

This Week at Grace Church

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: Jane Pohlman

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.

Kimmey Memorial at 3 p.m.

At Christ Church Cathedral

First Sundays @ 5 at 5 p.m.

Monday, May 6

Parish office closed on Mondays.

Grace Executive Committee at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Women's Book Group at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 8

Men's Group Breakfast at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting at 10 a.m.

Grace Bridge Group at 10 a.m.

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

All Saints Handbell Choir at 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

Parish Choristers at 4:15 p.m.

Christian Yoga at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Choir at 7 p.m.

Friday, May 10

No church events scheduled.

Saturday, May 11

Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m.

Diocesan Confirmation Service at 10 a.m.

At Christ Church Cathedral

Sunday, May 12

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10 a.m. hosts: Barb Manuel, Lisa Jianakoplos

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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:

May 5 Shelley Burklow,
Carol Rush

May 6 Lisa Jianakoplos,
Anna Mars,
Charlie Russell

May 8 Becky Entenmann,
Jack Eschenroeder

May 9 Denise Miller

May 10 Mary Etta Heggie

May 11 Paul Vandivort

May 12 Michael Boyle,
Quinn Callaway,
Karen Wallach,
Terry Weir,
Ted Zemper



In Sympathy:

The prayers of the parish go to the family and friends of **Bob Thibaut**, who died April 30. Bob is the father of Cherisse Thibaut, daughter-in-law of Mike and Liz Gibbons.



Grace and Gratitude:

Our sincere gratitude goes to the following members and friends for their outstanding service to our community:

- ◆ **Ella Heigham and all in our handbell choirs** for a lovely concert last Sunday and for providing us with beautiful music in worship services throughout this year.
- ◆ **Paula Russell** for hosting a delicious and beautiful reception after last Sunday's handbell choir concert.



Not Just Donuts Coffee Hour

Do you enjoy coffee hours after our worship services? Consider hosting for an upcoming Sunday... it's easy and fun! Please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen.

Fill the Hunger Barrel

Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through food pantries at KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church.



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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 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.

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.

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, those with scheduling conflicts on Sunday mornings, and anyone who enjoys worship and fellowship!

Diocesan Confirmation Service

Saturday, May 11 / 10 a.m. / Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

All are invited to support Grace's confirmands as they make a public affirmation of their faith. **Jacob Ludbrook** and **Hannah Pierce** have attended classes throughout this school year, performed service projects, attended youth events, and will now be confirmed in the Episcopal Church by Bishop Wayne Smith.

If you can't make it to the Cathedral on Saturday, we will celebrate Hannah and Jacob's achievements again on **Sunday, May 12 at Grace Church**. Hannah, Jacob and their mentors will be serving as readers and ushers during the 10 a.m. worship service. And we invite everyone to Albright Parish Hall after the service for a special cake to honor our confirmands.



Christian Formation and Worship

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 an ice cream treat for all ages in Albright Parish Hall.

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

Summer Sunday School: God's Gardens

Sundays / 10 a.m. / begins June 2

Elementary students are invited to our special Creation Care program each Sunday while parents are in worship. We'll plant and care for gardens, do science experiments, make crafts and have fun throughout the summer.

No registration or fees required — just come when you are able!

*Adults, middle school and high school students are encouraged to be assistants each week. Please contact Janis in the church office if you would like to help.

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.

Thy Kingdom Come

Join the global wave of prayer between Ascension (May 30) and Pentecost (June 9). Thy Kingdom Come is an invitation to Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

This call to prayer began within the Church of England in 2016 and has become an international and ecumenical event. Join in prayers and find out how the Holy Spirit will inspire and equip us to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Visit www.thykingdomcome.global for more information, videos and prayer resources.

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.

Spirituality and Fellowship

Women's Book Group

Tuesday, May 7 / 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 9-11 for our next gathering. Our next book selection is *The Lost Girls of Paris*, by Pam Jenoff. Place your order with Michele Nicosia by noon, May 14.

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.

Grace on the Go to Historic Alton

Friday, May 17 / carpool leaves Grace at 8:45 a.m.

Grace on the Go is planning a trip to historic Alton, IL on Friday, May 17. Tour the National Great Rivers Museum (movie, museum, gift shop) at 10 a.m. and the Melvin Price Lock and Dam at 11, Mississippi River flooding and all. No entrance fee; please consider making a donation. Eat lunch at Bluff City Grill at 12. Sign up in Albright Parish Hall.

Women of Grace: Spring Picnic

Tuesday, May 21 / Noon / Memorial Garden

All are invited to join Women of Grace for their annual garden picnic (or inside if it rains). After lunch we will hear the fascinating story of the Bodley family who founded Grace Church in 1854. Kirkwood resident and historian Marie Andel will share her extensive study and stories of the Bodleys and the early days of Kirkwood and our church. Sign up in Albright Parish Hall if you would like to attend. Catered lunch will be available for \$15 (by May 16 to Becky Coulter or the office drop box). You can also choose to attend only the program at 1 p.m. in LaVielle Conference Room.

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	Marge Farmer	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
Don Rueble	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



Welcome is the ministry of hospitality. It covers everything beginning with first impressions in the parking lot through follow-up with visitors. It is about seeing others and using listening skills to really hear them. It goes beyond improving how we greet and welcome our guests, but it requires fresh eyes in examining our facilities inside and out. It is about being a friendly community, not a community of friends.