

# The Angelus

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## FROM THE DEAN: Vortex of Giving

Monday, May 20 was Joplin revisited as we heard and watched the news of the destructive tornado in Moore, Okla. As we were horrified by scenes of a devastated landscape and heard early reports of lives lost, many in our Cathedral community expressed an immediate desire to help. That's what the community had done following the Joplin storm. It was response that came up at once. It was borne out of the Christian spirit that reaches out to help in times of need, and also an instinct that knows that natural disasters like the Moore tornado could easily happen in Kansas City. The F-5 twister that tore through Ruskin Heights and adjacent areas in 1957, remains in the memory DNA of our region.

As a community we are responding as best we can. Not long after the disaster struck we posted links on our website to help folks make donations to help with relief. The loose offering and checks marked "Oklahoma" received at celebrations of Eucharist on Memorial Day weekend, along with funds from our clergy discretionary fund are being gathered and sent to the Diocese of Oklahoma. These funds will be used for direct relief of storm victims.

## Thank you formation leaders

Grace and Holy Trinity is blessed to have a growing and vibrant Christian Formation program for children and youth. We are thankful for the love and commitment many adult volunteers have shown to our children this year. You have taught them:

- to pray
- to love God's Word
- to sing
- to worship
- and to serve.

Above all, you have shared with our children and youth how much God loves them.

Thank you to all of our faithful volunteer teachers, leaders, caregivers, music ministers and helpers named below: Laura Baker, Joan Bock, Julie Brogno, Brenda Colburn, Alexandra Connors, Sara Copeland, Phaedra Fahnestock, Phineas Gitta, Curtis Hamilton, Mini Landister, Chris Morrison, Christine Morrison, Joyce Morrow, Barbara Reynaud, Cathy Walsh and Kelli Walker.

We learned quickly as we moved to make a swift response to help with tornado relief that the best way to do that was to send money and to pray! Cash can buy the supplies that are needed and fund other storm-relief operations. Collecting clothing or food, or household items, while a kind gesture for folks who have lost everything, can complicate relief action. Such in-gatherings have a time and place. Helping fund first response and relief actually achieves more toward the effort. For us as a Christian community, the call for monetary resources echo the appeals for "relief of the saints" we read about in the Acts of the Apostles and in the writings of Paul.

It may be in time that appeals are made to help literally with rebuilding Moore. This might mean going to Moore and pitching in, especially for skilled and specially trained personnel. It could mean collecting needed items or supplies. There will be more to do beyond the call for our prayers and the opening of our pocketbooks.

It would do us well to be ready at any time to give of our resources and time both as individuals and as a congregation. Giving is at the core of stewardship. All we have is God's gift. In gratitude, we give as God gives. The disaster in Oklahoma can serve to remind us that in reality the call to respond to need around us never stops. As we pray for the people of Moore and send them financial help, pray too for the relief of the people in our neighborhoods and local communities who live in their own disaster areas.

Thank you all for any help you have given for our neighbors in Oklahoma. Thank you for the resources you give to help those in need in places like Haiti and Botswana, and right here in greater Kansas City.

Thank you for your generosity! It is at the very center of who we are.

-Peter+

The Cathedral sent \$1,512.50 to the Diocese of Oklahoma from the May 26 collection and the Clergy Discretionary Fund.

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## What does it cost to deliver a healthy baby?

If you live in the USA, the average cost of a delivery without complications is \$11,530. Global health organizations rank American healthcare in the top 10, so the odds are in the mother's favor that she will have a safe delivery of a healthy baby. If there are complications, the costs will rise accordingly, but the odds are still good that the baby will live a healthy, normal life.

In rural Haiti, the availability of healthcare services is not a given, and quality healthcare, particularly maternal healthcare, is a rarity and difficult to obtain for most women. This is one of the main reasons that Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rates in the western hemisphere.

At Maison de Naissance, it is their mission to provide every mother with the opportunity for a safe delivery of a healthy baby. Their formula includes three prenatal visits, HIV/AIDS testing, midwife supervised delivery, one postpartum visit, one family planning consultation and a well-

baby visit, all for \$115! That is one percent of the cost here in the USA, and our total cost to deliver a healthy baby at MN.

They have delivered more than 4,000 babies at MN, without a single maternal mortality, and a neonatal mortality rate of less than 2 percent — one quarter of the Haitian national average.



You can save a mother's life today, with a donation of \$115 to Maison de Naissance, and give her baby a chance at a healthy life, too! Give online at globalbirthinghomefoundation.org or mail your donation to  $5000~\rm W$   $134 \rm th$  St, Leawood, KS 66209.

