



CATHEDRAL

# WINDOWS

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CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAPHAEL

## St. Raphael Cathedral Mission Statement

**We, the Community of St. Raphael, commit ourselves to knowing, celebrating, and becoming the mystery of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, as we reach out in love and justice to all.**

*We invite and encourage all people to collaborate in promoting:*

- *the dignity, solidarity and equality of human beings*
- *education and formation for all*
- *respect for all human life*
- *protection for the poor and vulnerable*
- *stewardship of all creation*
- *the common good*
- *the right of people to be involved in decisions regarding their physical, political, economic, social, cultural and spiritual well-being.*

Dear Cathedral Parishioners,

I just returned from a trip to Rome and London, celebrating two significant events in my life. I was ordained in Rome on December 16, 1964, so this year is my 45th anniversary of priesthood. Fourteen family members and friends accompanied me as we visited the sacred places in Rome, and attended a Papal audience in St. Peter's Square. We also visited our cousin, Tony Kruse, who is a third year seminarian for the Archdiocese of Dubuque and will be ordained a deacon next year in Rome.



The Reverends: Wayne and Mark Ressler on a trip to Rome.

This trip was also an opportunity to meet with my brother, Fr. Mark Ressler, who is on a sabbatical in England for three months. He will return to his parish, St. Joseph the Worker, on December 1. Fr. Mark's sabbatical studies are going well and he is enjoying "merry old England" and all the history and culture that Britain has to offer. However, it's good to be home and back to the routine of our Cathedral parish and its busy schedule.

This newsletter contains two important items I would like to emphasize. Please study and ponder the yearly Finance Report and Budget that we publish every year. This report will help you understand how we as a parish prioritize our fiscal responsibilities. Our parish income has risen some since the financial campaign of last spring and we are grateful to all parishioners for the many ways you contribute to our vibrant parish community.

Finally, with the closing of St. Mary's parish in downtown Dubuque, additional planning and reconfiguration of parish ministries are needed. A task force has been established to assist with this process. There will be more information coming in the near future that will impact every parish.

Thank you for the continuing blessings you bring to our parish.

Peace and Prayers,

# Cathedral Cellist, Olivia Schwendinger

by Calvin Gatch

St. Raphael's rich tradition of music has been enhanced by the presence of many talented performers over the past several decades. Olivia Schwendinger, 17, is one of those performers whose musical odyssey has been guided by her guitar-playing father, Kevin. She first appeared on the Dubuque musical scene as a four-year old, accompanying Kevin singing songs like Edelweiss and Amazing Grace at nursing homes during Christmas.

Ten years ago, when Olivia was seven, she started taking cello lessons. Her cello instructors have included Franciscan Sister Carolyn Schleuter, Karen Geyer of Northeast Iowa School of Music, and for almost six years, Dr. Janina Ehrlich, a faculty member of Augustana College in Rock Island. Lessons are every Sunday at 4:30 PM. followed by a two and one-half hour practice with the Quad Cities Youth Symphony Orchestra where Olivia is principal cellist.

For the past two years Olivia has been selected for the All-State Music Festival performance at Iowa State University; two years ago as a finalist, and last year as an alternate. She auditioned for this year's selection on October 24. Once a week, she goes to Loras College after school to take a course in music theory.

Those commitments demand daily practicing that Olivia manages to squeeze in between her other extra-curricular activities at Wahlert High School where she is a senior. In addition to being a member of the cross-country and tennis teams, she participates in the activist group STOP (Students Teaching Others Peace), and serves meals at Hope House and Maria House. She plays for Masses

and musicals at school as well as Masses and weddings at St. Raphael.



Kevin Schwendinger and his daughter Olivia.

Olivia's dedication to music and serving others would please her deceased grandmother Levina Schwendinger, a former Franciscan nun who left the order before professing vows, and her grandfather Louis, who played the accordion on the family farm near Monticello. Kevin remembers mandatory weekly gatherings his mother organized of her ten children around the radio listening to classical music on WSUI.

Olivia's budding talent occasioned a year-long search for a suitable cello that took the Schwendingers to Chicago, Minneapolis, Madison, Omaha and St. Louis two years ago. They finally settled on a hand-made cello of European

maple and spruce crafted by Jan Szlachtowski, a master instrument maker who plies his craft in the Polish village of Nowy Targ.

That purchase led to another labyrinthine search – for a horsehair bow that will complement and enhance the cello. The cello and bow have proven to be a perfect match and a well-deserved gift for Olivia.

The decisions were easy for Kevin, a self-taught guitar player who teaches at Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School in Dubuque, and Lynn, an emergency trauma nurse at Finley Hospital. Among others rejoicing in Olivia's musical journey is Wahlert High School Chairperson of the Music Department Richard Traylor.

"Olivia is the kind of person that Wahlert takes pride in working with," Traylor said in an interview. "She has exceptional talent herself and she has the ability to bring out the talent of others. She's able to improvise counter melodies.

She's willing to share her talents not only with her peers but with the community. She's been a joy to have around for the last four years."

Jim Mendralla, director of liturgy and music at St. Raphael, said he also has enjoyed working with Olivia since coming to

the Cathedral. Olivia plays in a chamber trio that includes Jim on the harp and Kirstin Lillegard on the flute. "She shows passion, energy and dedication and she takes direction well," Jim said. "She has

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exceptional talent, but senses that her gift is God-given. That accounts for her graciousness and sense of humor."

Olivia is in the process of searching for a college. She hopes to continue her music studies while taking courses in psychology, literature and creative writing. Kevin and Lynn have accompanied her to a number of college campuses and the search continues.

"I think I've been lucky to have all the opportunities to perform with my dad and other groups," Olivia said. "I'll always have music with me. Right now, I don't know what I'll do but I think that's the neat thing about it. My experiences have opened my eyes to all the things I can do with music. That makes it easy to be uncertain about the future."

That's fine with Kevin and Lynn. "I've appreciated having music in my own life," Kevin said, "and I think it's important for every child to have something of value that they can believe in and be absorbed by. That can keep them from getting caught up in less productive pursuits. Next year at this time, I'll miss hearing the sound of Olivia's cello in our house."

## Cathedral Faces



Music director, Jim Mendralla, Olivia Schwendinger and Cathedral flutist, Kirsten Lillegard.



Prayer Shawl Ministry meets monthly. Angie Flynn, Thelma Sabarro, Gail Zaleski, Madonna Risley, Ann O'Brien, and Mary Lou Green. The Cathedral quilt was made by Angie Flynn.



Cathedral Children's Choir great voices and smiles.



Laura Powers, center, offers her kitchen and baking experience to provide healthy refreshments for Cathedral celebrations. Her helpers are Mary Rae Bragg, Dolores Correll, Jeanette Casel, and Regina Schmidt

## A Vision for the Future

**Our contemporary Church is confronted with more than the usual number of challenges.**

Some of these challenges are external and outside our control, such as the secular culture. Others are challenges from within, such as the declining and aging population, financial stresses, the decrease in Mass attendance, lessening loyalty of the younger generations, and the declining number of priests.

**How can our church meet these challenges?** The answer is: in many ways and on a number of levels. The Dubuque Deanery Council wishes to contribute to this discussion.

### Dubuque Deanery Council

The Dubuque Deanery Council is composed of representatives from each Pastoral Council and each pastor in the deanery. The purpose of the Deanery Council is to advise Archbishop Hanus. Cathedral parishioner, Ken Disch is our Deanery council representative.

The Dubuque Deanery Council, with the support of parish priests and Pastoral Councils of the Dubuque parishes, is creating a **Planning Task Force** to address the challenges and opportunities presented to the Church in the Dubuque Deanery. Seven persons from our parish will meet twice a month through January 2010 with persons from other parishes.

### What Will Be Discussed?

One of the main questions that will be discussed is how parishes can work together to improve stewardship and effectiveness of the following: Parish staffs, youth ministry, RCIA, faith formation, facilities, Mass schedules and other areas of opportunity discovered during the study.

This is the first time in the history of the

Dubuque parishes that such collaborative discussion among all parishes has happened. The discussion is creative, thoughtful and challenging.

One of the tasks of each of the parish representatives is to take back

*Imagine what kind of faith community the changes in our Catholic Church and our world are calling each of our parishes to become.*

information to the Pastoral Council and each parish committee they represent: Finance, Faith Formation, Social Justice, Liturgy, Parish Life and Stewardship. Discussion and information will flow back and forth from

the parishes to the Task Force Meetings. Thank you to our Cathedral parish representatives: Mike Koenig, Diane Sass, Mary Rae Bragg, Jeanette Casel, Marilyn Gorun and Barbara Gatch.

### New Pastoral Council Guidelines

Nearly 25 years have passed since Archbishop Kucera promulgated the **Parish Council Guidelines**. The 1985 guidelines stated: **"the spiritual growth and mission of the parish community are the primary concern of the parish**

**council."** This fall Archbishop Jerome Hanus approved revised Pastoral Council guidelines which are intended to enable pastoral councils to realize more fully this fundamental purpose.

### The Work of the Pastoral Council

The new guidelines say that "the council should find itself spending less time reviewing reports, planning monthly activities, and being primarily program or finance-driven and spending more time articulating the mission of the church for the local community, engaging in long-range pastoral planning, and being more mission-centered through prayer and discernment."

This isn't an easy task. Pastoral Councils are taking a new look at what they are talking about and how they spend their time together.

Cathedral Pastoral Council members will spend time reviewing the new guidelines. Each parish committee will also talk about the expectations for their work in the parish.

There is a lot going on behind the scenes to enable a parish community to implement its vision and mission. We are grateful to our Pastoral Council members.



Cathedral Pastoral Council, back row: Mike Koenig, Msgr. Ressler, Bob Pankow, Joyce Denczek, Jim Prochaska, Jeanette Casel. Front row: John Graf, Cindy Graham, Susan Johannsen, David Daack, and Ron Herrig. Ken Disch, representative to the Deanery Council, was not present.

## ST. RAPHAEL CATHEDRAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET

INCOME ITEMS	ACTUAL 08-090	BUDGET 09-10
Balance on Hand	\$6,480	\$(94,031)
Budget Envelopes Adult	481,956	480,000
Budget Envelopes Youth	586	500
Easter	6,872	6,500
Christmas	17,214	17,000
Offertory	81,889	80,000
Holy Days	2,535	2,500
Sacramental Offerings	17,500	15,000
Sale of Anniversary Book	1,162	00
Legacies/Bequests/Donations	34,605	20,000
Bulletin ads	2,580	2,500
Facility Rental	925	800
Interest/Dividends	(120,539)	25,000
Religious Education	14,387	13,500
Transfer from Unrestricted Savings	272,000	0
Fund Raising Event	4,196	0
Archdiocesan Collections (3-in 1, etc.)	8,890	0
Collected and Dispersed	15,621	1,500
Grants/DRA	4,500	00
Other Rent Chancery	3,000	7,200
Other Insurance Recoveries	1,739	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$905,144</b>	<b>\$673,500</b>
<b>Loose Change</b>	<b>6,655</b>	

EXPENSES	ACTUAL 08-09	BUDGET 09-10
Pastors's Salary	\$19,920	\$19,920
Continuing Education	1,833	1,500
Priest's Substitutes	3,590	2,500
Deacon Paul Peckosh	214	500
Lay Staff Salaries	102,904	103,502
Liturgical Expenses	21,211	15,500
Technology software	690	1,000
Technology Support	293	300
Auto and Travel Expense	644	700
K-12 Catholic School System	409,360	416,234
Religious Education	71,067	68,000
Adult Religious Education(witness)	15,921	15,000
Salaries - Office Admin. & Support	59,039	59,000
Office Supplies	10,005	15,000
Postage	3,336	3,800
Dues and Subscriptions	4,059	3,000
Administration Publications	581	800
Salaries-Maintenance	10,975	8,500
Repair and Replacement	12,271	15,000
Bldg. Materials and supplies	6,768	8,000
Upkeep of grounds	8,103	10,000
Telephone	1,915	2,000
Internet Access	605	600
Fuel for Heating	28,307	\$29,000
Water and Sewage	812	\$700
Electricity	20,713	22,500
House (gas, water, electric)	21,142	22,000
Diocesan Tax	11,766	22,000
Diocesan Self-Insurance	8,189	5,500
Retirement Ben	2,575	4,433
Health Benefits	24,974	22,374
Payroll Taxes	18,564	13,000
Other Employee Benefits	99	150
Prof. Fees (Allied Waste, security)	17,400	11,000
Building Improvements	6,378	15,000
Land Improvements	2,801	15,000
Debt Payment	348	400
Diocesan Collections	8,755	
Other Collections	16,499	
Partner Parish El Salvador/RE Bake sale	7,983	3,862
St. Mark's Community Center	2,000	2,000
Transfer to Unrestricted Savings	0	
Other Committe/Outreach	39,188	21,862
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,005,655</b>	<b>\$990,737</b>

## Welcome Everyone!

We are blessed with new parishioners and wish to welcome them to the Cathedral parish community. We want to know you and serve you.

Our hope is that each person who chooses to register will find St. Raphael Cathedral to be a true home, will embrace our goal of involvement through Time, Talent and Treasure, and will be an integral part of "making God's kingdom present in our world."

