

The Cathedral Star

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Day of Reflection

By: Margaret Brosko

How would you describe our Cathedral?

What immediately comes to mind?

Is it the size of the building, the music, the priest, the people, the presence of God, the history, the welcoming feel...?

What do you love about it?

Is it those same items or something different?

Do you feel a sense of belonging?

Is something or someone missing?

Are you the missing link to make the Cathedral Community, our family, stronger?

These are just some of the questions that will be discussed at a Day of Reflection on July 28.

The famous author and philosopher Grace Lee Boggs said, *"Building community is to the collective as spiritual practice is to the individual."*

It takes a deep and conscious commitment to build a strong community, and we are blessed as a Cathedral to have a proud history. We want to make sure that spirit blossoms even more which is why the Day of Reflection will focus on: Building Community Through Deepening Our Spiritual Life.

Our Parish Family, our community, is the foundation for spreading God's love and the

vehicle for continuing his work on earth.

Working together will multiply our efforts. Over the last several months, we have been asked to pray and discern on creating a vibrant parish life. In a recent pastoral letter, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz invited us to think about ways to strengthen and grow our family. It is time to put those thoughts into action.

How do we take our welcoming charism, deepen it and create a dynamic, diverse, engaged and growing family?

We do it with your ideas, commitment and execution.

Please consider participating in this reflective and fun day.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Lawrence will set the stage with engaging discussions followed by break-out working sessions that will lead to action items to enhance the strength and growth of our Parish Family.

We hope to see you Saturday, July 28 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Undercroft!

If you are interested in participating in the July 28 Day of Reflection, please call the parish office, 582-2971.



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Over the years, the Cathedral Star featured a column entitled *Stars in the Seats*, highlighting a parishioner, someone who may sit next to us at a weekend liturgy. It's been a while, so we thought it was time to bring it back! Enjoy!



Theresa Dogbe

By: Paula Lincoln

If you often worship at the noon Mass on Sundays, you will recognize Theresa Dogbe. She has a wonderful smile and a lilt to her voice reminiscent of her native Ghana. Theresa says, "We are a nation of travelers in Ghana and elsewhere in Africa. When we get the opportunity, we like to go and see things for ourselves and take chances for improving ourselves and, by extension, our families back home."

And back home, Theresa shared, "I have 2 grown children. Both are married according to our traditional system as well as the Christian Church marriage in the Catholic Church in Ghana. My daughter is the second born with 3 children. My son is the first with 2 children from a previous relationship and adopted his current wife's 2 children. So I have 7 grandchildren, and they all live back home in Ghana with their parents."

Theresa chose to come to Louisville fifteen years ago because her younger sister and her family are here.

On coming to Louisville, she says, "The Cathedral of the Assumption is the first church my sister brought me to. I thought it was very inspiring the moment I entered."

Theresa has also attended St. Martin de Porres Church at 34th and Broadway here in Louisville. "The service,"



she says, "was close to two hours in duration. Very much like back home in Ghana where the first Mass can be two hours and the second Mass can stretch to four hours! In Ghana they are more Christian than the people who introduced Christianity to us! Basically, Sunday is a day of worship."

She is still comfortable at the Cathedral and feels it meets her spiritual needs. Not only does she volunteer as a lector, she also serves as a docent in the Archdiocese of Louisville History Center across from the Cathedral. Theresa is drawn to other people and helps in any way she can, truly living her religion.

Fifty @ Golden

By: Angela Wiggins



CENTRAL LOUISVILLE
Community Ministries

We are all in this together. The Cathedral has a rich history of outreach, but in metropolitan downtown community such as ours, the need is great. Our parish does not come close to providing solutions for all those who call or knock on our door.

The Cathedral serves lunch to hundreds of people each week. We assist with vouchers for clients to obtain Kentucky State IDs, a commodity necessary to apply for shelter, permanent housing, employment, social services such as food stamps, access to a Federal building, or to even be legal to live on the street.

But when we have other requests from residents in the center of the city (zip codes 40202, 40203, and 40208), we direct them to call: 587-1999. That is the number for Central Louisville Community Ministries. The Cathedral is one of 8 central Louisville churches (Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Calvary Episcopal Church, Cathedral of the Assumption, Central Presbyterian Church, Christ Church Cathedral, First Unitarian, Fourth Avenue United Methodist, and St. Boniface) belonging to this organization. The office is currently housed in the First Unitarian Church at 4th and York.

