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An Exciting and Busy Time of Year

As we near the end of the season of Pentecost, I am reminded that it is a time of joy, expectation, and anticipation for all that is to come. Our longest season of the church year doesn't come to a quiet end, but is triumphant as we celebrate All Saints' Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, and Thanksgiving. Pentecost began with the coming of the Holy Spirit and will end with thanking God for all our many blessings and the celebration of the reign of Christ. Then the cycle begins all over again with the waiting and coming of the Christ child in Advent and Christmas. This is always an exciting and busy time of year.

We begin this busy time with our All Saints' celebration this Sunday. Also in November will be Diocesan Convention with the election of our new bishop, Kirkin' and visitation by Bishop Bruce, and our Thanksgiving service on the 28th. Advent might begin a new year in the church (Year C) but what we do is certainly not new. We will, once again, have our traditional Advent events such as the Nativity Puppets, The City Come Again with William Jewell College, and Advent Lessons and Carols. We will have three celebrations for Christmas: 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 10 a.m. on Christmas Day. In January we will have (former) Presiding Bishop Michael

Curry with us for a celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr and our usual service for Diocesan Ordinations to the Diaconate. For as much as we have going on during this time of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, it all comes and goes so quickly. The coming of Advent reminds us that we are to use this time to slow down, take a breath, and truly enjoy all the blessings of our lives.

May you be lifted up in the light of Christ during this time of celebration, thanksgiving, anticipation, expectation, and joy. I look forward to being with all of you as we move from this end of Pentecost into all that lies ahead.

—Andrew Keyse



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On the cover: The Cathedral in Autumn, photo by Ken Stewart.



A Rhythm of Daily Prayer

“Lord, open our lips. And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.”

These words are said at the beginning of every service of morning prayer. In a time before artificial lights and when candles were expensive, the darkness of night was a time of waiting and resting. A time when our ancestors simply had to trust that the light of the new day would come once again in the morning. And so with the coming of the light in the morning came praise for the faithfulness and providence of God who has gifted us with a new day and a sense of renewal at the possibilities now before us.

This is the tradition we continue when we keep the daily office. A rhythm of daily prayer that grounds us in the reality of God's presence. A constant reminder that through the cycles of the day God is ever before us. And like daily vitamins, the constant exposure builds up in us and slowly transforms the health of our souls.

The real significance of the Divine Office is that in its recitation the individual or group enters the ancient cycle of prayer, by which day by day and hour by hour the church in the name of all creation adores and implores the eternal God.

—Evelyn Underhill

This role of a daily rhythm of prayer was recognized very early on in the faith of our ancestors. It started with practices of daily prayer at sunrise and sunset in the Jewish tradition where God would be thanked for a new day and called on for protection at night. As Christianity developed into a distinct religious tradition this practice transformed into the monastic hours. The hours were designed to be kept by monks and clergy who could dedicate large portions of their day to the recitation of the psalms, scripture reading, and other prayers. The recitation of these prayers turned into what was almost a full time job with prayers scheduled eight times each day.

As Anglicans, one of the central developments of our tradition was the taking of these daily hours and reclaiming them as the daily prayer of the entire Church: both clergy and laity. This was done by condensing the hours down to just two offices, Morning and Evening Prayer (although two more offices were later added: Noonday and Compline). So now in the Book of Common Prayer we again have daily public services of worship for prayer, the reading of the Bible and the reciting of Psalms. They have enough flexibility to be adapted to your own context while still providing enough guidance for all to pray together.

The value of the Office is its objectivity. It is a means by which we pray with the whole church, uniting our prayer with that of millions of other Christians living and dead. This is true whether one is alone or in a group, for the Office is essentially a corporate act. It is objective too in that it does not depend on our feelings, but gives our prayer life a regularity and a disciplined framework.

—Kenneth Leech

If you would like to join into this ancient pattern of worship, it has never been easier! There are apps you can use that will automatically pull up the prayers and readings so you can pray the Office on your own (I recommend venite.app). There are also a number of podcasts available to listen and pray along with. And if you would like some guidance or coaching on how to pray the Offices or integrate them into your life, please feel free to reach out to me. In praying the Daily Office you will come to find the very stuff of daily life to be sanctified.

The Office places us in harmony with the cosmic rhythms of day and night, light and dark, as the earth turns on its axis and rotates around the sun in an annual cycle. This is how we measure the passage of days and years, and praying the Office sanctifies this journey through time.