-by Phyllis Biddle



## Treasurer's Report

The month of April reflected slightly higher than budgeted net operations though year-to-date net operations were much better than budget.

–by Jim Phillips, Treasurer

Budgeted MTD		Actual MTD	
\$	91,250	\$	89,786
\$	112,744	\$	113,957
\$	(21,494)	\$	(24,171)
Bu	dgeted YTD	Actual YTD	
\$	484,654	\$	494,405
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## Children's Chapel

A Sunday service for young children

Children's Chapel is a liturgy of the Word for young children (generally ages 4-9), with age appropriate lessons and music. The children's chapel is located in Haden Hall. Chapel for children will continue throughout the summer, but with a time change. During the summer months, children will begin worship with their families. Following the Collect of the Day, they and their adult leaders will be invited to come to the front of the nave and sent forth with a prayer. The children will return to the nave at the Peace so they may be present for Communion. Parents are always welcome to join their children for Chapel.

For more information contact the Rev. Christy Dorn.

## Wednesday, June 26

Café Grazia is a monthly gathering for all parishioners. You are cordially invited to join the fun!



Dinner • 5:30 ρ.m.

Please bring bread or a salad to share, and enjoy the fellowship.

Small Groups • 6:30 p.m. Reel People • Charitable Needlework

## Get involved with our college ministry

GHTC College Ministry is a small group ministry, organized to support college students. Its mission is to keep in touch with them and to remind them of how special they are and how important they are to our community. We do this through prayer, correspondence and small care packages.

The ministry started in the fall of 2012 with those students who graduated from high school in the years 2011 and 2012. Canon Sue Sommer, Jackye Finnie and Coyote Schaaf provided leadership.

The goal of the College Ministry for

2013-2014 is to touch more lives in additional ways: while the students are away and when they return home. Where possible, we would like to be in contact with any other college students as well.

Planning for this ministry will begin with a short meeting July 14 in Founders' Hall

after the 10:15 a.m. service. Join us!

For additional information, contact Jackye Finnie at 913-492-2161 or Coyote Schaaf at 816-804-8607.

## The Angelus

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

Regular Contributors: Friends of MN, Julie Brogno, Jan Frizzle, Chris Morrison Julie Toma, Editor

The Angelus Small Group 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 to communications@kccathedral.org.



## n the Next Pew

match names with the faces they see in the pews around them.

If you and your family enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt at the Cathedral, you have "Easter Angel" Christine Morrison and her

family to thank. Christine and her husband Chris are integral parts of several ministries. Chris leads youth formation classes on Sunday mornings and maintains the Cathedral website. Christine teaches children's formation classes and has served on the Vestry. She also has started a new



ministry, Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat, a canned-food drive at Halloween (trickortreatforothers.com).

The couple started attending services in 2001 after Chris, who is a photojournalist for 41 Action News, was on assignment to cover the Christmas Eve service. They liked the liturgy and being part of a large congregation.

Christine works for United BioSource as a data designer. She and Chris are big Dr. Who fans. They have two children, Emily (10) and Jack (8). Emily takes guitar lessons; Jack is involved in Scouts and both sing with the Grace Choraliers.



thata submitted by I enette Johnson The GHTC AIDS Walk Team

The 25th annual AIDS WALK Kansas City was a huge success thanks to you! More than 2,000 caring individuals, teams, sponsors and volunteers showed up on a cold, rainy morning to raise much needed funds for those living with HIV/

AIDS in Kansas City. Save the date for the 2014

walk: April 26.



One in five Kansas City area kids lives in poverty. Despite today's best outreach efforts, 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.

Here are a few reasons why fulfilling this need is so critical:

- Safety-net programs such as SNAP (food stamps) and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) don't cover the purchase of diapers.
- Diapers are expensive plus cost exponentially more at inner-city convenience stores compared to big-box stores or online.
- Cloth isn't an option for the families we serve. If you're poor, you probably don't own a washing machine, and some Laundromats don't allow cloth diapers. Additionally, licensed day care centers, especially the free and subsidized kind, don't accept cloth diapers.
- If a family can't afford diapers, a baby will spend extended periods, sometimes days, in the same soiled diaper. This amplifies the risk of numerous health problems, including diaper rash, and may be linked to an increased rate of hepatitis.
- Unhappy babies are crying babies. And crying babies are more likely to be abused by already stressed-out caregivers.

We are collecting diapers during June for HappyBottoms. HappyBot-

toms is a local organization that works with partners to provide diapers to lowincome families. Find out more about HappyBottoms at happybottoms.org.

