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Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: July 20 - 27, 2025

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 20

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 10 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 11:15 am Summer Starters (C)
- 11:15 am Lemonade on the Lawn (FL)

MONDAY, JULY 21

- Offices Closed
- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 8:30 am GP Theatre Camp (EdW)

TUESDAY, JULY 22

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 8:30 am GP Theatre Camp (EdW)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 8:30 am GP Theatre Camp (EdW)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

THURSDAY, JULY 24

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 8:30 am GP Theatre Camp (EdW)
- 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (N)
- 6 pm Summer BBQ (FL)

FRIDAY, JULY 25

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 8:30 am GP Theatre Camp (EdW)
- 10 am Summer Starters Prep (LL)

SATURDAY, JULY 26

- Offices Closed
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

SUNDAY, JULY 27

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 10 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 11:15 am Summer Starters (C)
- 11:15 am Lemonade on the Lawn (FL)

Location Abbreviations:

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| BL - Bicknell Library | C - Columbarium |
| CR - Choir Room | EdW - Education Wing |
| FL - Front Lawn | L - Lobby |
| LL - Lower Level | N - Nave |
| O - Offsite | R - Rectory |
| SMC - Chapel | U - Undercroft |
| Z - Zoom | |

SUMMER BBQ

This Thursday! 6 - 8 pm



Bring the family to an evening of fun and fellowship on the Front Lawn. We provide the burgers and hot dogs - *complete with all the fixin's* - You bring a dish to share, a beverage of your choice, and your friends and family!

If you're willing to grill for a half hour or so, let Colleen Fitzgerald know - cfitzgerald@christchurchgp.org!

In 17th Century France, "Limonade de Paris" was sold by licensed street vendors who wore elaborate silver tanks on their backs and poured the drink through a spout like a backpack soda fountain.

Join us after the 10 am service for lemonade, treats, and Summer Starters bag assembly in the Rose Garden!

All Children are Welcome! Children gather at the Children's Cross for the Collect of the Day and dismissal to Children's Chapel to hear the story of Jesus and engage in a meaningful reflection of the lessons for that Sunday. They return to join in our Prayers and to share in the Peace and Holy Communion.

Parish & Community Events

Today at Christ Church

- » Holy Eucharist..... 8 amNave
- » Coffee Hour.....8:45 am Undercroft
- » Holy Eucharist.....10 amNave
- » Summer Starters..... 11:15amRose Garden
- » Lemonade on the Lawn.....11:15 amRose Garden

Parish Life

Summer BBQs

July 24 | August 14

6 – 8 pm

Bring the family to an evening of fun and fellowship on the Front Lawn. We provide the burgers and hot dogs - complete with all the fixin's and vegetarian options - You bring a dish to share, a beverage of your choice, and everyone has a great evening! Help is needed with set up and working the grills – contact Colleen, cfitzgerald@christchurchp.org to volunteer!

Loaves & Fishes

Sundays in July

Help us collect nonperishable food to stock the emergency food pantry at Crossroads. Bring a grocery bag filled with your donation to the display in the Nave during the month of July. Items will be delivered to Crossroads in August. Lists of suggested items are available at reception.

Join Our Funeral Ministry Team

The Funeral Ministry team assists families in their time of need, serve as greeters to families and friends who come for a funeral, and staff light receptions when requested. Volunteer funeral ministers age 14 and older commit to a two hour service slot when funerals are scheduled. For more information or to join the team, please contact Colleen Fitzgerald, cfitzgerald@christchurchgp.org.

Join the Christ Church Bakers

We need bakers to make homemade cookies for receptions following memorial services. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please email Colleen, cfitzgerald@christchurchgp.org.

Are You New Here?

Welcome! We look forward to getting to know you, praying with and for you, and walking with you on this good road of faith in the light of God's love. We invite you to consider making Christ Church your spiritual home. To get started, fill out the red Connect card in your pew and hand it to an usher or priest — or scan the QR code to complete it online!



Children, Youth and Family

Vacation Bible School!

Seekers in Sneakers

GP Memorial | August 18 – 22

GP Memorial will be hosting a week of arts and crafts, science experiments, Bible stories through dramatic presentations, games and fun! They are offering a morning program for ages 3 – 4th grade (must be potty-trained) and a full-day program for 5th – 8th graders. Middle schoolers will serve as counselors in training in the morning program. Scan the QR code to register or for more information.



Children's Chapel Volunteers Needed!

