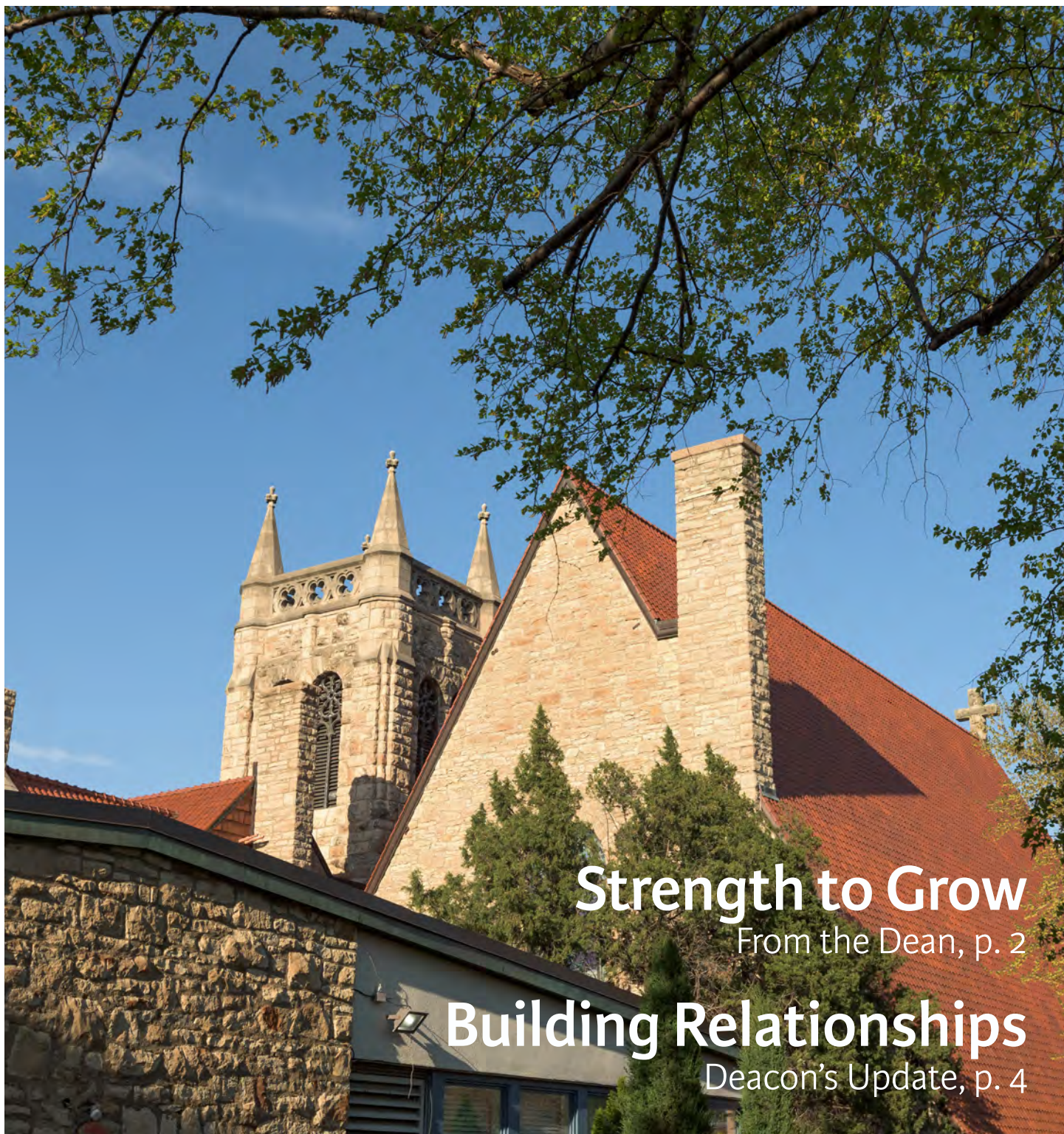


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Strength to Grow

“O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before...” (BCP p. 226)

This is part of the Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Sunday after the Ascension, that we’ll hear on May 12 this year. It acknowledges Jesus’ ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It also mentions us being strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Strengthened so that we may serve Christ in this world. Before Jesus ascends, he asks that the disciples be strengthened to do the work he has given them to do, and we ask the same for ourselves. As we move from the season of Easter to the season of Pentecost, we ask

for that strength to grow and to continue to serve in this place.