We accept all sizes, even open packs. Bring your diaper donations to the tower.



from Canon Musician John Schaefer

I wish to say a hearty "THANK YOU" to all the musicians who lead our worship.

The Trinity Choir, Tallis Singers, Grace Choraliers, Cathedral Chorale, and Cathedral Bell Ringers put in a lot of rehearsal time to offer their gifts to God in the presence of the congregation.

During the summer, the opportunity arises for others to sing in the choir. Much of the music between now and July 15 will be pieces being perfected for the Goodwill Tour of England. Still, it is a good way to test one's sight-singing skills to walk in and sing as well as those who have been practicing for months. If you are interested, please phone me at 816-214-9928.

In the month of June, there are three events of musical interest:

- June 9 at 2 p.m., Sarah Rasmussen, a young and very talented pianist, will play a recital.
- June 9 at 5 p.m., the Trinity Choir will sing Choral Evensong; Dr. Sharon Hettinger, recently retired organist of St. Andrew's, will play the voluntaries.
- June 14 at 7:30 p.m., the Simon Carrington Chamber Singers present their annual concert. The repertoire is always unique; even 'old favourites' sound new when these remarkable singers sing them under Prof. Carrington's leadership. Tickets will be available at the door for \$25 or buy discounted tickets online at www.simoncarringtonchambersingers.org.

## Flowers are given to the glory of God & ...

### May 5

- in honor of Lukas McLeroy Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
- in loving memory of Tully Moss Ruth Moss and children
- in thanksgiving for the birth of our great-granddaughter, Emily (Emylou) English Allen, and for her parents, Laura and Julian Jim and Phyllis Shaffer
- To the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for our 64th wedding anniversary Jim and Phyllis Shaffer

#### May 12

- in thanksgiving for our mothers, May Massey and Margaret Duncan Terry & Jan Duncan
- in thanksgiving for the ministries of Sue, Rick and Cady Sommer
- in celebration and thanksgiving for Canon Sue Sommer Ellen and Brent Spake, and Pete Fortner

#### May 19

- in thanksgiving for our mothers, May Massey and Margaret Duncan Terry & Jan Duncan
- in thanksgiving for the ministries of Sue, Rick and Cady Sommer
- in celebration and thanksgiving for Canon Sue Sommer Ellen and Brent Spake, and Pete Fortner

#### May 26

- in memory of my father, Leslie L. Shaw Shawsie Branton
- in memory of David Ludwig Sam and Dorothy Gershman
- in honor of Elizabeth Leonard and in honor of Brad and Kathleen McLeroy — Ron & Carolyn McLeroy
- in loving memory of Catherine Asbridge, former Altar Guild directress, on the occasion of her 100th birth anniversary (May 20)

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 office@kccathedral.org).



Café Grazia & Family BBQ with Movie Night Wednesday, July 24 • 6-9:30 p.m. Founders' Hall

Save the date! All are invited to join us for our midsummer barbecue and movie night Wednesday, July 24 from 6-9:30 p.m. This event will be combined with July's Café Grazia.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided—we're asking everybody to bring a side dish or dessert. Following dinner, a movie, appropriate for all ages, will be shown in Founders' Hall.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us. Call or email the office with any questions.

## Loose ends: What loose ends?

The Legacy Society sponsored a luncheon called Tying Loose Ends April 28. Spiritual, financial, legal and medical were the loose ends highlighted that we should all be tying in order to ease the burden on our loved ones. The program was directed toward those of us born prior to 1954 who are now facing the challenges of the back-nine of life. Four speakers offered practical tips on tying loose ends.

Dean Peter DeVeau started the program by focusing on the spiritual issues. One such issue is letting our loved ones know what kind of service we would like . The Dean announced that there is available a booklet from the Cathedral to help us plan. He suggested making an appointment with a member of the clergy to discuss our wishes.

Tom Miller talked about financial issues and reminded us of the importance of organizing our financial plan with all of the various records and statements. This includes for example making provision for someone we designate to have online access and passwords.

Tom Brous taught us all a new word when he asked if we had made provision for hereditaments, our inheritable

property. On a practical note, he stressed that we should update the beneficiaries on our life insurance policies and other such financial accounts. This is important for some types of financial accounts, because a named beneficiary made on a long forgotten form might be



the individual or entity receiving the inheritance rather than someone listed in a will.

Have you completed a medical directive? A medical power-of-attorney? Dr. Richard Morgan walked us through this ethical maze. If you have dealt with these issues with a parent, friend or loved one, you know how important it is to have one of these documents.

