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Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: August 10 – 17, 2025

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

- 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, AUGUST 11

- Offices Closed
- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 6:30 pm Buildings & Grounds (BL)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 2 pm Common Thread (B112)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 10 am Summer Starters Prep (LL)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- 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:

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	

STUFF THE BUS!



Back to school uniform drive for Carstens Academy

Let's help Carstens students get back to school in style! Please purchase uniform tops and bottoms for the youngest kids for whom there is the greatest need. Sizes needed: 4/5, 6/7, 8/10. The school uniform colors are navy, yellow and black tops and khaki, navy and black bottoms. Old Navy is currently having a sale, and if you would like to have your donation shipped to CCGP we would be happy to receive it. Please deliver items by September 12. Let's stuff the bus!

The world's largest glass of lemonade was made in 2015 in California – it held over 3,200 gallons and used around 12,000 lemons!

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

Childcare for infants – 3 years old is offered during the 10 am Sunday Eucharist.

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

Parish Life

Seasonal Book Group

A Hobbit, a Wardrobe, and a Great War

By Joseph Laconte

Sunday, November 9 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm | Miller Hall

One season, one book, one evening of conversation

The First World War laid waste to a continent and permanently altered the political and religious landscape of the West. For a generation of men and women, it brought the end of innocence—and the end of faith. Yet for J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis, the Great War deepened their spiritual quest.

This book delves into the profound impact of World War I on Tolkien and Lewis, illuminating how the horrors of the Western Front shaped their faith and the timeless tales of Middle-earth and Narnia. Witness how the Great War not only tested their faith but also ignited their remarkable Christian imaginations. All the books for the new program year are now available to purchase from Mtr. Maureen.

Join the Carstens Reading Initiative

Registration Now Open

Give an hour or two each week to help a child learn to read. Scan the QR code to register! Contact Mtr. Maureen Martin, mmartin@christchurchgp.org for more information!



CCGP Sunday Market!

September 7 | 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.

Children, Youth and Family

Confirmation

Are you seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation but missed our orientation last spring? Please contact Lisa Brown at lbrown@christchurchgp.org to register for our make-up session in early September. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Bonnie Perry is set for Sunday, June 14, 2026.

Mark Your Calendar!

Fall is around the corner – make a note of these important CYF dates:

Sunday, September 14 | 10:15 – 11:15 am

If you plan to volunteer as a Formation Leader, mark your calendar for this orientation!

Sunday, September 21 | 10:15 – 11:15 am

First Day of Atrium Faith Formation PreK – Grade 12

Thursday, September 18 | 6:45 pm

One Big World Youth Peace & Justice Team

Thursday, September 25 | 6:45 pm

Confirmation Preparation Begins

If your child(ren) were part of our Atrium Faith Formation program last year, more information will be arriving in your email inbox soon.

If you are new to our program, please contact Lisa Brown at 586-306-5254 or lbrown@christchurchgp.org to receive a personal welcome, register for classes, and even take a tour of our space upstairs if you like.

If you served as a Formation Leader last year, Lisa will be making phone calls, sending emails, and treating for lunch in August!

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.



Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be u

Parish & Community Events

Worship & Music

Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God. and by Sue Chaklos in memory of John Hyde Williams.

Join the Christ Church Chorale!

We are looking for singers interested in joining our community-based symphonic choir for the upcoming season. Rehearsals begin on September 10 and are held on Wednesdays from 7:30-9 pm. To receive more information on expectations of membership and how to join the Chorale, please contact Scott Hanoian, shanoian@christchurchgp.org.

Annual Cedar Point Trip Thursday, August 21 | 9 am - 10 pm

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! Bus ride to and from the park (complete with movies), tickets, and unlimited drinks included with purchase. For more information, contact Colleen Fitzgerald, cfitzgerald@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.

Crossroads Ask of the Month!

Crossroads has reinstated this important program, and we will be collecting items monthly in the lobby – due to space limitations at this time we are only collecting the specific items requested. The ask of the month for August is feminine hygiene *pads*, bar soap and mouthwash.

BBQ This Thursday!

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@christchurchgp.org to volunteer!

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: Christ United (DetWitt); Cathedral of the Epiphany (Santo Domingo, DR).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for: The Church of Rwanda.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for: Kevin & Tracy Magee and children, Brady and Conor; Jo Malecek; Jewels Maniscalco and son, David; Gwen Mann; Leah Mannino; Patrick & Mary Mansfield and son, Billy; Michael Marsh; Mike & Christy Martin and daughter, Madelyn; Dave & Maureen Martin.

We offer prayers for: Al & Margaret, Beth, Betsy, Chris, Karyn, Laura, Marilyn, Michael, Sharon, Suzy.

In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries of: Joel Anyim; Karen Kienbaum; Lisa Baruah; Bob Moorhead; Simon Stallings; Stephanie Flom; Christy Martin; John Benson; Kitty Swickard; Hadley Hermon; Matt Hurley; Gerald Cannon; William Albrecht; Phyllis Walker; Isabel Standish; Lee Anderson; Ed & Elsie MacKethan, III.

upon us, as we have put our trust in you.



Lessons for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalms 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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