It is hard to believe that weeks have passed since we celebrated Easter! With Easter being so early this year, we are fast approaching our two Feast Days and all that comes with the summer season of Pentecost. But before we reach the Feast of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, we have a few other events happening in the life of the Cathedral.

We will have a “House and Garden” workday on Saturday, May 11 in the morning. Please sign up to help spruce up our campus, both inside and out, for the spring. Our annual Youth Sunday will be celebrated on May 5 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Our youth will fill various ministry roles and help lead us in worship on this day. We will also recognize all

those graduating this year. Our first Feast Day, Pentecost, falls on May 19, which is also when we’ll have our Parish Picnic following the 10:30 service. Our second Feast Day comes the next week on May 26, Trinity Sunday. Looking ahead to June and beyond we will begin our summer breakfasts, summer formation in July, and summer music series in August. On a Diocesan level, we have the Pride Parade on June 8, ordinations to the priesthood at the Cathedral on July 20, and our NW Metro Deanery Picnic at St. Paul’s on September 7.

There is a lot happening and lots of room to grow in this season of Pentecost. May we be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and may we continue to reach out in love to others and be Christ to all.

—Andrew Keyse

Editor’s Note



Touching Lives

As I’m putting together each issue of *The Angelus*, it’s always nice to see all the different ways that Grace and Holy Trinity touches the lives of its parishioners, as well as the community.

In this issue, we catch a glimpse of the good work taking place with not only the clergy, but the Children’s and Youth

Ministry, the Music Department, as well as Social Outreach.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of those who are reaching out to build community, visit kccathedral.org/volunteer.

—Melissa Kilpatrick

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On the cover: A view of the Cathedral,
photo by Spencer Carey.



Building Relationships

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral has been blessed by volunteers, who, over the last few months, have undergone new or refresher training to serve as Eucharistic visitors. A Eucharistic Visitor is someone who is licensed by the Bishop to meet with parishioners in their home, hospital room or even a coffee shop for pastoral care and administer the previously consecrated bread and wine, if desired. Our hope is to connect with all those unable to attend services for any reason, either for a short time or long term. In addition to lay ministers, the clergy will be making these visits as well, in order to develop and rekindle relationships, while sharing the love of Christ. Please let me know if you know of a parishioner who would like a visit, or if you would like a visit yourself.

Another way we're building relationships is through Food and Friends groups. These groups are individuals getting together for fellowship for lunch, dinner or coffee, depending on the decision of those involved. We have 15 family units signed up, including couples, families with kids and singles. Julie Brogno from the Vestry is the contact for this initiative. Please contact Julie, juliebrogno@gmail.com, with questions and watch for new groups to be developed at the end of the summer.

If you have ideas for building or strengthening our community, please reach out to a clergy or vestry member.

—Deacon Barbara

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Birthday Gift Cards for Foster Children

Help a child in the foster care system by donating \$25 for a birthday gift card. These gift cards are given to children who do not receive any other gifts to celebrate their birthdays. In the past we have donated 40 gift cards each year, but with the growing number of children in the system, 40 gift cards are not enough anymore. Please consider this very special ministry of making children feel special on their birthdays. To contribute please mail your donation to the office or give [online](#).



Flourishing

Spring has been a very busy time for the Children, Youth and College Ministry Department. Starting in January, we implemented a new rhythm for worship for our children and youth at the Cathedral by introducing Family Worship Weekends. During these weekends, which take place on the third Sunday of each month, children and their families are encouraged to sit together for the entire church service rather than spend the first half of the service in Cathedral Kids. This is in an effort to help develop our youngest leaders in the parish. To show them how to worship and encourage them to ask questions of their parents and community about why we do the things we do (stand, kneel, bow at the name of Jesus, hear four different readings, etc.). Children also have the opportunity to use their personalized worship boxes to help support their engagement in the service. In each worship box, there is a children's bulletin that corresponds with the lectionary readings, some coloring pencils to help them reflect on what

is happening in service, and some snacks (Jesus said feed the people after all). Children have also been invited to join Deacon Barbara as she proclaims the Gospel, a living example of what Jesus said, "let the little children come to me." This new practice has been one that has touched many lives and continues to flourish.