—Julia Gatta

—James Yazell



A New Alliance

NourishKC is undergoing some exciting changes!

Under the guidance of new Executive Director Chef Shanita McAfee Bryant, Nourish has created an alliance with The Prospect KC. As Founder and Executive Director, Chef Shanita is native to Kansas City but has made a name for herself across the country. Most recently speaking alongside Pete's Garden Director Tamara Weber and others at "Food For Thought, A Conversation about Hunger" and was a featured speaker at the 2024 Les Dames d'Escoffier International Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ.

The Prospect KC's mission is to create lasting change through programs designed to address food access, nutrition education and culinary

job training. The Prospect KC also provides comprehensive support services through a robust network of social service partnerships offering food assistance, housing, childcare, transportation, and job training. You can taste some of their goodies at The Nook inside The Central Library at 14 West Tenth Street.

Chef Shanita has gone right to work in sharing her expertise and networking with Nourish, creating a strong program which has already reflected rewards through funding received. Nourish continues in its mission to rescue fresh local food, prepare nutritious meals, and serve as a community partner to address hunger's core causes. The strength of Nourish is in its volunteers, who will be honored at a Volunteer

Appreciation Brunch at St. Paul's on November 9. Please speak with Deacon Barbara if you'd like to volunteer.

This alliance has also created a new



logo! Same mission, new logo, and now a powerful alliance! NourishKC is proud to announce their new look with a design empowered by The Prospect KC, uniting their missions under one banner to better serve the community. This alliance brings new energy, more resources and a deeper commitment to making sure everyone has access to nutritious meals. Let's make an impact together!

—Barbara Wegener

Looking to Serve?

When asked, "Why do you volunteer?" many people said they feel a deepened connection to the Cathedral, they want to meet more people and they volunteer to share their gifts with others. Are you looking for a way to serve? The Cathedral needs additional help in several ways.

We need one person to be the second person to be a Greeter on third Sundays.

We also need one Holy Hands Hospitality volunteer for both the third and fourth Sundays. In addition,

we need five people to sign up for Holy Hands Hospitality to prepare light snacks for the fifth Sundays starting in December. The fifth Sundays are December 29, March 31, and November 30.

Oblation Bearers are needed every Sunday at the 10:30 service. Everyone is welcome to be an Oblation Bearer—adults, young people and children. Oblation Bearers bring forth the wine and the bread for the Eucharist. You don't need to sign up weeks or months in advance. You can even decide on the day you attend the worship service

GHTC Volunteers



by letting an usher know you are volunteering. They will know if someone has signed up already. To sign up in advance, simply email me at volunteers@kccathedral.org.

I am happy to talk to you and answer any questions you may have about these positions. Thank you!

—Joan Bergstrom

Stewardship

Our place as a Cathedral is unique as our ministry is really expressed in two different ways: as the Cathedral Church of the Diocese, who hosts diocesan events and serves as a home for our Bishop; and as a Cathedral parish, serving the spiritual needs of our members. On one level a close-knit family as a parish and on another level part of an extended family of the diocese.



I want to focus on the family part of our life together at the Cathedral, for that is where our main ministry begins. We come together at the Cathedral as a family to worship, learn, grow, and love. It is here that we ask God to bless our family, formed in faith.

When we live together as a family, we experience many things, both good and bad. We rejoice together in times of celebration, and we mourn together in times of sadness. We congratulate one another when we come together to do something good. We say thank you to those who are deserving of our deep gratitude. We are a family, formed in faith. In good times we share much laughter and cheer, we can't wait to see everyone and be together again. In tough times we stand together so we can be strong. We help one another in these times of need with words of encouragement and hands to hold. We pray together knowing that we will persevere and get through tough times, that we will always be there for one another no matter what. We are a family and that's what families do.

It is in this spirit that I ask you to support our family, formed in faith, and pledge to the work and ministry of our Cathedral in 2025. It is through your love and support of this family that we are able to do much good in this place and in this community. Thank you for your support, and for being a wonderful part of this family.

Pledges will be blessed Sunday, November 24. You may make your commitment of financial support for the Cathedral family online (kccathedral.org/stewardship) or by returning a pledge card in the offering or mail.



Year-End Giving

Thank you for your generosity in 2024. The end of the year is a great time to consider giving toward Cathedral ministries. Donations can be mailed to the Cathedral office or made at kccathedral.org/give.

Donations received by mail, postmarked by December 31, will be included on your 2024 contributions. Please note that the Cathedral office will have limited hours between December 24-January 1.

