

This Week at Grace Church

Sunday, April 28

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour
after both services

8 a.m. hosts: Harriet Foiles

10 a.m. hosts: Linda Vandivort, Susie Reis

Nursery, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Youth Confirmation Class at 9 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.

Little Ballerinas at 11:15 a.m.

Spring Handbell Concert at 5 p.m.

Monday, April 29

Parish office closed on Mondays.

No church events scheduled.

Tuesday, April 30

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 1

Men's Group Breakfast at 8 a.m.

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, May 2

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Christian Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, May 3

No church events scheduled.

Saturday, May 4

Community of Hope at 8:30 a.m.

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 5

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour
after both services

8 a.m. hosts: Lucy & Ron Ryan

10 a.m. hosts:

Nursery, 9 - 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.

Mission Trip Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

First Sundays @ 5 at 5 p.m.

The Messenger is a weekly publication of Grace Church. If you have information you would like included, please contact Janis in the church office: janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org.

Parish Family News

Happy Birthday:

April 29 Bill Cadwallader,
Marilyn Monson,
Larry Reimelt, Dana Weis



April 30 Sarah Caprigliano

May 1 Barbara Bell

May 2 Laurie Moore

May 4 Jessica Engelbrecht

May 5 Shelley Burklow, Carol Rush

Happy Anniversary:



April 30 Katherine & Michael Spung

May 1 Becky & Tom Coulter

Grace and Gratitude:

Thanks to everyone in our parish who helped make Holy Week and Easter Sunday so special for all of us, including:

- Altar Guild
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Choirs
- Acolytes
- Readers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- All who donated to our Festival Flowers and Music Fund



Holy Baptism:

Congratulations to the O'Brien and Vernon families on the baptism of **Blair Robinson O'Brien** and **Allison Danielle Vernon**. Both baby girls were baptized at Grace's Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20.
Welcome to the family of God!



In Sympathy:

The prayers of the parish go to the family and friends of **Sarah Eastman Kimmey**, who died Friday, April 19. Sarah and James (Jay) were members of Grace in the 1980s & '90s until they moved into St. Louis City and transferred their membership to Christ Church Cathedral. A memorial service will be held **Sunday, May 5 at 3 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral**. Ladies are encouraged to wear their finest hats, in recognition of Sarah's love of hats. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Christ Church Cathedral.



Grace Episcopal Church is marking our 160th anniversary as a parish in 2019. As we celebrate that milestone, we have launched plans to carry our church into the future.

Our Journey Continues... is a capital campaign designed to provide a permanence to the care of our buildings and grounds. The majority of the money raised by this campaign will add to our Legacy Fund for the care of our facilities in perpetuity.

We now move from the inspirational/discernment phase of the campaign into fulfilling our commitments over the next three years.

First Fruits Sunday: May 19

Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the first fruits of all your crops.
(Proverbs 3:9)

The concept of first fruits began in biblical times when people lived in an agrarian society. The idea was to give the first yield of your harvest — the first fruits — to God as an offering.

Although we no longer live in an agrarian-based society, we still use the idea of first fruits when we talk about giving to the church. Giving our first fruits reminds us that God is our ultimate priority. Being generous in this way shows that we are grateful for all God has given to us.

If you are able, please make the first installment of your pledge — your first fruits — no later than Sunday, May 19. This offering will allow us to begin making our improvements to the lighting in the church nave.

If you have not yet made a commitment, there's still time! Pledge cards are available in the pews today. Fill one out and drop it in the offering plate.

If you would like a campaign brochure packet, please contact Shari Bonham in the church office (314-821-1806, ext. 10 or shari.bonham@gracekirkwood.org).

If you have questions about the campaign, you can read more in our spring newsletter (available in the Narthex), on our website (www.GraceKirkwood.org) or contact Fr. Todd McDowell (todd.mcdowell@gracekirkwood.org).

We will be announcing the results of our campaign Sunday, May 19. Please plan to join us as we celebrate the first fruits of **Our Journey Continues...**

Lord, what do you want to do through me?



