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Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church
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Intergenerational Taco Bar and Exploration **Sundays in Lent, 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall**



All ages are invited to join for dinner and exploration. We start with a catered dinner and conversation as we get to know one another better. (Free will offerings will be accepted for dinner.)

Each week we will consider the good news from the readings of the day using art, drama, and conversation in ways that guide us to grow more deeply in the trust and life that Christ promises. We'll end the evening with simple prayer for all ages. Each week will offer a practice to take home into your daily life.

Dinners feature Breakfast for Dinner; A Taste of Mexico, Trinity Hot Lunch Sampler, and Country Fried Chicken.

Please sign up for the dinners at church or online for the sessions you can attend.

[Lent Dinner Sign-up](#)

Intergenerational Dinner Menus

March 5 – Taco Bar – provided by Mission Taco in Downtown Kirkwood
March 12 – Trinity Hot Lunch Sampler provided by the Trinity Hot Lunch Crew
March 19 – Grandma's Fried Chicken Dinner
March 26 – Breakfast for Dinner provided by Honey Bee's in Downtown

Adult Education and Formation Continues at 9 a.m. in the Library Sunday

Join us to discuss *The Way of Life in John's Gospel* at 9 a.m. in the Library each Sunday in Lent. Following the lead of Professor Bill Countryman we'll explore the wisdom found in the gospel of John. Each week Revs Thomas and Mary will invite you to consider the readings for the day and how they serve as a guide to receiving the promise of life that Jesus gives to all humankind, even to the cosmos as a whole!

Second Sunday: *A Journey without a Map*

Our second Sunday invites us consider the call of Abraham and the questions of the great teacher of the law Nicodemus. The journey of faith is often a journey without a clear destination, and yet we are called to step forward in faith.

Gun Sense Legislative Advocacy Day Tuesday, March 7

Join the Rev. Mary Haggerty, our Diocesan Missioner for Gun Violence Prevention, and others from throughout the state of Missouri as we encourage our lawmakers to pass common sense legislation to protect our children and families. This event will include a prayer service, led by Episcopal clergy, on the steps of the State Capitol.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City, MO.

[Learn more and register to attend advocacy day](#)

United Thank Offering

Put some coins or dollars into a United Thank Offering Blue box, or set aside an offering reminder for later. When your box is full or you put a check in a United Thank Offering envelope, your thanksgivings unite with others' prayers and thankful quarters, dimes, and dollars from across The Episcopal Church to support God's mission around the world.



Did You Know?



Kirk Care is a non-profit organization formed in 1982, whose mission is to help the needy within the boundaries of the Kirkwood R-7 school district. Our clients include working adults, children, seniors, disabled veterans, under and unemployed, college students, and others who struggle with hunger and poverty.

Kirk Care offers food and utility assistance to clients. In January 2023, Kirk Care provided food to 147 clients (some clients are single people, some clients have two or more in their household), and assisted 15 clients with their utility payments.

All churches in the Kirkwood school district area are invited to have two parishioners serve on the Kirk Care board. Currently, 15 churches are represented on the board.

Grace has a long history of service on the Kirk Care board. Currently, Mike Fitzgerald serves as treasurer, and Sue Nixon serves as recording secretary. Dick Entenmann and Susanne Haring volunteer at the Kirk Care pantry.

For more information about Kirk Care, including volunteer opportunities, you can talk to one of the above parishioners or visit Kirk Care's [Website](#).

With Grace & Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Intergenerational Dinners successful.

About the Parish

Congratulations to Wayne and Shari Bonham as they celebrate the birth of Paxton Chaddon, their 7th great grandchild!

Grace On The Go - March 13th

We'll be visiting the Economy Museum inside the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, at the corner of Broadway and Locust in downtown Saint Louis. Admission is free. Visitors must present a valid government-issued photo ID.



Learn how inflation and other economic factors affect the U.S. economy. Included are many games and exhibits to explain the workings of the Federal Reserve. Flash photography is permitted for personal use inside the museum.

We are scheduled to arrive at 10 a.m. Carpools will leave Grace at 9:15; parking is available at several nearby garages, including the Mansion House on Fourth Street and St. Louis Centre East on Broadway. Lunch will be at Zia's on the Hill at 11:45. Sign up in the Parish Hall for the tour, driving and lunch.

Online Resources for Lent 2023 Devotions

[Daily Lenten Meditations](#) by the Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson

[Daily Meditations](#) from Episcopal Relief Development

[Daily Scripture Reflections](#) Via Email from Loyola Press

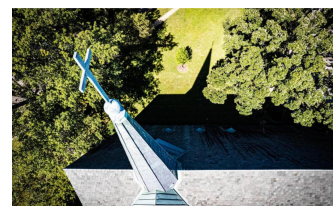
[Way of Love](#) Calendar

[A Daily Word](#) from the Brothers at Society of St. John the Evangelist



The Parish Profile Page is Live

The Discernment Team is excited to announce that the Parish Profile has been added to our website. With this step we are announcing to the world that we are seeking to call a new rector for our church.