CLCM is one of the oldest area ministries around. From their own facebook and publications: *It was created in 1968 by ministers in the downtown area who wanted to respond in a structured way to the requests for help that came to churches. CLCM strives to give direct and personal assistance to residents of the central Louisville community who are in need; to provide a place where residents feel welcome and can receive referrals and short term emergency assistance; to advocate on behalf of clients for the improvement of the quality of assistance from providers of public and private services; to create and implement programs that build a sense of community among clients, churches, businesses, and the public and private social sectors; and to provide opportunities to fulfill their urban missions by combining their resources, both financial and human.*

Last year we served 1,103 unduplicated households with rent assistance to prevent eviction, help with gas, electric and water bills to prevent turnoff, as well as personal care items not covered by SNAP benefits. A total of 2,681 persons were served at

CLCM, and we were able to invest well over \$200,000 directly into stabilizing our community. In addition, we offer a Food Pantry and Clothes Closet at Calvary Episcopal Church, where last year 4,184 orders were filled and 5,050 people were served. For many people in our area, we are the last available safety net before homelessness, loss of utilities or hunger. Most of our clients are on extremely small fixed incomes or are working at minimum wage jobs, and one unexpected expense such as a death in the family, illness, or loss of job puts them at risk of destabilizing their living situation.

Over the years, Cathedral parishioners have volunteered at CLCM. Joe Best is a current client intake volunteer and is also serving as Interim Cathedral representative on the Board of Directors.

This year CLCM will celebrate 50 years of service to the central and downtown Louisville community. The annual fundraising event will take place on September 30, 3-6 pm, at C2, on East Breckenridge.

For this 50th anniversary celebration, the goal is \$50,000.

Please call the Cathedral Parish Office:

- ◆ If you would like to attend, tickets are \$50/person;
- ◆ If you would like to help sponsor the event or have items to donate for their silent auction;
- ◆ If you want to help raise starter money for the event (there will be a Trivia Night in August, date not yet chosen);
- ◆ If you have an interest in volunteering at CLCM.

On the Horizon

Happenings between now and the end of September

July



- 4 Independence Day
Parish Office Closed; No Mass

- 14 Pro Life Mass, 7:30 am

- 19 Inquiry Session for those considering becoming Catholic, 6 pm

- 19-22 Choir Trip to Washington, D.C.

- 28 Day of Reflection for those involved in Parish Ministry and Organizations

- 28/29 Fifth Sunday Collection of toiletries for House of Ruth—at all Masses

- 30 Compassion Support Group Meeting, 6 pm

August



- 11 Pro Life Mass, 7:30 am

- 12 & 19 Sign-ups for Religious Ed after 9:30 Mass

- 16 Parish Council, 6 pm

- 16 Inquiry Session for those considering becoming Catholic, 6 pm

- 18 Feastday Fest Celebration, beginning with 5:30 pm Mass—Save the date and watch for details!

- 26 First Day of Religious Education

- 26 Inquiry Session for those considering becoming Catholic, 10:30 am

- 27 Compassion Support Group Meeting, 6 pm

Outreach

Our Daily Lunch Program continues, with “Ask a Lawyer” available each Tuesday, and medical personnel from Phoenix Hill visiting most Thursdays. ID Voucher Program schedules appointments for clients twice each month.



September



- 3 Labor Day
Parish Office Closed; No Mass

- 5 Red Mass, 12:15 pm, Celebrated by Archbishop Kurtz for those in the Legal & Judicial Profession

- 6 Kelty Endowed Organ Recital, 7:30 pm

- 8 Pro Life Mass, 7:30 am

- 9 Coffee and Donuts after 9:30 am Mass

- 9 First Day of RCIA

- 10 Cathedral Book Club, 6 pm

- 12 Renewal training for current Eucharistic Ministers whose term expires this year, 7-9 pm. To register call 636-0296 ext. 1260.