TODAY AT GRACE:

Sunday Adult Forum: Building the Great Cathedrals

9 a.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

The world watched in horror as Notre Dame Cathedral suffered a devastating fire earlier this month. Today and next Sunday we'll watch a Nova video presentation detailing what it took to build the Great Cathedrals in Europe. Mother Ginny leads a discussion about how we can find God's presence within those awesome buildings.

Confirm Not Conform

9 a.m. / Youth Room

Today is "Decision Day" for Hannah and Jacob! We'll review what we've learned and consider the future of our personal faith journeys. The Diocesan Confirmation Service is Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. We'll celebrate at Grace Church Sunday, May 12 during the 10 a.m. service.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. / Lower level classrooms

All students in pre-K through high school are invited to follow the way of Jesus in our weekly Christian formation programs. Classes overlap with our 10 a.m. worship service, with children returning to church in time to share Holy Communion with their families.

Baryshnikova Ballet Performs at Grace Church

11:30 a.m. / Albright Parish Hall

All are welcome to enjoy a performance from a local ballet school in Grace's Albright Parish Hall. The Harrison Family invites all to enjoy a brunch reception with this special recital.

Spring Handbell Concert

5 p.m. / Church Nave

Your spirit will be filled as Ella Heigham leads our three handbell choirs in this beautiful musical presentation. Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy this concert with you! A reception follows in Albright Parish Hall.

Thank You...

More than 90 households have made a pledge to help sustain Grace Church for generations to come through **Our Journey Continues...**

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the campaign!

Please see the back page of this publication for all the latest news on the campaign.

Christian Formation and Worship

Youth Mission Trip: Final Meeting!

Sunday, May 5 / 11:30 a.m. / LaVielle Conference Room

All youth missionaries, parents and chaperones should attend this final meeting to prepare for our June 2 trip. Please bring all required forms to the meeting. The group will be traveling to Des Moines, Iowa to spend a week working with Habitat for Humanity.

First Sundays @ 5

Sunday, May 5 / 5 p.m. / Albright Parish Hall

All ages are invited to our monthly alternative worship event. We begin with a casual worship service at 5 p.m., followed by a delicious FREE dinner at 5:30. This month's Cinco de Mayo dinner will be provided by Grace's choir ministry. This event is great for families with young children or anyone with scheduling conflicts on Sunday mornings.

Living Your Baptism: A May Retreat Offered by Episcopal School for Ministry

May 10 - 11 / Mercy Retreat Center

Explore how to use your gifts in the service of God's mission. This work will be based on an inventory of gifts, values, and passions. This retreat is open all persons in the Diocese of Missouri, and can serve as an introduction to the life and learning of the Episcopal School for Ministry. Visit www.diocesemo.org for more information.

Youth Sunday & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, May 19 / 10 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

We're celebrating the end of another great church school year by putting the kids in charge! All elementary, middle school and high school students are encouraged to take an active role in one of our worship ministries. You can choose to serve as an usher, a greeter, a reader, or help with the altar guild. Talk to your Sunday school teachers to find the perfect spot for you to serve.

After the worship service, the Church School Committee will be serving up a delicious ice cream treat in Albright Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to join the fun!

Creation Care: Dig in to our Gardens of Grace

Join a group of volunteer gardeners to help us clean, plant and care for our Gardens of Grace this spring and summer. All ages and abilities are welcome! Sign up on the bulletin board in Albright Parish Hall or contact Janis in the church office: janis.greenbaum@gracekirkwood.org

Registration Now Open for Camp Phoenix

July 28 - August 3

Camp Phoenix is a traditional, overnight camp for students ages 8 to 15. The camp is located in DuBois, Illinois and hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. Along with traditional activities like swimming, horseback riding and making S'mores, campers will participate in daily spiritual activities designed around the week's theme. And each night concludes with cabin prayer. Registration is first-come, first-serve — so reserve your spot NOW!

Get more camp info at www.camp-phoenix.org.

Outreach and Social Justice

Mother's Day Drive for Kirk Care

Return forms by May 7; Return filled bags or donations on May 12

High demand exists for food pantry services. Mother's Day is a special opportunity to honor or remember your mother, grandmother, aunt, daughter, sister, godmother, friend, boss, and/or employee by donating a bag of groceries, a Schnucks gift card or a check to Kirk Care.