Visit the website and read what we have to say, there are some great photos, too. Use

social media to share this information and the final page's invitation for interested clergy to "get in touch" with us by sending their application to the Diocese of Missouri. Tell the world! Share with your friends!

A big pat on the back goes to Dianne Casey, whose team put the Profile together and designed it. Another round of praise goes to Shari Bonham, who put it on the website. We are moving ahead! Pray for our search and for the Discernment Team.

Lyn Ballard, Chair

[View the Profile Page](#)

The Second Sunday in Lent March 5, 2023 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

You may also join us at 10 a.m. through Facebook @GraceChurchKirkwood or on our webpage at www.GraceKirkwood.org

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Facebook

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Service
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Our Website

Nursery Sunday hours are 8:45 a.m until 11:15 a.m. each Sunday.

Beyond Our Walls

Earthquake Relief

A devastating 7.8-magnitude earthquake recently struck southeast Turkey and northern Syria. The reported death toll is in the thousands and climbing after buildings all over the region crumbled, burying civilians beneath the rubble.

The situation in Turkey and Syria right now is dire. Your gift today to Episcopal Relief & Development, provides critical relief to communities impacted by the earthquake. In supporting our local partners with life-saving supplies and resources, medicine, and emergency support, we can help communities rebuild and heal.



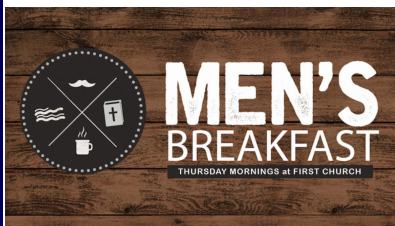
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Fill the Hunger Barrel

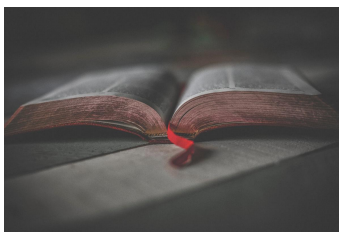
Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church food pantries.



Mark Your Calendar!



Men's Breakfast
Wednesdays 8 a.m.
Denny's in Sunset Hills



The Holy Eucharist
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Anointing of the Sick on the
First Tuesday of each month.
In the Chapel of the Apostles
(on the lower level)



Tuesday Book Group
meets at 10:00 a.m.
at the church and on
Zoom. The Book Group
is reading *My Life in*
France by Julia Child. All
are welcome!
[Click here to learn more!](#)

Prayer List

Parish List

John Barrett
Jane & Henry Beers
Shirley Browne
Ethel Cromwell
Katie Conrad
Ginger Dokos
David Fly
Bill Harrison
Carla Kurth
Mike Lillmars
Chris Manuel
Jeane McKenna
Jim McKown
Steve Mika
Johnny Nelson
Langden Neubacher
Marty O'Leary
Chloe Poe
Beverly Shands
Brooks Ward
Jane Webster
Eric Woodruff

Friends & Family

Rebecca Bonham
Kate Bonham
Casey Chaddon
Ellen Frisch
Carrie Gurley
Michael & Mary Leiweke
Kathleen Mac
Jon McDaniel
Logan Nelson
Ben Ryan
Allison Shortlane
Megan and the Taylor Family

Birthdays



March 6

Liz Griesedieck
Tom Grossman
Barbara Woehle

March 8

Adrienne Allmon

March 10

Laney Sward

March 11

Steve Jianakoplos

Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries this
week.

Our Prayer list requests and updates should be e-mailed to the parish office. Names will be left on the prayer list for one month unless the parish office is notified.

Note: the Intercession Prayer Book is now available for people to write their prayer requests.

Prayer For Lent

For Risen Life in Christ

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

From the waters of death you raise us with him
and renew your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts
the risen life we share with Christ,
and help us to grow as your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with you,
through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Pastoral Care

Grace's clergy are available by appointment to discuss personal, pastoral, or spiritual matters; please call or email the clergy directly. The lay pastoral care team members are also available to visit and bring communion to those unable to be at church in person. Please let the clergy or Sara Losse know (saratlosse@yahoo.com) if you or someone you know in the congregation is in need of a pastoral visit.



If you have a concern that you would prefer to keep private, please let the clergy or Ruth Moore know (clesiem01@yahoo.com) so that she can put your need on the prayer chain. Throughout the week, members of the Grace Prayer Chain pray privately for the congregation's special needs.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the parish office at 314-821-1806. A priest is on call at all times. In case of hospitalization, when a church member is near death or has died, please notify the clergy as soon as possible so that we may minister to you and your family with prayers and anointing.

Transition Prayer

Almighty God, who knows our needs even before we ask, grant us a spirit of faith and courage, that we may have the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; look graciously on this parish family and send forth your Holy Spirit to guide us to be of one heart and mind, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Online Giving

We are grateful to everyone who is keeping their pledge current. Your generosity is gratifying and inspiring. To give online please click the link below and checks may be mailed to 514 East Argonne, Kirkwood, MO 63122. If you are out of work and unable to make your pledge, we understand. Please let the parish office know.

Giving is easier than ever. Just click below.

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