



# CURRENTS

Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: August 31 – September 7, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Offices Closed

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 10 am Staff Meeting
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (N)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 10 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 11:15 am Fall Homecoming Festival (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	



Join us for our Fall Homecoming celebration with the last 10 am service of the season. . Children should bring their backpacks to the 10 am service to have them blessed for the upcoming school year. Join us following the service for the annual Homecoming Festival with fun on the front lawn including balloon animals, games and a rock climbing wall! The Sunday Market will also be on the front lawn, and we'll have a BBQ lunch, ice cream and information on the upcoming program year!

**At the very first Labor Day parade in New York City in 1882, lemonade was one of the most popular refreshments sold to marchers and spectators – it was inexpensive and non-alcoholic, making it perfect for the family-friendly event!**

***Join us after after the 10 am service for  
lemonade and treats 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 am .....Nave
- » Coffee Hour.....8:45 am ..... Undercroft
- » Holy Eucharist.....10 am .....Nave
- » Lemonade on the Lawn..... 11:15 am .....Rose Garden

## Parish Life

### Thursday Night Book Study

#### *Liturgy of the Ordinary*

**By Tish Harrison Warren**

**Thursdays | September 11 - November 20 | 6:45 pm**

What if the overlooked routines of your day became sacred invitations? This book is a gentle reminder that God's presence is not just in the extraordinary but in the midst of the ordinary. Through the lens of her own daily life, Warren invites you to find holiness in the mundane and recognize how seemingly small, daily habits shape your spiritual growth. Framed around one typical day, this book explores life through the lens of liturgy, small practices and habits that form us. In each chapter, Warren considers a common daily experience like making the bed, brushing her teeth, and losing her keys. Using this book as a springboard, we will explore ways of feeling God's presence in the ordinary for ourselves and learn to savor the moment we are in rather than always hungering after an unachievable image of who we think we are to be. By the end of this class each member will learn how to write a Rule of Life for their own family. Books available for \$25 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! A training session will be held here at CCGP on September 18 at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. Contact Mtr. Maureen Martin, [mmartin@christchurchgp.org](mailto:mmartin@christchurchgp.org) for more information!



### Available Now!

Make your plans to join us for an exciting year of events, outings, and formation! From book studies and movies to concerts and confirmation classes, there's something for everyone in the program guide. Access it online via the QR code or pick up a printed copy at each Nave entrance or the reception desk.



## Children, Youth and Family

### Fall is Coming! Mark Your Calendar!

**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](mailto: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!

### 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 13 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 is still open despite the listed deadline. We're fortunate to have a generous donor covering registration costs for interested volunteers! Contact Lisa Brown, [lbrown@christchurchgp.org](mailto:lbrown@christchurchgp.org) for more information!



### Confirmation

Are you seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation but missed our orientation last spring? Please contact Lisa Brown at [lbrown@christchurchgp.org](mailto:lbrown@christchurchgp.org) to register for our make-up session in early September. Confirmation preparation begins Thursday, September 25 at 6:45 pm following community dinner. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Bonnie Perry is set for Sunday, June 14, 2026.

### One Big World Presents A Hunger Banquet

**November 16 | 10:15 am**

Join our youth for an interactive simulation of global economics that brings to life the inequalities in our world related to food, hunger, shelter, and personal income and allows participants to experience first-hand how their decisions effect others in the world. It is a meal and role-play type event that raises funds and awareness of world hunger by inviting guests to eat in proportion to how the world eats. Everyone 11 years old to 111 years old is invited!



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# Parish & Community Events

## Worship & Music

### Flowers

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

### Evensong

Sunday, September 21 | 4 pm

The service of Evensong (or sung Evening Prayer) is drawn almost entirely from the Bible: Psalms, lessons from the Old and New Testaments, and Canticles (songs of praise from the Scriptures). Music is an integral part of this service, and the choirs offer sung prayers to God on behalf of the people of God.

### Save the Date!

#### Sixth Annual Hymnathon!

Saturday, September 27 | 8 am – 6 pm

Join us for the Sixth Annual Hymnathon as the Christ Church Choir sings every hymn in the 1982 Hymnal. Join us in person to bang the gong to end a hymn immediately, or ring the bell to sponsor more verses! (\$20 each!) Hymn sponsorships will be available on the website soon.

### 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](mailto:jmerrill@christchurchgp.org).

### 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](mailto:shanoian@christchurchgp.org).

## Give

### Crossroads Ask of the Month: September!

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 September is men's and women's deodorant, men's and women's shaving needs and fragrance free lotion.

### Stuff the Bus! Uniform Drive for Carstens

Let's help Carstens students get back to school in style! Please purchase uniform tops and bottoms in sizes: 4/5, 6/7, 8/10. The uniform colors are navy, yellow and black tops and khaki, navy and black bottoms. Old Navy has great deals, 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.

## We Pray Together

Please leave your written prayer request at our Reception Desk or contact **Fr. Drew** at [rector@christchurchgp.org](mailto: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: Saint James

(Grosse Ile); Saint Peter (Hillsdale); Divine Grace (Mosovi, DR).

#### In the Anglican Cycle of

**Prayer we pray for:** The Church of South India (United).

#### In our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for:

Michael & Debbie McSunas and children, Ransom and Hadley; Craig & Kimberly Melegari, Jr. and children, Myles and Mason; Rudy & Ann Menchi; Jackson & Allison Merrill; Joan Micou; Dick Milford; Barbara Miller; John Miller; Patrick &

Susan Mills and children, Jacob, Jocelyn, and Jackson; Oktavijan & Alexia Minanov and children, Alexander and Karina.

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

#### In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries

**of:** Lillian Irby; Roy Ritchie; Bruce Greening; Elsie MacKethan; Emme Bachand; Rebecca Beard; Amber Everham; Janet Ridder; Gar & Scottie Knight, III; Matt & Mil Hurley; William & Cathy Collison; Patrick & Amy Chesterton.





# Lessons for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 17

## Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

## Psalms 112

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the LORD \*  
**and have great delight in his commandments!**
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
**and their righteousness will last for ever.**
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
**and to manage their affairs with justice.**
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
**their heart is right;**  
**they put their trust in the LORD.**
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;**  
**they will hold up their head with honor.**
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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