Would you consider leading 2 – 3 children's chapel services (with Lisa's support) during the 10 am Eucharist on Sundays this summer? Or 2 – 4 services during the 9 am service in the fall? Volunteers are only asked to lead for one season (Advent, Epiphany, Lent, etc). We are also in need of formation leaders for all age groups, to lead 3 – 4 lessons over the course of the program year. If you are willing and able to support our children's ministry, please contact Lisa Brown at 586-306-5254 or email Lbrown@christchurchgp.org.

Movie Screening: Kiss the Ground

Sunday, August 24 | 7:30 pm

Bring your blankets, beach towels, or lawn chairs and join One Big World for a screening of the documentary narrated by and featuring Woody Harrelson.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Formation

Part I: September 22 – 24 | October 16 – 18 | November 13 – 15

Part II: January 22 – 24 | February 12 – 14 | March 12 – 14

Anyone age 14 and up who is interested in training as a Level I Catechist is invited to join the training being held at Gesu Catholic Church in Detroit. For more information scan the QR code. Registration ends August 1, scholarships are available – contact Lisa Brown, lbrown@christchurchgp.org



CCGP Sunday Market!

August 10 | September 14 | October 5

Front Lawn | 9 am – 1 pm

Christ Church Commons makers and other artisans will be here to share their bounty! Items for sale will include coffee, pickles, and more! If you or someone you know is interested in selling at the market, have them reach out to Mtr. Maureen, mmartin@christchurchgp.org.



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Parish & Community Events

Worship & Music

Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God.

The Choir is on Tour!

Be sure to turn on Facebook notifications for Christ Church GP to get a message when the choir goes live, and follow them on Instagram @ccgp_choirs to keep up with them as they are in residence at Bristol Cathedral July 18 – 20 and at St. Paul's Cathedral in London from July 22 – 27!

Welcome Dr. Sarah Simko, Guest Organist!

We welcome Dr. Sarah Simko as our visiting organist while the Christ Church choir is in England. Sarah is presently Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Southern Ohio, having just recently completed five years as Associate Organist and Communications Coordinator for the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit. She maintains a busy recital schedule and is passionate about researching and performing music of living women composers.

Annual Cedar Point Trip - August 21

Join the choristers for a trip to A Place Like No Other™! From 18 world-class roller coasters to three areas filled with rides and attractions for kids and families, the day is sure to be fun! For tickets and more information, talk to Scott Hanoian, Director of Music, at shanoian@christchurchgp.org or Jackson Merrill, Assistant Director of Music at jmerrill@christchurchgp.org.

Do You Know a Child Who Loves to Sing?

Our after-school choir program has provided outstanding music opportunities for Grosse Pointe and Detroit area children for nearly a century. The Novice Program is the first step in the Christ Church Choir for a child who loves to sing! Young people in the Novice Program learn the basics of singing, reading music, and fundamental musical structure. The Novice Program provides children and families a first experience of our world-class choir program in a fun group environment and is a place to explore our role and commitments in our community. Children with enthusiasm for music are encouraged to email Jackson Merrill, Assistant Director of Music at jmerrill@christchurchgp.org.

Assisting at Services

Eucharistic Ministers:

8 am Frank Stellingwerf
10 am Mike DeFillipi

Lector:

10 am Karyn Weir

Prayers:

8 am Frank Stellingwerf

Verger:

10 am Katie Trost

Acolytes:

10 am Jay Ash

Ushers:

10 am Dave Redfield
Jean Redfield
Karyn Weir

We Pray Together

Please leave your written prayer request at our Reception Desk or contact **Fr. Drew** at rector@christchurchgp.org.

In order to keep all our prayers for healing meaningful and current, we keep names on the Prayer List for two weeks.

In the Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Messiah (Detroit); Nativity Church (Sal Salcedo, DR).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for: The Church of Pakistan (United).

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for: Ross & Katherine Kogel, Jr.; Gregory & Melissa Koos; Thomas & Jamie Kornmeier; Peter & Peggy Kross; Mackenzie & Michael Krygowski and son, Everett; Michael & Paula Labadie; Ryan Lally and daughter, Katherine.

We offer prayers for: Abby, Al & Margaret, Betsy, Chris, Emily, Jermaine, JoAnn, Kate & Dan, Lindsey & Eric, Marco, Michelle, Mike, Walter.

In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries of: Greg Grosfield; John Freudenthal; Jane Knaus; Jon Ostrowski; Joseph Stevenson; Judy Thoma; Ren Graves; Betsy Azzaro; Pixie White; Allison Graff; Megan Ryan; Blair & Nancy Osborn; Al & Margaret Torp; Samuel & Martha Stott; Jim & Ann Spica.



Lessons for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11

Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Psalms 15

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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