What is most important in tying loose ends is that we do it for our loved ones. If we have planned well and organized our spiritual, financial, legal and medical records and wishes, then this will ease the burden for those we leave behind.

−by Michelle Ritter

## Cornerstones Catering supports hunger relief

Do you have an upcoming luncheon, graduation, office party or wedding? Cornerstones Catering, a program of Episcopal Community Services provides a wide range of catering

options from box lunches to plated dinners.

Meals are prepared by students and graduates of the Culinary Cornerstones training program under the direction of our professional chef/instructor. Proceeds from Cornerstones Catering benefit our Hunger Relief Network and the Culinary Cornerstones training program whose students are unemployed or underemployed individuals seeking a career in the food industry.

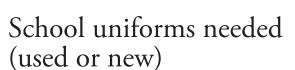
For information, contact us at 816-474-6524.

## **Outreach Opportunities**

## Food collection: June 9

Celebrate Father's Day with your June donation to the pantry at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Please bring some of Dad's favorites like canned beans, "beanie weenies," tomatoes, fruits, ketchup, mustard, barbecue sauce, salt, pepper, biscuit mix, pancake mix and syrup and other non-perishables (no glass containers, please) to the large basket June 9.

If you want to help, but don't want to shop, please bring in your unwanted grocery coupons from the Sunday newspaper.



For those of you who like to garage sale, shop at thrift stores and outlets, or have children or grandchildren that have outgrown khaki pants or navy collared shirts, please bring them to the Cathedral.

James Elementary School, one of the schools we assist with the Backsnack program, is in desperate need of school uniforms to comply with the district wide dress code. Many parents in this neighborhood don't have the resources to purchase

The principal at James would welcome all donations — used or new. There is also a need for some adult sizes for the larger children. We want to present Dr. Jo Nemeth (principal at James) a variety of sizes for students who can not afford uniforms prior to the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

For more information, please contact Terri Curran 816-444-0221.

## Feed hungry school kids at Kid's Cafe

The Cathedral will be participating in a free lunch program in partnership with Harvesters this summer each Wednesday, June 5-July 10 from 11:30-12:30.

We will be serving lunch at Mattie Rhodes Center at 148 N. Topping to any child under the age of 18. This may be the only meal these children get that day.

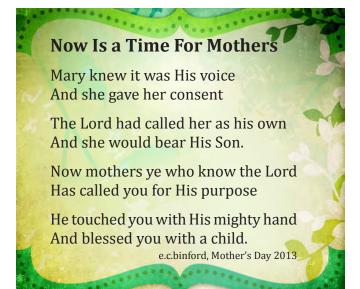


Consider volunteering for one of the Wednesday lunch hours during this six week pilot, designed to help understand how we can better serve these children. There will also be opportunities to pack a take-home meal to be given to each child at the end of the every lunch hour.

For more information, please contact the Cathedral office or Terri Curran 816-444-0221.

## Diaper drive

We are collecting disposable diapers for HappyBottoms through the month of June. Bring your donations to the basket in the tower. See page 3 for more information about the diaper drive.



## Summer coffee hour

Our Holy Hands teams who provide hospitality (bring food, setup, clean up) for coffee hour will be on summer break and we are looking for Summer Hospitality Hosts to bring food to share — something simple to go with a cup of coffee, like donuts/ donut holes, fruit, brownies or cookies (homemade or from the store) or veggies.

Sign up sheets are available at the back of the Nave and in Founders' Hall summer for you, your family, ministry group or small group to sign up for one or more weeks this summer (starting June 9 through August).



## Food for Friends

Food for Friends will provide Me healthy meals to Cathedral members who are temporarily homebound because of illness. We want to help ease that burden of having to prepare a meal when you are not feeling well. Contact the clergy if you could benefit from this ministry.



## Give online

Online Giving

Online giving is a great way to stay current on your giving this summer. Using your Mastercard, Visa, Discover or American Express (including debit cards), you can give to the general fund (and give towards the altar flowers) as part of your offering, whether you pledge or not.

On our website, click the "Online Giving" box at the top of the page and you will be redirected to a secure site to process your donation.

You can give any amount you choose and have the opportunity to give once or set up a recurring schedule.

Have a question? Contact Financial Administrator David Stoll at dstoll@kccathedral.org.

