

This Week at Grace

Sunday, Dec. 3

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services

8 a.m. hosts: Sara Losse & Carla Hildebrandt

10 a.m. hosts: Dianne Casey & Mike Johnson

Nursery for infants and toddlers, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Adult Forum at 9 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Gloria Deo Handbell Choir at 11:15 a.m.

Messy Church at 4:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 4

Parish office closed on Mondays.

No church events scheduled.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.

St. Dunstan Handbell Choir at 4:30 p.m.

All Saints Handbell Choir at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 7

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Christian Twist Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 8

No church events scheduled.

Saturday, Dec. 9

Outreach Event: Christmas on the River at 9 a.m.

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

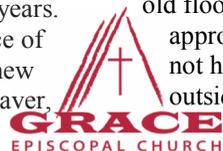
Dedication of St. Francis Church

Sunday, Dec. 3 / 2 p.m.

602 Rockwood Arbor Drive, Eureka

St. Francis Episcopal Church has worshiped without a church building of their own for more than 20 years.

This weekend, the diocese is invited to a service of dedication and consecration of their beautiful new facility. The parish is led by the Rev. Sally Weaver, former assisting priest at Grace Church.



Next Sunday at Grace

Sunday, Dec. 10

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour after both services

8 a.m. hosts: *Please sign up*

10 a.m. hosts: *in Albright Parish Hall*

Nursery for infants and toddlers, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday Adult Forum at 9 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Gloria Deo Handbell Choir at 11:15 a.m.

Youth Mission Trip Meeting & Lunch at 11:15 a.m.

Trinity Hot Lunch at 1 p.m.

Advent Lessons & Carols at 5 p.m.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

Dec. 3	Steve Sehie
Dec. 5	James McKee, Julie Sward, Susan Vernon
Dec. 6	Alex Davis
Dec. 8	Sarah Boyle
Dec. 9	Krista Crump, Elizabeth Harding, Steve Mika, Brian Roche



Grace and Gratitude:

The gratitude of the parish goes to:

- ◆ **Stan Boyle** for creating the beautiful new wood post to hang our children's worship activity bags in the Narthex.
- ◆ **Dick Corbet** for his 25 years of service as a lay reader and eucharistic minister. Dick is retiring from these ministries and shifting his service to other outreach efforts.



Reminder: Parish Hall Closes Dec. 11

Construction of our new floor and labyrinth begins Monday, Dec. 11. Albright Parish Hall will be completely sealed off while workers remove the old floor. The entire project is expected to last approximately one month. During this time, we will not have access to the closets in the hall and the outside entrance will remain locked.

Thank you for your patience!

The Messenger

Sunday, December 3, 2017

News of the people and ministries of . . .



Advent at Grace Church

TODAY! Sunday, Dec. 3

We're kicking off the season of Advent with special events for the entire family to prepare for the coming of our Lord. A variety of resources are also available in the Narthex for personal and family use.

⇒ **Sunday Adult Forum:**

The Gospel of Mark

9 a.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

As we begin the season of Advent and the new church year, Mother Ginny introduces us to the Gospel of Mark. We'll explore this saint and why his gospel is so important in Christian history.

⇒ **Children's Homily:**

Saint Nicholas Sunday

10:30 a.m.

All preschool and elementary students are invited to come to the altar after Sunday school for a special visit from Saint Nicholas!

⇒ **Messy Church: Advent Event**

4:15 p.m.

Get ready for Christmas with fun holiday crafting, Holy Eucharist, and breakfast for dinner! Grace's Church School Committee hosts this month's alternative Sunday worship event. All ages are welcome!



Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec. 10 / 5 p.m.

Grace's choirs lead this beautiful candlelight service of traditional readings and carols to help us prepare the way for our Lord. All are invited to this special holiday service.



Women of Grace Holiday Sale

TODAY! Albright Parish Hall & Kean Library

Did you miss yesterday's big sale?

You have one more chance to take home delicious homemade goodies or find fabulous deals on vintage jewelry, books and Christmas decorations. All proceeds from this sale go to Grace outreach ministries and a special parish project. Thanks to the Women of Grace and everyone who helped make this year's event a delicious success!



Grace on the Go: Holiday Brass Concert & Party

Monday, Dec. 4 / 10:15 a.m.

Doors open at 9:15 a.m.

Manchester Methodist Church

Everyone who pre-purchased tickets will meet at Manchester Methodist for this fabulous Christmas concert. **You must be seated before 9:30 a.m.** if you wish to sit with the Grace group. After the concert, head to Stan & Christie Boyle's home in Des Peres for a festive lunch and party.

Ornament Exchange Party

Wednesday, Dec. 13 / 6 p.m.

Enjoy a fun evening with friends as Jane Cenova, Lucy Ryan and Julie Grossman host this annual event. Dinner and dessert will be served. Bring **one wrapped ornament and \$20** to the party at Julie Grossman's home, **752 N. Geyer in Kirkwood**. All proceeds go to Grace Outreach. Sign up today in Albright Parish Hall.



Christian Formation

Children's Christmas Pageant Sign up Today!

Rehearsal: Sunday, Dec. 17 / 11:15 a.m.

Pageant: Sunday, Dec. 24 / 4 p.m.