Empty grocery bags are available after each service on **April 28 and May 5** and should be filled and returned by Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 12**. Please return your remembrance form(s) to the box on the parish hall stage no later than **Tuesday morning, May 7**, so the names of those honored/remembered may be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day. Before May 12, grocery donations are to be stored on the stage in Albright Parish Hall.

Food drive information, suggested donations and a form to honor or memorialize your special person(s) are available. Your donation will be blessed as a part of the Mother's Day offering.

Please join Women of Grace and Grace's Kirk Care board representatives in this annual event to honor your mother or other special person and also those in need on Mother's Day. We will mail a card to each living loved one, telling her of your gift.

Breakfast with Friends: Fundraiser for L'Arche St. Louis

Wednesday, May 29 / 7:30 a.m. / St. Louis University High School

All are invited to a free breakfast to find out how you can support this fantastic ministry. L'Arche St. Louis is an inter-faith community for people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. This state-licensed program provides residential homes and support for those who continue to live with their families. This community offers a genuine place of belonging. **Please RSVP to the breakfast by May 1: breakfast@larchestlouis.org.**

United Thank Offering: More than \$1.5 Million to Ministry

Thanks to a big increase in donations from people like YOU, the United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering is set to award \$1,535,740.55 in 2019. UTO funds support mission across The Episcopal Church and throughout the Anglican Communion. Awards will be announced in June. UTO was founded in 1889 to encourage Episcopalians to notice the good things happening in their daily lives and make small thank offerings in a UTO Blue Box or through the UTO Blue Box app. **Pick up a Blue Box TODAY** and begin this daily gratitude offering with your family. Grace's next collection will be in the fall of 2019.

Spirituality and Fellowship

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, April 30 / 10 a.m. / Kean Library

The Book Group continues discussion of *Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams*, by Matthew Walker, PhD. Please read chapters 7-8 for our next gathering. All are welcome to join us for fellowship — even if you don't read the book!

The Impact of Suffering: Pathways to Restoration

Saturday, May 11 / 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. / Mercy Retreat Center

Sister Jean Abbott, CSJ, MSW, presents this workshop that will teach skills and compassionate methods for our own emotional, physical and spiritual restoration and healing for professional or personal reasons. For more information, please visit www.mercycenterstl.org.

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.

Intercessory Prayer List

Please remember the following members and friends in your prayers:

Elaine Alexander	Vernon Balster	Carroll Bollard
DC Bollard	Chris Bongo	Kathy Bradford
Marilyn Brown	Paris Coffey	Katie Conrad
Janie Cooper	Ellen Friedla	David Fly
Craig Franklin	Claire Galli	Carol & Ted Guarino
Lisa Hale-Waechter	Mary Etta Heggie	Cindy Hein
Ella Heigham	Cathy Hilton	Jay & Friends
Martha Johnston	Alice Jones	Carolyn Klebolt
Opal Lackey	Avery Link	Chris Meyer
Kit Mills	Bryan Miller	Lucille Miller
Marilyn Monson	Chloe Poe	Denise Reynolds
Simoney Roatcap	Gracie Rogers	Kendra Sanders
Heather Schmitt	Alinda Sledge	Fred Taussig
Kathryn Theis	John Turnbull	Linda Ustruck
Bob Waechter	Blake Walker	Diane Warhover
Lucas Woehle	Kent & Marilyn Wilton	

*Please contact Janis in the church office to update this list.
Please contact Ruth Moore to add a name to our confidential Prayer Chain.*

Sacraments

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

- ◆ Pentecost (June 9, 2019)
- ◆ All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 3, 2019)
- ◆ The Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 12, 2020)
- ◆ The Great Vigil of Easter (April 11, 2020)

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).

Invite • Welcome • Connect

 Invite provides new opportunities to invite people not only into a relationship with the congregation at Grace, but also inviting them into a relationship with God and Jesus Christ. There are many people waiting for and hungry for an invitation to be a part of a church community. Personal invitation is the most effective and essential part of reaching out.