Our Youth program continues to flourish as well. We have had several combined Formation hours (youth and children together) this spring and it has been a successful experience for all involved. It has given the children and opportunity to be welcomed into the Youth Room and it's been a wonderful experience for the children to be mentored by the youth. Through this opportunity, we have seen more youth become Godly Play teachers in the future.

We have also had many laughs and tender moments of prayer. For the last six months, there has not been

a single Sunday evening during Youth Group when a youth has not mentioned prayers for peace for those in Gaza and an end the violence between Hamas and Israel. It is for this reason, the youth have chosen to support both in prayer and financially, American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. They want to contribute to being part of the solution and care for a community that has been deeply wounded physically and otherwise. Our youth will start raising funds for American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) on May 5, which is Youth Sunday. Our youth are some of the most inspiring people I have had the privilege of working with and they never cease to amaze me. Please join us on May 5 for Youth Sunday and consider supporting a group that our youth believe in. You may give by visiting AFEDJ's website:

afedj.org/give/give-online or by sending your contribution directly via mail: 25 Old Kings Hwy No., Suite 13, Darien, CT 06820.

Youth Sunday also kicks off a flurry of activities that will be available to youth this summer. Starting with Mega Camp, an Episcopal Summer camp that is hosted by the Diocese of Kansas. The Diocese of West Missouri has been invited to participate in this camp. I went last year as a counselor and had the time of my life. I highly encourage any children or youth who are in grades 3–12 to attend. More information will be made available on the Cathedral website. Children must

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Photos courtesy of Clare Stern Burbano

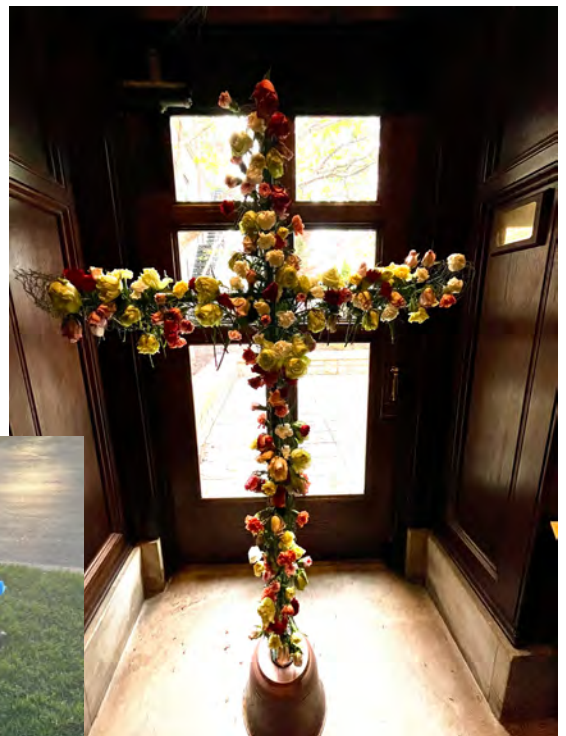


have completed third grade at the end of the 2023–2024 school year. Youth are also invited to attend the General Convention Youth Trip to Louisville, Kentucky, which is being coordinated by the diocese. This trip is a wonderful opportunity for youth who wish to know more about the inner workings of the governance of our denomination. Youth will have the opportunity to witness the election of the new Presiding Bishop and meet with persons from both the House of Bishops and House of Deputies. There will also be some opportunities to explore the city,

visit the Louisville Slugger Museum, and several other fun activities. I look forward to attending this trip as a chaperone and seeing the relationships between the youth of the diocese blossom. More details will be provided on the Cathedral website.