If you have a question about your pledge or other giving, please contact Cathedral Administrator Julie Toma at jtoma@kccathedral.org or 816.214.9936.

O God, our loving Creator and giver of all good gifts, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity.

Bless our family, formed in faith, strengthen us and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received — abundantly, generously, and joyfully — that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace.

This we ask in the Name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday Formation

The Path

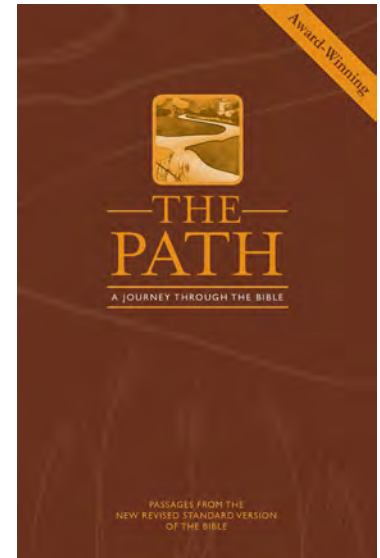
Sundays

9:15 a.m. • Common Room

In our Adult Formation this year we will take a journey using Forward Movement's *The Path*, an excerpted version of the Bible that covers most of the major stories chronologically. Through *The Path*, we will become

familiar with the grand overarching narrative of the entire Bible. We will learn the story of God's extraordinary and unrelenting love for us in its many dimensions. Copies of *The Path* will be available in the bookstore if you would like to own a personal copy and each chapter will be printed out weekly and made available so that everyone can follow along.

—James Yazell



Women's Bible Study

The Gospels

Tuesdays

12:30–1:30 p.m. • Via Zoom

The Women's Bible Study group (WBS) meets on Zoom Tuesdays at 12:30 pm 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 will be starting a new study in October, *The Bible With and Without Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. This study looks at Hebrew Bible stories referenced in the New Testament and examines the historical and literary significance.

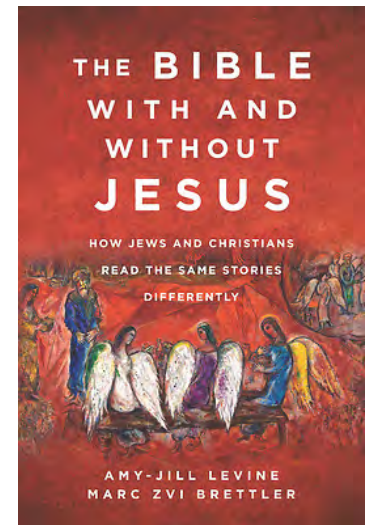
Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 810 8837 7522

Passcode: 746100

For more information contact **Lissa Hoeplich**.

—Lissa Hoeplich



Lectionary Bible Study

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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



A Wonderful Start

Greetings friends! What a wonderful start to the fall season we have had in the children, youth and college ministry! We welcomed back our children and youth for Formation and Youth Group and have seen them flourish in their leadership development in worship as lectors and oblation bearers. Additionally, I have been visiting our children and youth at the schools for their sporting events and celebrating their joys and passions in life. By invitation from the Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Missioner in the Diocese of Kansas, I spent time in Lawrence and Manhattan at the Canterbury Houses, an Episcopal ministry traditionally used to support residential college students, leading programs on meditation and prayer. This fall has been and continues to be very exciting.

On Tuesday, November 5, children and youth are welcome to attend a half day of service at Pete's Garden that will include quiet time and breakfast in the morning and then two hours of service packing and labeling food boxes for Pete's Garden. Registration is currently open and children ages six and older are welcome to participate. Registration can be found on the Cathedral website under the youth and college ministry page. Additionally, youth are invited to participate in the Diocesan Convention Youth Presence: Lock-In, November 8-9 at Grace and Holy Trinity. Youth will also have the opportunity to observe the election of the 9th bishop of the Diocese of

West Missouri. Our own Henry Galus will serve as a Youth Delegate. He will have voice and vote at Diocesan Convention. Youth will be provided leadership opportunities and lots of fun activities to include almost midnight pancakes, movies and games.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday with a combined children and youth Banquet Breakfast Feast during Formation Hour. The Feast of Christ

the King while instituted by the Roman Catholic Church, has made its way into the Lutheran and Anglican Communion calendars. The Feast of Christ the King is the final Sunday of the liturgical year, and the following Sunday starts a new liturgical year. We call this Sunday Advent I. Christ the King Sunday is a feast day that celebrates the sovereignty and reign of Christ throughout all ages and creation. Our prayer book offers this beautiful collect for this feast day.





Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (BCP 236)



Moving toward the season of Advent, we will also have some exciting activities for children and youth, as per tradition, we will welcome back the Nativity Puppets to the Cathedral, and the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service with the Children's Pick-Up Pageant. Nursery Care will be provided. Following the 5 p.m. service, we will have an Advent Party in Haden Hall with a Hot Chocolate and Cookie Bar and some other festive things!



Youth will also have a time of Advent celebration in mid-December. Plans with surrounding area churches for an Advent party are underway. Stay tuned for more details!



'Tis the season for all the fall fresh air, sports ball games and fellowship!

There will be no Formation for Children or Youth Nov. 10 and Dec. 29.

There will be no youth Group Nov. 10, Dec. 1, 22 and 29.

—Clare Stern-Burbano



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

*“And do not forget
to do good and
to share with
others, for with
such sacrifices
God is pleased.”*

Hebrews 13:16



Socks & Gloves Drive

There is so much to look forward to as we enter months of celebration and blessings. The celebration of the birth of Christ and the many blessings that we can share with others.

During the months of November and December, Outreach Ministries will be collecting socks and gloves for those less fortunate men and women who find comfort at Shelter KC. Shelter KC is a rescue mission in downtown Kansas City offering shelter, clothing, feeding and educating the homeless. It offers emergency services for men and residential recovery for both men and single women who are not caring for children.



The second Saturday in December Outreach will host the Annual Ladies' Luncheon at 11 a.m. Those attending will participate in a service project.



Happy Bottoms held its 15th year celebration /fund raiser for providing a diaper bank for the Kansas City Metro. The event raised over \$318,000 and was attended by Donna Knoell, Jim Royer and the Currans. Currently Happy Bottoms provides 75 diapers to 5,736 children each month through 70 social service agency sites. In 2024, Happy Bottoms provided over four million diapers to families in need. The first diaper drive in 2025 will be during the month of January.

—Terri Curran

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**.





Upcoming Music Events



Sunday, November 17 • 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Join us for our annual celebration of Kirkin' o' the Tartan! We will display all the tartan banners and enjoy listening to a piper at the 8 a.m. service and the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums at the 10:30 a.m. service. So put on your kilt and come celebrate with us! This event is free.



Sunday, November 17 • 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong

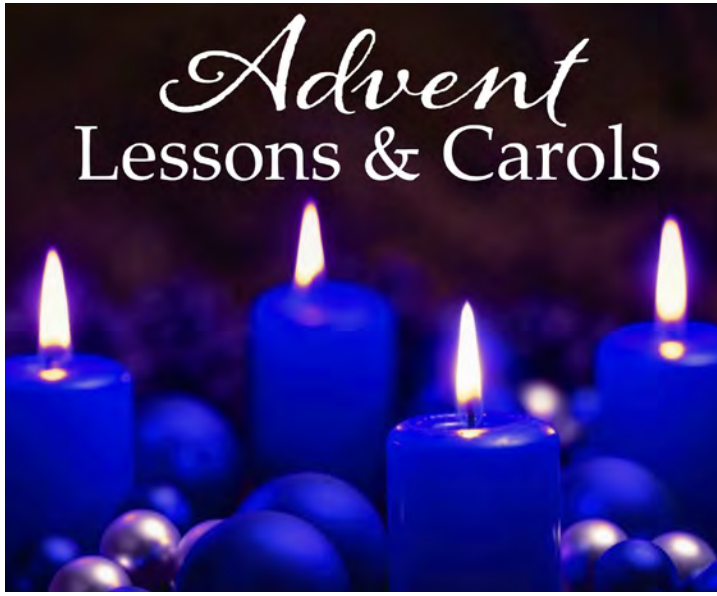
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Monday, December 9 • 11:30 a.m.

William Jewell College presents *The City Come Again*

William Jewell College's gift to the city in words and music, features the college's Concert Choir, conductor Dr. Anthony Maglione, and organist Dr. Ann Marie Rigler. This event is free.



