



iMessenger

Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church
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Office Hours

Please note: The office will close at Noon today Friday, May 26th.

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.**



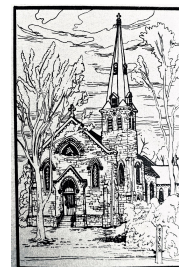
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- [diocesemo.org](https://www.diocesemo.org)
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- YouTube.com/EpiscopalDioceseofMissouri

Please keep Ryan in your prayers as he prepares for this important step in his life and in the life of the Church. **Ryan will celebrate at both services here at Grace on June 4th** and there will be a reception to follow at both coffee hours. Join us and congratulate Ryan!

Grace Church History

"By spring of 1860, the building was completed and, thanks to a number of gifts, pretty well furnished. The gifts, in addition to the window supplied by Mr. Wilgus, were the church bell from Leffingwell, a font from St. John's Church in St. Louis, Bibles from Mary E. Harrison & Carr & Blythe, and prayer books from Messrs Bushnell, Woodward & Bailey.



"On May 27, 1860, Whitsunday, Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood was consecrated to the service of God. There were two services. At the morning service two adults and

six infants were baptized; and one infant, previously and privately baptized, was received. The names are mostly those we have heard before—members of the Hough, Elliot, Brown and Leffingwell households. Of six candidates confirmed by Bishop Hawks, two were from St. Louis, and one was a slave. In the afternoon Bishop Hawks consecrated the church, the Reverend John Coleman preaching the sermon. The cost of building the church was \$12,000. For 1860 the Parish Register lists thirty-six communicants.”

This is an excerpt from the book “Grace Church Kirkwood, Missouri. Its Story.” We celebrate Pentecost this Sunday, 163 years later in a newer building, however our mission remains the same. The Purpose of this Mission is to fulfill our baptismal vow to “seek and serve Christ in all persons.”

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 **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

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

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](#)

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 Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday May 28, 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.

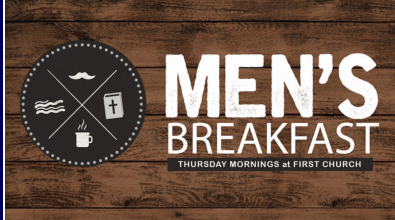
Beyond Our Walls

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.
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
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 28
Ted Hirschi
May 29
Maddie Friar
May 30
Peter Casey
Kirsten Weis
June 1
Eric Mumm
Wilson Overall
June 3
Pete Stupp
Ted Sward
Brent VanConia

Anniversaries

June 2
Debby & Ken Hand



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.

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.

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