## Youth Sunday: A celebration of the Cathedral's teens







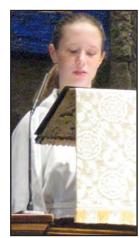
















## Congratulations Craduatess!

- Gabriella Donnelly-Ramos (Topeka High School)
- Michael Mansfield (Shawnee Mission East High School)
- Maddy Marrs (North Kansas City High School)
- Kathleen C. (Kitty) Rice Engler (University of Missouri-Columbia, Master of Social Work)
- E. Elaine Morrow Placido (Valdosta State University, Doctor of Public Administration)
- Virginia L. (Ginny) Rice (University of Missouri-Columbia, Master of Social Work)
- Amanda Hathorne Solsburg (University of Kansas, Master of Social Work)
- Shannon R. Stewart (Yale University, Ph.D., Molecular Biology)



photos by Jan Frizzle

## Saying farewell to the Sommer family







Dear hearts,

My final gift to Julie Toma is to get this thank you note to her for insertion in *The Angelus* by the deadline — my first on-time submission EVER, and ironically enough, my last.

It is with such a full heart that I take my leave of you all! The receptions on Sunday were splendid. My deep thanks to Dean DeVeau, Mary Ann Mansfield, Steve & Kristy Moore, Valerie & Jeff Johnson, Candy & Bud McDowell, Ruth Finet and Angela Michka for their sensitive, gracious, tasty and perfect arrangements. Thanks also to Keith, Haven and Ronnie for all the extra set-up and clean-up these parties required of them.

Thank you for remembering Cady & Rick in the gift giving. Cady's riding shirt is perfect, and Rick is already figuring out what new CDs he'll be purchasing with his gift.

Your gifts to me are amazing. There are two stables within three miles of the rectory, and Cady and I are eager to meet the lesson horses there. Our riding instructor here refers to a riding crop as a "stick of inspiration." Not only does the crop match my helmet, it will inspire my horse (and who knows who else!) to pick up the pace. Alas, it will never work with the Holy Spirit, as She has a pace all her own. As one wise friend reminded me on one particularly dark day, God is often slow, but never late. True, that!

Some of the work that I have found particularly fulfilling recently has been gleaning fruits and vegetables with SOSA. I'll have some gracious space to do more of that this summer, so you can bet I'll be putting those knee pads and gloves to good work. I'll also be putting them to work in Glenview later this summer, as the people of St. David's have recently constructed a Community Garden to raise veggies for distribution to food pantries in and around the northern suburbs of Chicago. SOSA also has glean sites in Illinois as well, and I'm eager to connect with them.

There are many things about the beautiful Cathedral buildings and grounds that I will miss. Chief among them is the glorious dogwood tree, under whose branches I walked daily on my way into the office. So those lovely dogwood earrings are perfect. What a splendid reminder of what a privilege it has been to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

And finally, the scrapbook. What a splendid memento, and how I will treasure the notes and photos contained therein. I understand that more are on the way, as of this writing. (How good to know that the canon is not yet closed!) For these and for all the many ways in which you have blessed me these last 7-1/2 years, Lord knows I am truly grateful. I am a better priest and a better person because of you all. Know of my daily prayers and blessings for the clergy and people of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

In love and gratitude,

Sue+

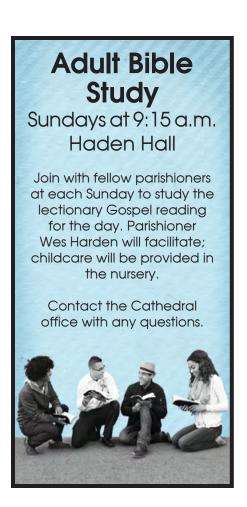














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## Weekly Activities

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:20 a.m. Summer Children's Chapel

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

#### Tuesday

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

6:15 p.m.

#### Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

#### Thursday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist 7:30 p.m. Rehearsal: Tour Choir

### Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## Activities for June

#### I • SATURDAY

9 a.m. Learning the Way Workshop

#### 2 • SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Parish Picnic

#### 5 • Wednesday

7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. Paul's Deanery

#### 9 • Sunday

Blood pressure checks at coffee hour Nonperishable food collection

2 p.m. Piano Recital: Sarah Rasmussen

5 p.m. Choral Evensong

#### 10 • Monday

10:30 a.m. Rule of Benedict: St. Luke's Deanery

#### 16 • SUNDAY

4 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. Benedict's Deanery

#### 19 • Wednesday

7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. Mark's Deanery

### 26 • Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Café Grazia 6:30 p.m. Small Groups

7 p.m. Rule of Benedict: St. John's Deanery

#### 27 • Thursday

5 p.m. Vestry



## **AUGUST 4**

Andrea Pope, mezzosoprano & R. Lamar Sims, piano

## **AUGUST 11**

Kansas City Chamber Winds Deborah Freedman, director

## **AUGUST 18**

Summer Singers of KC

## **AUGUST 25**

A French Organ Festival at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception