



# iMessenger

*Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church*  
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## Youth Sunday & Teacher Appreciation Day

May 21st we'll celebrate the last day of Sunday School. The youth will serve during the liturgy and there will be a special acknowledgement of the teachers.



Join us for a reception after the 10:00 a.m. service to express our gratitude. Coffee hour will feature a Sunday School Showcase featuring projects the classes have worked on during the year. Image by Freepik

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## Mission Trip Meeting This Sunday

The mandatory meeting will be **May 21st after the 10:00 service**, for all parents of teens going on the June Mission Trip. Teens and chaperones are also encouraged to attend. This will be the last meeting before we leave town on June 4th.

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## The Ordination of Ryan Missel

Ryan Missel will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on **Saturday, June 3rd at 11 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral.**



If you can't be with us in-person, please join us online via the diocesan website, Facebook or YouTube pages:

- [diocesemo.org](https://diocesemo.org)
- [Facebook.com/EpiscopalDioceseofMissouri](https://Facebook.com/EpiscopalDioceseofMissouri)
- [YouTube.com/EpiscopalDioceseofMissouri](https://YouTube.com/EpiscopalDioceseofMissouri)

Please keep Ryan in your prayers as he prepares for this important step in his life and in the life of the Church.

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## The Emery Washington Softball Tournament

The Emery Washington Convocation is having its annual Softball competition **June 9-10**. It would be great if Grace could field a team and join in the friendly rivalry.



If there are parishioners who wish to play, but don't have enough players for a team, we can build a joint team from other Churches. It should be fun!

This year's competition takes place at **Tower Grove Park, Friday June 9, 6 - 8 p.m.** and **Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

If you are interested, please contact **Rev. Tom Albinson**

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## Grace Church *Wear Orange Day*

**WEAR**   
**ORANGE**

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.

Thousands of people across the country will wear the color orange to honor 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 diocesan Prayer Service of Remembrance and Lament on **Friday, June 2 at 6 p.m. at Tower Grove Park** in Humboldt South shelter. Bishop Deon will lead us in prayer as we remember those who have died and those whose lives are forever scarred by gun violence. Information will be available about steps you can take to work toward gun violence prevention. Free gun locks will be available as well as information on gun safety for families.

Prayer Service Friday, June 2

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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

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## Congratulations Graduates!



Hannah Marie Pierce is graduating from Kirkwood High School on May 13 and will attend Grinnell College in the fall.

AJ Wallach will be graduating with a B.S. in Radiological Sciences from the University of Mississippi on May 26, 2023. His proud parents are Stan and Karen Wallach. He's completing his studies in Radiation Therapy at The University of West Virginia in the fall.

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## 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.



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## 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**

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## 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.

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## 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.



## The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 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](http://www.GraceKirkwood.org)

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

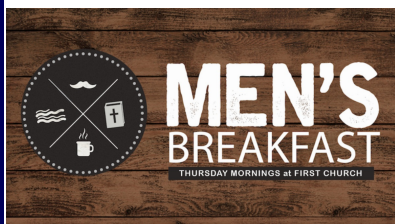
## Beyond Our Walls

### Fill the Hunger Barrel

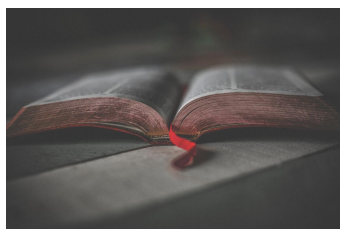
Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday. Your donations will be distributed through KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church food pantries.



## 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.



**Tuesday Book Group**  
meets at 10:00 a.m.  
at the church and on  
Zoom. We are reading

[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

### 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  
Bob Shepherd  
Allison Shortlane  
Megan & the Taylor family

## Birthdays



### May 22

Diane Thompson

### May 23

Ginger Dokos

Lynn Park

Meredith Shadwick

### May 25

Mike Johnson

## Anniversaries

### May 22

Dianne & Mike Casey

### May 24

Becky & Tim Engelbrecht

Michelle & Chuck Huber

Gail & Thomas Kuntz

### May 27

Lynn & Bob Park



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.

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.

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### 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.**

*Select your desired fund from the drop down menu and follow the prompts to complete your donation.*

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[Office@GraceKirkwood.org](mailto:Office@GraceKirkwood.org)

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