- 20 Parish Council, 6 pm

- 24 Compassion Support Group Meeting, 6 pm

- 30 Louisville United Against Violence

- 30 CLCM 50th Anniversary Fundraising Event, 3-6 pm, C2 Event Venue, tickets required

- 30 Annual Filipino Festival, begins with 5:30 Mass

Other Groups scheduled to visit:

- July 2 SCNs for Tour

- July 8 American Queen Cruise Passengers

- July 11 Ancient Order of Hibernians Mass & Rosary

- July 24 JPPII Parish Grandparents & Grandchildren Tour

- Aug 26/27 Priests Council

- Sept 14 Archivists Convention

- Mondays AA meets at 8 pm in Sandefur Dining Room

Schedule subject to change. Please watch bulletin or call parish office should you have an interest in any of these events.

Cathedral of the Assumption Feasibility Study Highlights

We wish to thank each parishioner who participated in our recent pre-capital campaign feasibility study. Here are a few of the more notable results of the study. Should you wish to view the entire report, you may request to see a copy at the Cathedral office during working hours.

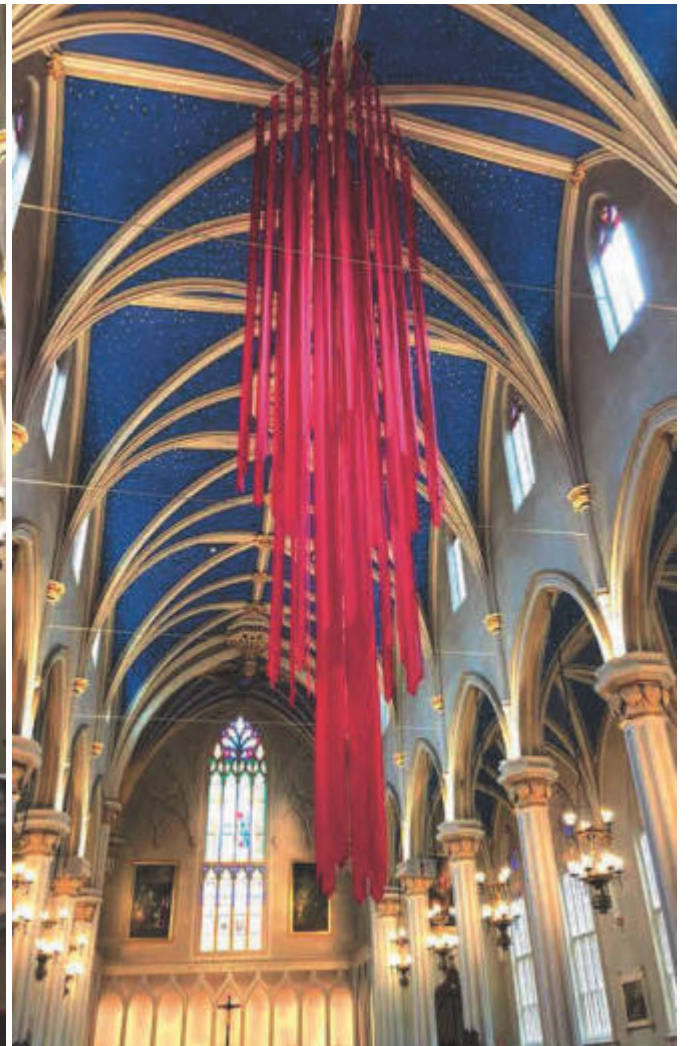
- The Cathedral is regarded by parishioners as a vital spiritual landmark in Metro Louisville.
- In response to the question, “Why do you attend the Cathedral?” most respondents say it is because they love the beautiful Church and their spiritual experience in Mass, the wonderful Cathedral ministries like the Cathedral Lunch Program, and the Cathedral’s rich history of diversity.
- More than 200 individuals, representing nearly 200 households participated in an interview or completed a parish survey, substantially more than the average parish response.
- The Cathedral has 1100+ households; 444 of these households provide a significant portion of our annual offertory receipts. The number of parishioners who do not contribute to the parish is above average.
- Over 90% of survey participants feel “happy” to “very happy” with ministries and programs at the Cathedral and feel the Cathedral communicates well with parishioners.
- The Cathedral’s greatest strengths? Music/Mass/Liturgy; Daily Lunch Program; Parish Staff. Those areas that need to be strengthened? Buildings/Facilities and Outreach/Social Concerns.
- 9 of 10 believe updating facilities and establishing a permanent legacy fund should be our immediate priorities. Therefore, the majority believe it is time to conduct a capital campaign to raise needed resources to update the facilities and prepare the Cathedral for the next decades of ministry.
- Early indications are that the financial potential in a capital campaign at the Cathedral is \$3M to \$4M for capital improvements and a corresponding amount for a permanent legacy fund.

