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Please note: The parish office will be closed Friday, May 5th.

The Spiritual Practice of UTO

It is better to give than to receive.

We've heard these words since we were children, but maybe we've never fully understood the meaning. Or maybe we've just never figured out how to put those words into a real spiritual practice. The United Thank Offering is a gratitude ministry of the Episcopal Church to support innovative mission and ministry in the whole Church. Known worldwide as UTO, The United Thank Offering is one way we can engage in a personal spiritual discipline of thanksgiving that supports God's mission throughout the world.



Please write a check and place in a United Thank Offering envelope. Your thanksgivings unite with others' prayers and thankful donations from across The Episcopal Church to support God's mission around the world. 100% of the money given to UTO is granted back out into The Episcopal Church through grants.

The collection date for this offering will be on **May 14, 2023 at the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. services.**

[**Learn More**](#)

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.

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.

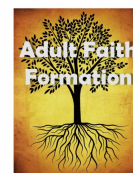


These workshops are mandatory for clergy, wardens, and other designated leaders of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, but will be valuable for anyone. There is no cost for this training; lunch, beverages, and snacks are included. Registration is required (see below). Child care is available with registration.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

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

Understanding How Scripture Gets Written

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

On **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).



Learn how the neighborhood got its name, how the Irish culture became dominant, how the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair played a prominent role in the

growing neighborhood, and the history of the church and how its grandeur mimics the Gothic churches of Ireland. A brief walking or riding tour with John Corbett highlights some very unusual or interesting sites including “temporary” houses for World’s Fair workers still in existence and the true story behind the famous “Boy and His Dog” statue. Cost for this tour is \$16 per person. Lunch will follow at Seamus McDaniel’s. Carpools will leave Grace promptly at 9:15 am. Sign up in the parish hall.

Depart from Grace at 9:15 a.m. Tour begins at 10 a.m., at St. James the Greater Catholic Church. Lunch at Seamus McDaniel’s.

Graduating with Grace

Are you celebrating a high school, college, or program graduation this spring?



Share your joy with our parish family! Send your graduation information to the church office so we can share your good news with your parish family.

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Episcopal City Mission Walk

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

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.

Phillip Brunswick will be taking some time away to deal with his health. While health issues are confidential, please know that this time away is not related to any impropriety, and neither is it life-threatening.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7, 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.

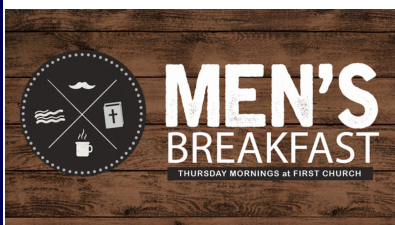
Beyond Our Walls

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 starting
*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

Birthdays



May 8
Becky Entenmann
Jack Eschenroeder
May 9
Denise Miller
May 11

Mike Lillmars
Chris Manuel
Jeane McKenna
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
Ben Ryan
Allison Shortlane
Megan & the Taylor family

Paul Vandivort

May 12

Michael Boyle

Karen Wallach

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.

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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