Sunday, December 15 • 5 p.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols

The Cathedral will offer its seventh annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service of Bible readings and music provides an opportunity for spiritual reflection and preparation as we anticipate the joy of Christmas and the hope of Christ's return. In the lessons, we begin with Adam and Eve, move through prophecies of the coming Messiah, and end with the Angel Gabriel visiting the Virgin Mary. The musical portions of the service are chosen to expand on the readings and on our longing for Christ's return. The music will include Advent congregational carols, choral pieces, and organ voluntaries. This event is free.



Sunday, January 19 • 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong

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Dear Cathedral Family:

It is with mixed emotions that I write to tell you that I have decided to accept a position as the Interim Director of Music and Organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Medina, Washington, and my last Sunday at the Cathedral will be November 17.

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve as the Cathedral's Director of Music since February 2017. Thank you for all of your support and for welcoming Suzanne and me into the community.

I wish you all the best and hope that you will come by and say hello when visiting Seattle.

Sincerely,
Paul Meier

Advent & Christmas at the Cathedral

Advent and Christmas at the Cathedral is filled with amazing events and services. Please take a look and mark your calendars! As always, you can find more information on our website, kccathedral.org.

NOVEMBER



Socks & Gloves Drive

November & December

Socks & Gloves Drive—During the months of November and December, Outreach will be collecting warm socks and gloves for both men and women. These will be donated to Shelter KC at both the men's and women's centers.



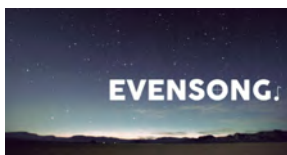
Friday, Nov. 8, 5 p.m.–
Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:45 a.m.

Diocesan Convention Youth Presence Lock-In—Invite friends ... and tell them how to **register online**. You'll find all the details on the registration form as well.



Sunday, November 17
8 & 10:30 a.m.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan—Join us Sunday, November 12 for our annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan! We will display all the tartan banners and enjoy listening to a piper at the 8 a.m. service and the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums at the 10:30 a.m. service. So put on your kilt and come celebrate with us!



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Sunday, November 17

Bishop's Visitation—The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Provisional of West Missouri, will preside and preach at the morning services at the Cathedral Sunday, November 17. Bishop Diane will hold a Bishop's Q&A between the morning services in Founders' Hall.



Thursday, November 28
10 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day Service—Join us Thanksgiving Day for a service of Holy Eucharist. Come celebrate with your church family and give thanks for all your blessings.



Saturday, November 30
10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Advent Decorating—Decorating for Advent is a wonderful way to prepare for the joyous season of anticipation and reflection. You are invited to help adorn the Cathedral spaces with greens for all who gather to reflect and celebrate this sacred time. No need to bring anything; just show up. Please contact Joan Bergstrom (sacristan@kccathedral.org) or Julie Toma (jtoma@kccathedral.org) with any questions.

Advent & Christmas at the Cathedral

DECEMBER



Sunday, December 1
11:45 a.m.

Advent Workshop—All are invited for fun, fellowship and crafts at our Advent Workshop. We gather in Founders' Hall after the 10:30 a.m. service. Contact Clare (cstern@kccathedral.org).



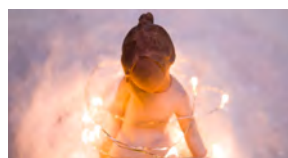
Fri., Dec. 6, 10 a.m.
& 7 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 7, 2 & 5 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 8, 2 p.m.

Nativity Puppets—The Nativity is comprised of over 40 volunteers, instrumentalists, vocalists and singers from the community. The annual production has been presented to thousands of Kansas City audiences and is a favorite tradition for many. You may purchase tickets at nativitypuppets.org.



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Saturday, December 14
11 a.m.

Women's Lunch & Outreach Project—In addition to lunch, attendees will be packing treat bags for the children at Crittenton and the BackSnack students.



Sunday, December 15
5 p.m.

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Christmas Services

Tuesday, December 24, 5 p.m.—Christmas Eve (with Nativity Pageant)

Join us Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. and watch the Cathedral kids present the Nativity Pageant.

Tuesday, December 24, 10 p.m.—Christmas Eve

Come celebrate the birth of Christ with us. Traditional, familiar carols and service music will be featured.

Wednesday, December 25, 10 a.m.—Christmas Day

Greet the Incarnate Lord on Christmas morning with a celebration of Holy Eucharist with carols and organ music.

JANUARY



Winter Chili & Game Night

Friday, January 10 • 6 p.m.