## New Parishioners

April 2009 - October 2009

Terry and Celia Monahan • Jim and Stacy Conforti (Kendra and Nick) • Dennis and Jennifer White • Richard Donovan • Serena Seban • William Burdt • Joseph and Helen Burbach • Patrick and Colleen Havens • Ryan Hutchcroft • William and Elizabeth Hutchcroft • Laura Degenhardt • Helena and Cole Calvert • Christine Ward • Robert Lee • Robin Wink • Jesse Elliott and Marcie Wempfler (Kiley Elliott) • Sean McMullen • Michael and Elizabeth Mulderink • Sara McDermott • Thelma Sbarra • Robert and Kathy Wethal (Grace) • Christy Putchio • Curt Mitwede and Amber Feldman (Kylee and Gavin Mitwede) • Josh Hantlemann and Kathryn Osterander (Billi and Adam Morgan, Jackson Osterander) • Elizabeth Thimmesch (Niles) • Steven and Sara Feyen (Madison, Cassidy and Dawson) • Michael and Paula Montag (Samantha, Abbie, Anthony and Andrew) • Corey and Renate Root • Robert Erschen and Anne Casutt (Mandi Erschen)



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## Baptisms

April 2009 - October 2009  
(Parents in parentheses)

Gabriel John Frommelt (Jim and Julie Frommelt) • Ella Margaret Elenz (Brian and Tracy Elenz) • Bria Ames Wallis (Richard Lyons and Bobbie Wallis) • Bobbie Jo Wallis • Bob Gilson • Addilyn Grace Dolan (Shaun and Melissa Dolan) • Isaac Ronald Freund (John and Kim Freund) • Bridget Ann McKean (Andrew and Cathy McKean) • Ashley Jeanette Maas (Christopher and Tammy Maas) • Emily Rae Gorton (Greg and Kris Gorton) • Brynn Meadow Heiar (Jeff and Amanda Heiar) • Finn David Kenna (Christian and Jennifer Kenna) • Lucas Joseph Graham (Ben and Cindy Graham) • Kiley Lynne Elliott (Jesse Elliott and Marcie Wempfler) • John Robert FitzPatrick (Martin and Rachel FitzPatrick) • Maia Juliette Acton (Paul and Stephanie Acton) • Baileigh Patricia Havens (Patrick and Colleen Havens) • Lauryn Susanne Reeves (Eric and Melissa Reeves) • Jude Christian Foley (Scott and Morgan Foley) • Jayden Nancy Koenig (Paul and Shelly Koenig) • Colten James Urban (Ben Urban and Dallas Bradley) • Paige Elizabeth Pitz

(Tricia and Travis Pitz) • Declan James Budde (Brian and Kim Budde)

## Weddings

April 2009 - October 2009

Jamie Sieverding and Tonia Sheehan • John Kunkel and Patricia Wiegel • Brian Thornton and Tina Soppe • Jedidiah Eichhorn and Elizabeth Masteller • Thomas Miller and Ellen Goodmann • Nicholas Pickel and Angela Elgin • Justin Pohlman and Elizabeth Westermeyer • Kevin Campbell and Cari-Ryan White • Joshua Rudolph and Laura Anthony • Michael Mulderink and Elizabeth Peacock • Jwan Brookins and Trisha Donar • Jason Fogel and Dana Wallis • Eric Reiss and Kendra Kauth • Beau Banton and Ashley Timmerman • Ryan Fennel and Kathryn Lockhart • Marty Stoffel and Kari Geiser • Anthony Donovan and Erin Goebel • Brett Fisher and Sarah Wallace • Chad Wall and Morgan Ambrosy • Ryan Foley and Abby Ellingson • Michael Ties and Molly Kuepers • William Schmitt and Whitney Harrold • Jon McGovern and Lisa Lumppp • Dean Jensen and Vicki Callahan • Joshua Peck-Voss and Emily Schaar • Joel Marley and Melissa Geoge • Andrew

Schwartz and Kacy Easley • Kevin Oldham and Erika Nielsen

## Deaths

*The Cathedral parishioners were born into eternal life from April 2009 - October 2009*

Ann Vandermillen • Troy Akins • Ruth "Adele" Hostert • Mary Alice Haas • Arlene Chapman • Teri Burdt • Gloria Sutton • Larry Bockes • John Sutton • Bernice O'Meara • Mary Miller • Robert Bertsch • Louis Fischer Jr. • Thomas Sheldon • Eddy O. Nicolas • Vern J. Breitbach • Joseph Steger



From left: Lisa McCarthy, Nicole McCarthy, Archbishop Hanus and Tracy Connolly on Confirmation Day.