

Four (4) candidates will be elected to the Vestry Class of 2029. Those elected will serve three-year terms, through the Annual Meeting in 2029. Candidates for Vestry must be regular at worship and giving members of record.

Requirements to vote are that you must be a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church age 16 or older, be known to the Treasurer as having given money of some sort in the last six months, known to the Dean to have been in attendance in the past six months, and have received Communion at least three times over the course of the previous year.

JULIE BROGNO

17 years at the Cathedral

Past/Current Cathedral Involvement: I currently serve as a lector/intercessor and on a Holy Hands team.

My areas of interest and giftedness:

I currently serve on the social events committee and the newcomers committee. My strengths are in collaboration, organization, and hospitality. These are skills I have developed over the course of my career as an educator and as a volunteer. I am also interested in the Stewardship committee because I realize how important it is to help members feel they are contributing to the life of the Cathedral with their time and talents, as well as with their monetary donations.

My experience in leadership: In my current job, I have served as grade level chair for three years. In this position, I am responsible for managing a budget, planning field trips, and assisting other teachers, as well as working with administrators to plan school-wide activities and analyze student data. I have also have served on the board of the United Nations Association of Greater Kansas City since 2017. As communications chair, I manage the organization's website, create newsletters and invitations, and correspond with members.

My vision for GHTC: My vision is that the Cathedral continues to be a place where all feel welcome to worship, to serve others, to learn more about God, and to have fun! I see our efforts to create a strong community at the Cathedral are working, and I often see new faces in the pews and at events. I want our Cathedral family to remain focused on building community, attracting new members, and empowering people to use their gifts to make a difference in our community.

Favorite liturgical season: Past/Current Cathedral Involvement: Lent is my favorite liturgical season because it asks us to contemplate what we need to give up and what we need to put into our lives. I need this yearly reminder to make sure that I am honoring God and God's creation. Lent gives us the opportunity to reorient ourselves towards what is important in life and helps us stay focused on God's love for us.



BLAIN LAGERGREN

4 years at the Cathedral

Past/Current Cathedral Involvement: My wife, Sarah, my children, George and Freya, and I regularly participate in food ministries as we are able. This includes Holy Hands, Pete's Garden, and any gathering for which we can cook and serve food. We occasionally serve as oblation bearers as well. I have served on the Vestry for the past three years, two of those years as clerk.

My areas of interest and giftedness: Given the experiences of the past three years, I remain most interested in Stewardship and Buildings and Grounds. I have worked with Steve Moore and Matthias Nichols in developing our 2025-2026 Stewardship campaign and believe that my ability to generate ideas serves that committee well. I am a carpenter by hobby and look for ways to repair and maintain the incredible woodwork that our Cathedral possesses.

My experience in leadership: I am an attorney and I regularly have to manage extreme personalities in often adversarial positions but oriented to an ostensibly common goal.

My vision for GHTC: The growth of our parish. To see it flourish and welcome new families and individuals to build a more robust presence across all ages. To be a sanctuary for those seeking respite from the tumult of our world, not so they learn to shut it out, but that they might do their work in it with renewed love, grace, strength, and compassion. To be a true community.

Favorite liturgical season: Advent, but from a more solemn perspective. The cold and dark of the winter anticipating the birth of Christ.



MATHIAS NICHOLS

10 years at the Cathedral

Past/Current Cathedral Involvement: I have served on the vestry for the last 3 years. I have sat on the Finance, Building and Grounds, Stewardship and Children and young adult committees.

My areas of interest and giftedness: Budget, Buildings and Grounds.

My experience in leadership: Professionally, I have lead sales teams for many years. Personally, I have always felt a sense of duty to volunteer and give back whenever I can.

My vision for GHTC: To be an inner city beacon of light serving the community and welcoming all.

Favorite liturgical season: Advent has always been a special time of year for me and our family.



JANET SWEETING

33 years at the Cathedral

Past/Current Cathedral Involvement: Head of nursery in the mid-1990s, Leader of Holy Hands through 2005, Altar Guild 2007-2010, Sacristan 2011-2016, EFM 2008-2012. I have been involved in lay ministries and have been, or still am, a Eucharist Visitor, Eucharist Minister, Healing Ministry, Acolyte (retired), Greeter & Usher. Delegate to convention and deanery meetings.

My areas of interest and giftedness: Social Outreach, Finance, but I'm not completely sure of my "gifts", but I am willing to work to achieve committee goals. Have good phone and personal skills.

My experience in leadership: I was in leadership positions most of my career at SSA, overseeing and providing support for most technical positions there. I was Sacristan and Volunteer Coordinator for the Cathedral.

My vision for GHTC: To make it a warm and inviting environment, open to all. Fiscally responsible and ready for the future. For us to see God in every face we encounter.

Favorite liturgical season: Advent, it is full of hope for what is to come