With this very strong endorsement, Cathedral leadership will now request formal approval from the Archdiocese of Louisville to proceed with a capital campaign during the fall of 2018. The capital campaign will focus on two funding priorities:

1. Improvements/updates/renovations to the Church itself, as well as all buildings and facilities on the Cathedral campus - \$3 million.
2. The establishment of a permanent legacy fund - \$3 million.

For the capital campaign to be successful we will need the generous giving of everyone and the extraordinary giving of a few. Please pray that God will bless our efforts. Thanks again for your participation!





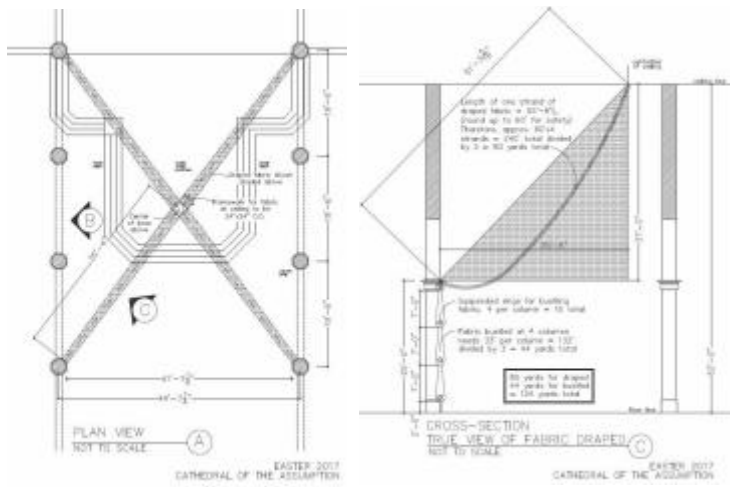
Photos by Don Kavanaugh

It Takes a Village

By: Martha Villiger

On Easter and Pentecost, we are awed at the beautiful draped cloths (called mobiles) reaching from the ceiling to the floor. I've heard many people say, "How did they do that?..." I decided to try to find out. I'm sure many of us have decorated our homes with crepe paper streamers, just guessed at the dimensions, fastened them with Scotch tape and we were finished. There was no guessing with these Cathedral projects. Maggie Cyphers referred me to Madonna Wilson, a devoted long time member of the Cathedral, who just happens to be a professional architect. Madonna graduated from Spalding University majoring in Art and Interior Design after which she realized her real interest was architecture. She attended the University of Kentucky for five years and attained her degree in architecture. (B.Arch).

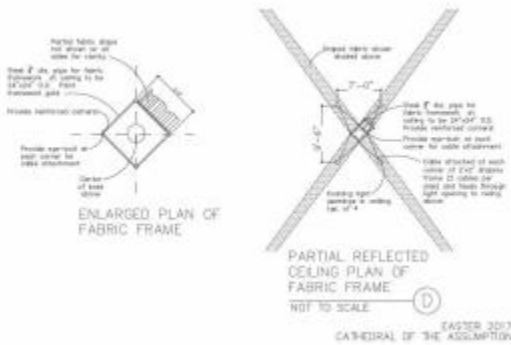
She revealed to me how the ideas for the Easter and Pentecost decorations came about and how they were accomplished. Maggie and Tim Tomes are always looking for décor inspiration and online they saw that the Easter draped cloth was done at Notre Dame, Basilica of the Sacred Heart (in the states). They presented their idea to the Arts and Environment Committee and discussed the logistics of how to pull off a project like that. They needed to discuss how much fabric they would need, the length and width of the fabric, how it is going to be attached to the ceiling and who is going to install it. Madonna created 4 drawings to help the committee to visualize their upcoming, challenging project which was to be accomplished *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*.



