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UTO Collection Day This Sunday

It is better to give than to receive.

There will be collections today at both services for the United Thank Offering. Checks are preferred. 100% of the money given to UTO is granted back out into The Episcopal Church through grants. We thank you.



Grace Church *Wear Orange Day*

The weekend of **June 2-4, 2023**, Episcopal Churches across the Diocese of Missouri are invited to participate in *Wear Orange Day* in honor of victims and survivors of gun violence across our country. *Wear Orange Day* was born out of a tragic shooting in Chicago.

**WEAR 
ORANGE**

On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. *Wear Orange* is now observed every June. Thousands of people wear the color orange to honor Hadiya and the more than 40,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 85,000 who are shot and wounded every year.

You are invited to a **Prayer Service of Remembrance and Lament on Friday,**

June 2 to remember those who have died by firearms this year and to pray for a different future. The *Wear Orange* prayer service will be held at Tower Grove Park at the Humboldt South pavilion at 6 p.m. Bishop Deon will lead us in prayer, followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. Information will also be available on gun violence prevention efforts around the Diocese.

Prayer Service Friday, June 2

On **Sunday, June 4th** we will observe *Wear Orange Sunday* here at Grace. Bishop Deon has invited us all to wear orange, to offer prayers of lament, to light candles of hope, and to work for change. We will stand united in our call to end gun violence as we gather for our worship services on *Wear Orange Sunday*.

Wear Orange Sunday

Horizons St. Louis

DID YOU KNOW? Horizons St. Louis in Kirkwood has a long history and strong affiliation with Grace Episcopal Church.



This non-profit's mission is to inspire a brighter future for Kirkwood School District students most in need by providing opportunities to experience high-quality academics, engaging enrichment activities and healthy life skills.

The organization was formed in the late 1960's through a collaborative effort of local organizations which included Grace Episcopal Church. It was formerly known as SPROG, Inc. Until recently, Grace hosted their summer program out of our facilities. In 2019 they became an affiliate of Horizons National, with a state-of-the-art facility based at Kirkwood High School.

Here's what some of their students and parents say about the program:

One student shared, "I love Horizons because I made new friends, and I can almost do anything with math."

"Because of Horizons, my daughter practices water safety and even gives us tips to remain safe." – Mother of a first-grade student

"I appreciated the loving staff. You can tell they take pride in their job." – Parent of Horizons student

[Learn more about Horizons St. Louis](#)

Baptism on Pentecost Sunday

We will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism on **Pentecost Sunday, May 28th**, one of the four Sundays set aside for baptisms. If you are interested in celebrating the sacrament of baptism, please contact the parish office.



Mother's Day is May 14th

On Sunday May 14th we will honor mothers, living and passed, and those who have been mother figures in other's lives, at both services. We will have a special blessing and a reception following the services, please join us.

About the Parish Family

We express our sincere condolences, our prayers are with you and your families.

Vince Nicosia's sister AnnaMaria Winter passed away on May 1, 2023.

Ron Ryan's father Ben Ryan passed away on May 6, 2023.

Shari Bonham's mother Jeane McKenna passed away on May 6, 2023. Jeane was a member of Grace Church since 1984. Funeral arrangements are to be announced.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.



Dismantling Racism Workshop

Friday, June 9, 2023, 9:00 AM

The Diocesan Dismantling Racism Commission leads a 14-hour training grounded in Biblical scripture and based on Episcopal Church teaching. The training is open to all persons who would like to deepen their understanding of racism, prejudice, and privilege — and begin to define strategies to confront those issues in our society today.



These workshops are mandatory for clergy, wardens, and other designated leaders of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, but will be valuable for anyone. There is no cost for this training; lunch, beverages, and snacks are included. Registration is required (see below). Child care is available with registration. Image by Freepik

Please register [HERE](#) no later than JUNE 2

The Writing of Scripture

We take a look at the second letter to the Corinthians **Sundays through May 14** in the LaVielle Room. Join Wes Proctor as he explores how the scriptures came together. Using Paul's second letter to the Corinthians he'll guide participants through an engaging and fun process for understanding the complex ways that the writers and editors of scripture put the pieces together. No previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary.



Grace On The Go in May, Thursday May 25

Join Grace on the Go for a tour of Dogtown with Joe DeGregorio (our delightful Hill tour guide) and John Corbett (president of the Dogtown Historical Society).



Carpools will leave Grace promptly at 9:15 am. Sign up in the parish hall. The tour begins at 10 a.m., at St. James the Greater Catholic Church. Lunch at Seamus McDaniel's.

Calling All Graduates!

Upcoming graduates or family of a grad: Please send your graduation information to the church office (this week) so we can share your good news with your parish family! Image by Freepik



Episcopal City Mission Walk May 20th

Episcopal City Mission (ECM) provides hope and healing for children ages 11 thru 17 in the Juvenile Justice System in St. Louis, primarily through our chaplains and volunteers who reflect God's love for the children in the detention centers.

St. Louis University High School / Soccer & Track Stadium / 4970 Oakland Ave. / St. Louis, MO 63110

REGISTER HERE or Call 314-436-3545 to register. Adults \$25 / Kids \$10 (Under 5 Free) / Families \$50 / Businesses \$100. Your tax-deductible donation will benefit ECM.



Out of the Office

Rev. Thomas will be out of the office from April 28 through May 21. You may contact Mary with your pastoral care needs at mary.haggerty@gracekirkwood.org or 314-821-1806 ext. 12.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 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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Nursery Sunday hours are 8:45 a.m until 11:15 a.m. each Sunday.

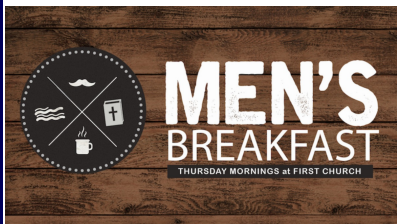
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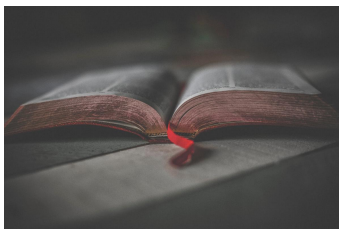
Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church food pantries.



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. We are reading
*A Woman of No
Importance: The Untold
Story of the American
Spy*
by Sonia Purnell. 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
Eric Eickmeyer
David Fly
Bill Harrison
Douglas Jenkins
Mike Lillmars
Chris Manuel
Jim McKown
Steve Mika
Langden Neubacher
Marty O'Leary
Linda Russell
Beverly Shands
Brooks Ward
Jane Webster
Eric Woodruff

Birthdays



May 14
Carla Kurth
May 15
John Dotson
Vince Nicosia
Ryan Voller
May 16
Laura Geisel
Elliot Skillings
Nick Van Rees
May 17
Corinne Eschenroeder
Doug Mars
May 18
Jack Russell
May 20

Friends & Family

Rebecca Bonham
The Emmons family
Bruce Frailey
Carrie Gurley
Martha Ramsay Huff
Alison Laskey
Michael & Mary Leiweke
Ken Mac
Fred McConnell
Jon McDaniel
Logan Nelson
Allison Shortlane
Megan & the Taylor family

Matthew Capriglione

Anniversaries

May 20

Linda & Paul Vandivort



Our Prayer list requests and updates should be e-mailed to theparish 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.

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 (clesiemo1@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.

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