There is also an opportunity for giving back. This year, youth are invited and encouraged to attend the Youth Service Trip to Jerusalem Farm, an intentional living community guided by Catholic Social teaching here in Kansas City. If you are familiar

with the work of Dorothy Day, this is the type of service and care Jerusalem Farm offers. Built on the cornerstones of Prayer, Community, Service and Simplicity, youth have the opportunity to learn more about the human situation in Kansas City, the importance of community gardens, water conservation, engage in an energy fast and learn more about systemic racism, all while repairing homes and building relationships with their Kansas City community through storytelling, worship and community dinners. This will be my third time bringing youth to





Jerusalem Farm and I hope they have just as meaningful an experience as previous youth I have taken. More details will be provided on the website.

Our College and Young Adult Ministry continue to thrive. As many of you know, I am a co-host for the diocesan college and young adult podcast *All Things ... Episcopal* which turned one year old in April! This little podcast has flourished. We are now streamed in 20 different countries. Special thanks to Dean Andy, Father James, Deacon Barbara, and Sarah Lagergren for representing Grace and Holy so well in season two of the podcast. Our efforts to meet college and young adults where they are at has been fruitful.

If you have any questions, prayer requests or just want to chat about life please contact me. I would love to meet with you!

—Clare Stern-Burbano





Continuing to Be A SERVANT CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

“Service is what prayer looks like when it gets up off its knees and walks around the world.”

—Michael J. Graham

This year during Lent the congregation assembled 106 Family Bags for BackSnack students during spring break and 125 Easter baskets for children at Crittenton and Camber children centers and Sheffield Place. Jewish Family Services, a food pantry in Brookside received 135 lbs. of food during the Lenten food drive.

During the month of April Outreach collected personal toiletries items: body wash, hand/body lotion, shampoo and deodorant for Jewish Family Services.

In May Outreach will encourage the congregation to provide financial support for Maison de Naissance in honor of Mother’s Day. The Global Birthing Center in Haiti will be celebrating their 18th anniversary and due to the violence in Haiti, outreach is suggesting donating a dollar amount equal to the purchase of a package of onesies.

Outreach will sponsor the second diaper drive of the year for HappyBottoms during June. HappyBottoms provides a monthly supply of 75 diapers to children in need through more than 70 social service agency sites. Currently over 5,000 children are served each month.

In the planning stages for July, a dinner for the women and children at Sheffield Place will be scheduled on a Tuesday evening. If you are interested in volunteering for this dinner, please contact Kari O’Rourke, **email. orourke@gmail.com.**

—Terri Curran

“You know that your toil is not in vain when it is done in the Lord.”

—1 Corinthians 15:58



Delivering items from the Paper Drive to Sheffield Place.



May Drive for Maison de Naissance

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HappyBottoms June Diaper Drive

During the month of June, we invite you to bring packages of diapers, even open packs. Sizes four, five and six are the most needed. These diapers are donated to HappyBottoms, the local diaper bank of Kansas City that gives out diapers to more than 70 area social service agency sites.



July School Supply Drive

Help kids in need by donating school supplies during the month of July. Watch for more details as we get closer.



Packing Family Bags for BackSnack kids over spring break.



Assembling and delivering Easter baskets to the kids at Crittenton, Camber Children's Home and Sheffield Place.



Upcoming Music Events

Join us for the following events taking place May through July 2024.



Thursday, May 2
7:30 p.m.
The Kansas City Chamber Orchestra presents *Spring into Musical Adventure!*

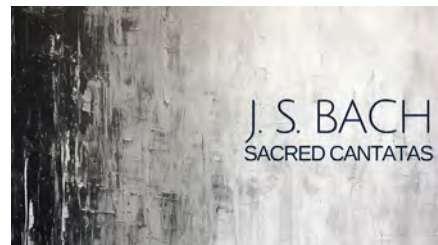
A thrilling and refreshing finale to the chamber orchestra season, and a gorgeous and cozy candlelight celebration! Spring from the Baroque roots of KCCO with another wonderful Bach Brandenburg concerto, and then take wing with spritely melodies and exciting arrangements for string orchestra conducted by Bruce Sorrell. Champagne celebration to follow. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit kcchamberorchestra.org/current-season-concerts. For half-price tickets, Cathedral members can use the code **GHTC10**.



Sunday, May 5
1:30 p.m.
Bachathon XLV

Kansas City's Annual Festival of the Great Music of Johann Sebastian Bach sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. This event is free.