The Arts and Environment Committee members are Maggie Cyphers, Jane James, Cissie Willets, Tim Tomes, Delena Harris (the seamstress), Ann Miles, Winona Shiprek, Debbie Russell, and Madonna Wilson.

The other members who were on the installation team are Mike Clark, Ken Garrett, Bill Shore, Ron Tamez, Bob Owings, and Dave Cyphers. To fasten the strands to the ceiling, Mike Clark and Ken Garrett had to crawl on their bellies in the tiny attic space so they could attach the material to the wrought iron prepared framework. On one occasion, it was very hot outside and boiling inside. They had to keep coming out for water. Madonna and some team members communicated with them with walkie talkies.

Before Easter, the team takes on another project: placing purple cloths to fill in the spaces of the curved spaces behind the altar. On first glance, we may have thought they just had to hang up a long purple strip behind the altar. If we notice the curved tops of the opening, we notice this could be difficult. Each opening had a framework to hold the triangular shapes at the top so each opening was a separate endeavor.

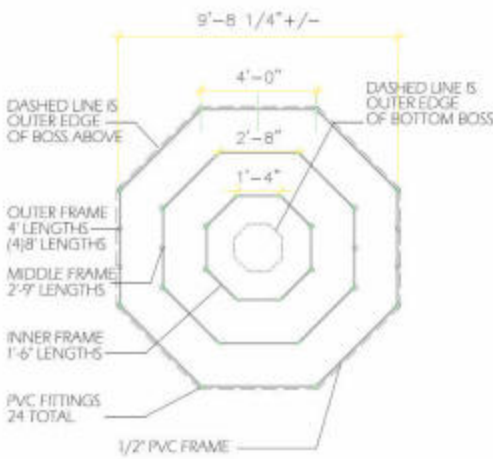


Top left, right, & 2nd row—Easter

Bottom, Pentecost

Right Column, Lent

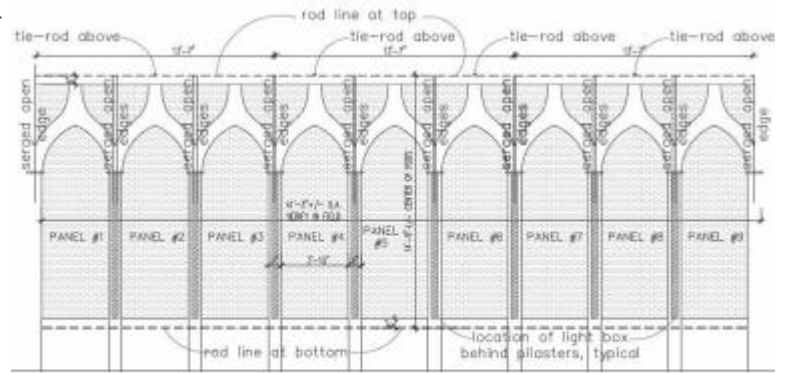
(If you, dear reader, would like to expand the drawings, the newsletter will be published on the Cathedral Website.)



MOBILE FRAME - PLAN NOT TO SCALE JAN 30, 2015

- MATERIALS LIST:
- 1/2" PVC - TOTAL 88 8' LENGTHS
 - PVC FITTINGS - TOTAL 24 PIECES
 - ADHESIVE - OPTIONAL
 - 80 LB. FISHING LINE

know we have 62 feet from the floor to the ceiling. I hope that little laser dot is accurate for the length. We know we need it to hang the mobile at the ceiling boss, the architectural element above the altar, and it needs to drape down to 4 columns and come down the columns. It's going to dip down and come up, so I have to be sure I've calculated enough fabric for the committee. By the time I gave Maggie the amount of 80 yards, I hoped we would not come up short."



PEAR WALL ELEVATION NOT TO SCALE JAN 26, 2018

Another challenge the team encountered was time restraint. In order to have these decorations up on time, they had to plan work between other liturgical functions and still have the mobiles up by Easter or Pentecost.

Words do not seem sufficient but we are grateful for the dedication of this team to add such uplifting, visible signs of these mystical feast days.

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This smiling Cathedral crew worked on a home in Germantown for Repair Affair on June 9. The owner is delighted. Great job!