Calling all angels, sheep and shepherds: It's time to sign up for this year's Christmas Pageant!

Children of all ages are encouraged to be part of this fun Grace tradition! Older children read the Christmas story while younger children create the Christmas tableau. Jennifer Sisul is directing this year's extravaganza. Additional parents are also needed to help with costumes and general sheep wrangling! Sign up on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall.

Grace Sunday School

Sundays / 9:30 a.m. / Lower level classrooms

Students in Pre-K through High School are invited to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord! Classes overlap with our 10 a.m. worship service, with students joining their families in time to share holy communion.

Youth Mission Trip: Informational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 10 / 11:15 a.m.

LaVielle Conference Room

We're making plans for our 2018 Youth Mission Trip and we want YOU to be involved! All youth, parents and adults interested in learning more about this Grace tradition are invited. A light lunch will be served: please RSVP to Janis in the church office: janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org.

Grace Online Academy: Advent for Families

The Rev. Heath Howe explains the season of Advent and shows ways we can celebrate this time with our families in the midst of our busy consumer culture. This class is FREE to Grace members, can be accessed at your convenience, and takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. Please contact Janis in the church office to enroll.

Spirituality and Fellowship

Sign up for Altar Flowers 2018 Dates Now Available

Help us adorn our worship space in 2018 by sponsoring altar flowers. Sign up for a week on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall. Your donation can be made in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion. Kirkwood Florist will contact you for payment.

Women's Book Group Tuesdays / 10 a.m.

Our Book Group concludes discussion of *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story*, by Hyeonseo Lee and David John. Please read pages 241 - 293 for our next gathering.

Advent Quiet Morning Saturday, Dec. 9 / 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mercy Conference Center

The Rev. Susan Skinner will present a series of meditations focused on the themes of repentance and rejoicing, hope and expectation, waiting and watching. The cost for the day is \$20, which includes a continental breakfast and snacks. Register at confluencespirituality.org or contact Susie at susiecskinner@gmail.com.

Advent Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Begins November, 24, 2018

Take this trip of a lifetime as Fr. Todd leads another pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Plans are being made to travel with members from Christ Church, Bronxville, NY. Everyone is invited — all costs and details will be announced after the first of the year.

Invite • Welcome • Connect



Welcome on another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

Outreach and Social Justice

The Giving Tree Pick up tags NOW

Return unwrapped gifts Dec. 4 - 17

Grace's Outreach Committee invites you to help make this a merry Christmas for everyone in our community by purchasing gifts to be distributed to Episcopal City Mission, Grace Hill Settlement House and Magdalene St. Louis. Pick up a tag today with gifting instructions on the metal tree in Albright Parish Hall.

EYC Goes Christmas Shopping Today! Sunday, Dec. 3 / 9:15 a.m.

Our Episcopal Youth Community will be spreading Christmas cheer with underserved children through Grace Hill Settlement House. Grace's middle and high school students will be shopping this morning with earnings from their November 19 Turkey Cookie Sale. *Thanks to everyone who supported this outreach event!*

Outreach Event: Pack Boxes for Christmas on the River Saturday, Dec. 9 / 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We're looking for volunteers to help pack knitted gifts to send to hardworking mariners through the Seamen's Institute. We'll be working at Grace with members from St. Peter's Episcopal Church. This is a simple, one-morning service project that will make many people happy this Christmas! See Vince Nicosia for more information.

Christmas Outreach

You can support local organizations that provide food, financial assistance, education, health care, and senior assistance in the Kirkwood and St. Louis area by making a special Outreach Offering this Christmas. Make your check to Grace Church and write "Christmas Offering" on the memo line. Or visit our website (GraceKirkwood.org / Connect / Give to Grace) to make an online donation. We will distribute your generosity through several local organizations doing God's work in the world. *Thank you!*



Intercessory Prayer List

Remember in your prayers for health and strength our brothers, sisters, friends and family at Grace:

Jean Ashworth	Elaine Alexander
Dorothy Bardwell	Barry Bell
Lorette Billings	Angie Cross
Phyllis DeCristo	Karen Diane DeLucio
Ellen Friedla	Claire Gurley
Mary Etta Heggie	Bob Hoeken
Martha Johnston	Shirley LaMier
John Mann	Jocelyn Merriweather
Patricia McCormack	Lucille Miller
Ed Mills	JoAnn Overall
Mary Ransdell	Gracie Rodgers

Pastoral Care

Grace's clergy are available by appointment to discuss personal, pastoral or spiritual matters; please call or email the clergy directly.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the parish office at 314-821-1806. For pastoral emergencies after office hours, call the parish office and press "7" to be connected to the priest-on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In case of severe illness, hospitalization, when a person is near death or at the death of a member of the church, please notify the clergy as soon as possible in order to secure the ministrations of the church.

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered four times each year at Grace Church:

- ◆ The First Sunday after Epiphany/ Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 7, 2018)
- ◆ The Great Vigil of Easter (March 31, 2018)
- ◆ Pentecost (May 20, 2018)
- ◆ All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 4, 2018)

Please contact the church office to arrange for a baptism or marriage, request the Reconciliation of a Penitent (confession) or Unction (anointing of the sick).