- 1:30 p.m.: Students of the Kansas City Suzuki Academy with the Kansas City Baroque Consortium
- 1:40 p.m.: Teresa Posey Miler, oboe
 Rob Patterson, violin
 Brenda Allen, cello
 Ann Posey, harpsichord
- 2 p.m.: Stan Kessler, trumpet
 Roger Wilder, piano
 Joshua Hearn, organ
- 2:30 p.m.: The Kansas City Baroque Consortium
- 3 p.m.: Trevor Good, organ
- 3:30 p.m.: Paul Davidson, bass
- 4 p.m.: Paul Meier, organ



Friday, May 10
7:30 p.m.
The Kansas City Chorale presents *J.S. Bach Sacred Cantatas*

Music and spirit intertwine in an unforgettable celebration of the human experience. Conductor Charles Bruffy leads the Kansas City Chorale and a chamber orchestra in four of Bach's most revered sacred cantatas. From the jubilant exultation of BWV 147 "Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben" to the profound depths of BWV 131 "Aus der Tiefen rufe ich, Herr zu dir," each cantata weaves a tapestry of emotion and devotion. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit kcchorale.org/event-details/j-s-bach-sacred-cantatas.



Sunday, May 19 • 5 p.m.
Choral Evensong

A service of Choral Evensong will be offered by the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service lasts about 45 minutes and includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem. With its origins in Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer (1549), Evensong is one of the most uniquely Anglican liturgies and is sung in cathedrals and parishes throughout the world.

—Dr. Paul Meier

Sunday Formation

Summer Adult Formation Series: A Book Study on Discipleship
Sundays, July 7, 14, 21, 28
 9:15 a.m.

Dean Andy and Fr. James will co-teach a book study looking at what it means to walk in the way of Christ

and truly be a disciple. The season of Pentecost is a season of growth, for both the apostles and us. We'll look at various aspects of discipleship such as prayer, discipline, and practice. More information will be coming soon about our book selection and how to get it.

—Andrew Keyse & James Yazell



Women's Bible Study

Witness at the Cross
Tuesdays
 12:30–1:30 p.m. • Via Zoom

The Women's Bible Study group (WBS) meets on Zoom Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. for an hour or so. We use various study series that lead us into discussions which are lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. We'd love to have you join us whether or not you have the book.

WBS is currently reading *Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back* by

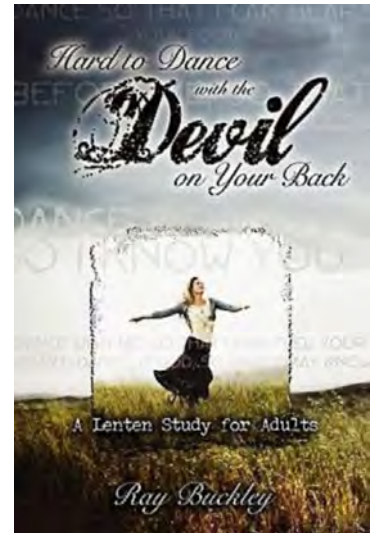
Ray Buckley. It's a look at how our walk with Jesus helps sustain us in troubled times.

Books and e-books can be found at Cokesbury, Amazon and other publishers.

Join Zoom Meeting
 Meeting ID: 810 8837 7522
 Passcode: 746100

For more information contact **Lissa Hoeprich**.

—Lissa Hoeprich



Lectionary Bible Study

Lectionary Bible Study
Tuesdays
 6:45 p.m. • Via Zoom

The Lectionnaires meet online via Zoom every Tuesday evening from 6:45 to 8 p.m. This is a group of 15 or so people who enjoy a back-and-forth discussion about scripture. In the last two years we have convened around the lectionary schedule and in doing so, have developed friendships with not

only our fellow Lectionnaires but I daresay with the subjects themselves: Jesus, Moses, Abraham, David, Paul and Peter. Each week another layer is applied, another reference, a deeper feeling, and sometimes a revelation. Join us by



emailing the Cathedral office or reaching out to **Jeff Johnson**.

