
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,104</b>	<b>\$ 219</b>

Income at the Cathedral in November 2007 exceeded budget by \$6,466 due to an increase in the money we receive from the Crowell Trust. Expenses in November exceeded budget by \$7,565. Expenses in total exceeded total income by \$18,588.

Year-to-Date income exceeds budget by \$31,184 and expenses exceed budget by \$53,007. YTD total income exceeds total expenses by \$219.

A balanced budget for 2007 seems likely.  
-by Doyle White

## ANNUAL



## Annual Meeting January 27, 2008 Following 10:15 a.m. Eucharist

Come and celebrate our parish's ministry, give thanks for those who have served in leadership, and elect new Vestry members. A report from the Nominating Committee will be mailed to homes in mid-January.

## middle-aged orphans

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Oh, there had been intimations of that already before Mom's death — I had arranged for housekeeping care for them, for example. Rick and I had taken on power of attorney and were managing their finances. But following Mom's death there began for me a four year period of laying aside daughterhood and concentrating on being my father's guardian and caregiver.

The last four years were sort of concentric circles of diminishment for Dad — persuading him to stop driving and the sale of his car, the closing and sale of the house, his move from retirement community to assisted living to hospital to rehab center to nursing home. The making of decisions on his behalf, both financial and medical.

His descent into dementia where he often mistook me for my mom or his mom. Relief on those days in which he DID mistake me for his beloved wife or mother whose deaths he could not remember, because at least then he was free from the sadness and confusion over why they weren't visiting him. Bit by bit, I lost that role that had formed and sustained me all my life — being my dad's daughter.

Now believe me, I'm aware of how self-indulgent it probably sounds even to name this diminishment, not only because it pales in comparison to what Dad underwent, but also by the reality that I had something to lose in the first place. If I've learned nothing else in my years of ordained ministry, I've learned of the burden that so many people carry throughout their lives of having had

a poor relationship with a parent, or, worse yet, a non-existent relationship.

I think that when people talk about grieving the loss of a parent long before the parent dies, often because dementia is involved, the grief may fall somewhere along a fairly broad spectrum. At one end, the grief may primarily relate to issues between child and parent that were not resolved when the parent's health was good and can never be once dementia sets in. And at the other end, it's because it was such a rich experience being that parent's child that you

miss it when the role comes to an end but the parent's life does not.

The gift that I didn't expect, the gift that has astonished me by its grace, is a sense that enveloped me quite literally three days after my dad died: I am my father's daughter and will be for the rest of my life. I had set aside a role and thought I had lost it forever. I had not. What I had and had set aside has been given back to me. In that sense, I've experienced a resuscitation of an old and cherished identity.

But what really takes my breath away is this: As lovely as this resuscitation of identity is — and it is all of that — it is but a foretaste of the resurrection into which we have all been baptized. God in Christ has claimed us as his own forever. In the fullness of time, in ways that we don't fully understand and therefore can only imagine, we will be gathered together. All there, all of our identities as beloved sons and daughters of God will be most fully realized.

*—by the Rev. Sue Sommer*

*Bit by bit, I lost  
that role that  
had formed and  
sustained me all  
my life — being  
my dad's  
daughter.*

## Making a difference in Haiti is astonishingly simple

My grandfather was an organized saver. After his death my dad was looking through Paw-paw's files and brought something to show me. It was the bill for when my Aunt Betty was born in 1935. A one week hospital stay for mother and baby cost \$37. Today we see this and are astonished in a "how quaint" sort of way, like nickel movies and penny postcards.

But I wonder how many expectant mothers in 1935 could not afford \$37 for the hospital. How many more could not get to a hospital because of bad roads or no car?

The online catalog for Maison de Naissance can astonish anyone who has seen a medical bill in the last couple of decades: \$50 for prenatal care, \$10 for a well baby visit and vaccination.

How astonishing that you can make such a huge difference in the lives of poor women and their children in rural Haiti for such a small sum.

Access the online catalog by going to [www.maisondenaissance.org](http://www.maisondenaissance.org) and click on "Take Action" at the top of the home page. Donations may be made directly on the website or mailed to: Healthy Mother-Healthy Babies, 6401 Wornall Terrace, Kansas City MO 64113. Direct questions to 816.812.7100 or [catalog@hm-hb.org](mailto:catalog@hm-hb.org).

Maison de Naissance is a program of the Healthy Mother-Healthy Babies Foundation, a 501(c) non-profit corporation.

*—by Debbie Marrs*



## Flower gifts for December

December 16

- in memory of Howard L. Stewart  
— Janet Sweeting

Christmas Eve & Day

- Gifts will be listed in the February issue of *The Angelus*.



Are you are interested  
in donating toward  
the flowers to celebrate  
a special event or  
remember a loved one?

Sign up online at  
[www.ghtc-kc.org](http://www.ghtc-kc.org) or  
phone the Cathedral  
office.



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

- Betty Harbeck
- Bob Lemmon, *father of Susan Sommer*
- Laura Leib, parishioner



# Joe Behen ordained into Sacred Order of Priests

Clergy Assistant Joe Behen was ordained into the Sacred Order of Priests Saturday, December 1.

Right: Grady Sanford, Fr. Behen, Gary Hicks, Jim Fox, Wayne Coldsnow and John Hornbeck are part of the Thursday morning Men's Bible Study.

Below, left: Fr. Behen pictured with his twin brother.



*Above: Fr. Joe celebrated his first Holy Eucharist December 4. Cathedral members and friends from Good Shepherd Episcopal Church greet Joe following the service.*



*Below, right: Dean White with Joe.*

*photos by Mike Sancho*



# The Nave adorned for Advent



*photos by Jan Frizzle*





The December 30 coffee hour, the First Sunday after Christmas, will be a Christmas Goodies potluck. This is an opportunity for Holy Hands to "stand down" for a Sunday and simply enjoy fellowship at coffee hour!

We invite you to bring some Christmas sweets or savorys to Founders' Hall on your way to the Nave. We hope that Cathedral parishioners will NOT make something special for this day, but rather share a plate of goodies left over from the holidays.



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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 January

### 1 • TUESDAY

Cathedral office and buildings closed

### 6 • SUNDAY • EPIPHANY

11:45 a.m. Music Committee  
3:00 p.m. Organ Recital: John Fowler  
3:15 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

### 8 • TUESDAY

6:15 p.m. Cancer Support Group

### 9 • WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Concert: Missouri State University's  
Concert Chorale

### 13 • SUNDAY

11:30 a.m. Social Action Committee

### 14 • MONDAY

4:30 p.m. Buildings and Grounds Co

### 16 • WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Finance Committee

### 19 • SATURDAY

10:30 a.m. Charitable Knitting  
Chili Cook-Off

### 20 • SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. Integrity  
3:15 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

### 21 • MONDAY • MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Office and Buildings Closed

### 22-23 • TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

Trinity Institute

### 23 • WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Reel People

### 27 • SUNDAY

11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting



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