Warm up on a winter night with fun, food and fellowship as we share our favorite chili recipes and enjoy games for all ages. Bring your best chili, whether it's a secret family recipe or a creative twist. As we savor each bowl, engage in games that promise laughter and joy for everyone. You are invited for the chance to connect with friends, share stories, and create lasting memories in a warm atmosphere! Sign up here: signupgenius.com/go/20FoC4AA8A82EAoF85-52550005-winter. All are welcome whether you sign up or not.

Epiphany House Blessing

Sunday, January 12

To celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, consider participating in an ancient tradition known as "Chalking the Door." This practice consists of marking a blessing in chalk in a specific pattern of letters and numbers, to invite God's blessing on a home, church, or other entryway, and on all who enter its doors during the year. All you need is chalk and a doorway. The markings are usually made above the front door or main entrance, in this pattern: 20 + C + M + B + 25

The numbers change each year to reflect the new calendar year. The

letters C, M, and B are given two meanings: the initials of the traditional names of the three magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, and the initials of the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means, "Christ bless this dwelling." The + signs are for the Cross of Christ.

Seeing the symbols over our door during the year remind us, even as life goes back to a regular routine after Christmas, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. They are also reminders of the welcome the magi gave to Jesus. Who might we welcome into our hearts this coming year? With time the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the written symbols sink into the depths of our hearts and manifest in our words and actions.

Chalk will be blessed and distributed with prayers Sunday, January 12.

Text adapted from The Rev. Jennifer McNally and The Rev. Anna V. Ostensio Moore, buildfaith.org/handout-for-epiphany-at-home.



Martin Luther King Jr. Service

Saturday, January 18 • 4 p.m.

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

JANUARY



National Day of Racial Healing

Tuesday, January 21 • 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

The National Day of Racial Healing is a time to contemplate our shared values and create the blueprint together for #HowWeHeal from the effects of racism. Launched in 2017, it is an opportunity to bring ALL people together and inspire collective action to build common ground for a more just and equitable world. The Cathedral will be open for prayer from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Ordinations

Saturday, January 25 • 10 a.m.

God willing, new deacons will be ordained into the Sacred Order of Deacons at the Cathedral. You are invited to support the ordinands at the service. Volunteers are needed to help with the reception setup. Contact Holly Campbell, events@kccathedral.org, if you can help.



The Cathedral office will be closed on the dates below. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, contact Dean Andy at 256.762.5889, Father James at 816.739.2930 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032.

- November 27-29: Thanksgiving
- December 31: New Year's Eve
- December 24, 25-26: Christmas
- January 1: New Year's Day
- January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Volunteers Needed!

Every service and event here at the Cathedral is dependent on volunteers, they are essential!

We need Ushers, Altar Guild, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Acolytes, Children's Ministry, Hospitality and Social Outreach volunteers to fulfill our mission as a loving and welcoming church. Please consider expanding your participation at the Cathedral by being a volunteer. Contact Joan Bergstrom (Volunteer Coordinator) volunteers@kccathedral.org for more information.

Gifts for Flowers and Greens

Flowers and Greens will once again adorn the Cathedral as part of our celebrations. Your gift in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one helps provide festive decorations for Christmas Eve through The Feast of the Epiphany. The deadline is December 18.

You can donate online from our [website](#) or mail your donation to the Cathedral office. For more information, contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.



Thanksgivings and Memorials Flowers and Greens

August 18

- in loving memory of Miriam Marrs—the John, McDowell, Sweeting and Marrs families
- in loving memory of my grandson Max—Carolyn McLeroy
- in memory of Harley Miller, with our love—Patricia Miller & Noël Bishop
- in thanksgiving for Devon Sweeting, in celebration of her birthday—Janet & Ric Sweeting
- in memory of Pat Leive—her family
- in memory of Nick Vaughn—his family

September 8

- in loving memory of Ron McLeroy—Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for Jim Shaffer and in celebration of his birthday—Phyllis Shaffer
- in memory of Kris Kemper—her family
- in memory of Mary Lee McCaffree—her family
- in thanksgiving—Bud & Candy McDowell

September 15

- in memory of Tom & Sally Wood—Tom & Patty Wood
- in loving memory of Brad Kilpatrick—Melissa Kilpatrick

September 29

- in celebration of Ric Sweeting's birthday—Janet Sweeting & Devon Sweeting

October 27

- in thanksgiving for my granddaughters, Maya McLeroy and Grace Leonard—Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for the marriage of Morgan Rezaei and Ross Lien





Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 26

**One service only at 10:30 a.m.
The Annual Meeting follows the service.**