—Jeff Johnson

Thanksgivings and Memorials for Easter Flowers



- in memory of my aunt Sara Gaggens — Ruth Music
- In memory of Mary Lagergren — Blain & Sarah Lagergren
- in memory of Lillian & John Knoell, Marie Knoell and Florence & Merritt Royer — Donna Knoell & Jim Royer
- in honor of Sarah Ingram-Eiser — her children and grandchildren
- in thanksgiving for our family — The Ryders
- in thanksgiving for Emily, Maggie, Sam, Lydia, Paige, Caroline & Tommy — Dave & Diane Barker
- in memory of Warren Massey, Charles
- in memory of Marion & Ann — Ed
- in memory of Beverly Bilotta — Larry Bilotta
- in memory of Robert Hudson — Sharon Hudson
- in memory of Dr. Charles Chapple — Sally Chapple
- in thanksgiving for our family — Day & Whitney Kerr
- in memory of Magie Jacobs Barr — Brent A. Barr
- in thanksgiving for our children and granddaughters Haley, Jason, Drew, Haley, Madison & Brooklyn — Mom, Dad, Oma & Opa
- in thanksgiving for my family — Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Maddie & Jack — Ellen & John Goheen
- in thanksgiving for my family and in memory of Howard, Ruby, Sarah and Robert Weaver — Terri Weaver Wesner
- in thanksgiving for my family and in memory of Gordon, Thelma, Joan, Dale & Randy Wesner — Glen Wesner
- in thanksgiving for God's many blessings — Joan Bergstrom
- in thanksgiving for our family: mothers, children and grandchildren — Michael & Cathy Thomas
- in memory of Charles Thomas and Lloyd Liming — Michael & Cathy Thomas
- in memory of our parents — Paget & Tom Higgins
- in thanksgiving for all caregivers
- — Nigel Jones
- in thanksgiving for Katie Sharp, Anne Hayes & Charles Riley — Denny Allen Brisley
- in memory of Harley Miller and Hortense Lambert — Pat Miller
- in memory of John M. Brown — Peg Brown
- in thanksgiving for the Cathedral Staff: Julie, Steve B., James, Melissa, Clare, Holly, Joan, Barbara, Lucas, Paul, Angie, Bianca, Mike, Brian, Jenae, Farzana and RhiAna — Dean Andy
- in thanksgiving for our children Siras and Mary Mullis — Beth and Andy Keyse
- in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Keyse, Mr. and Mrs. Siras A. Stocks, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Grauer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Johnson, Dr. S. Allan Stocks — Beth and Andy Keyse
- in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren! — Jonathan & Nancy Lee Kemper
- in memory of James & Mildred Kemper, Royce & Bettie Smith — Jonathan & Nancy Lee Kemper
- — Bruce & Lill Weekes
- in memory of Joe Finnie Jr. — Jackye Finnie

Did You Know?

Flowers at the altar add to the beauty of the service and bring nature inside, reminding us of the creativeness of God. Altar flowers are also a way to remember a loved one or celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion.

Gifts for flowers are accepted throughout the year and are acknowledged each week in the service bulletin and quarterly in *The Angelus*. You can donate with check or cash (please mark the envelope or check “flowers” with the date for which you are donating flowers.

If you would like to set up gifts to be renewed each year on or closest to the same dates, contact Julie Toma, 816.474.8260 or jtoma@kccathedral.org. You can also contact Julie to donate for flowers on a week-by-week basis. Visit kccathedral.org/flowers for more information.

—Julie Toma

Thanksgivings and Memorials Flowers and Greens

February 25

- in thanksgiving for the birthday of Gerran Thomas—Paula Livingston-Lewis

April 14

- in celebration of the life of Alan Ryder—the Ryder family



kccathedral.org/volunteer

FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE
AT GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL



PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, May 19 • 11:45 a.m.

Join us for a picnic lunch in the Founders' Hall
courtyard & north lawn.



The Cathedral will provide the main course. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We'll also have fun activities for kids of all ages. Dress casually and enjoy this time of fun and fellowship! This is a great Sunday to invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you.

Help grill, setup or clean up. Sign up here tinyurl.com/GHTCPicnic2024 or contact Holly Campbell, eventsekccathedral.org or 816.214.9946.