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Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: September 7 – 14, 2025

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Offices Closed
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
10 am Staff Meeting
2 pm Common Thread (B112)
5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
7:30 pm Chorale (N)
8:30 pm AA (LL)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (N)
6 pm Community Dinner (U)
6:45 pm Book Study (MH)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Offices Closed
8:30 pm AA (LL)

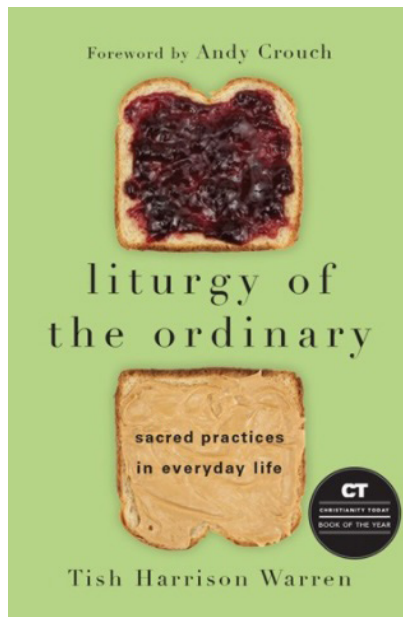
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
10:15 am Ministry Fair (FL)
10:15 am Formation Leader Orientation (B213)

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

Thursdays at CCGP Resume This Week! Food. Faith. Formation.



Join Us this Thursday, September 11:

Evening Prayer | 5 pm | St. Margaret's Chapel
Holy Eucharist | 5:30 pm | St. Margaret's Chapel
Community Dinner | 6 pm | Undercroft

Dinner: Huli Huli Chicken!

Adult Formation | 6:45 pm | Miller Hall

September 11 – November 20

***Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren**

Books available for \$25 from Mtr. Maureen.

9 am Service Resumes! Ministry Fair!

Sunday, September 14

We will be returning to our regular program year schedule next Sunday with services at 8 and 9 am! Join us following the 9 am Holy Eucharist for a Ministry Fair on the front lawn to learn about all the amazing opportunities to get involved this year!

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
- » Homecoming Festival 11:15 amFront Lawn

Parish Life

O.W.L.S: Outings, Wisdom, Love, Service For the 55 & Better Crowd!

The first outing of the program year will be attending Crosscurrents, an exhibit at The Shepherd followed by lunch at Alma Kitchen on Friday, September 26 at 11 am! Contact Colleen, cfitzgerald@christchurchgp.org for more information or to RSVP!

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.

Join the Carstens Reading Initiative

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 for more information!



Stained Glass in Grosse Pointe September 17 | 7:30 pm

The GP History Center will be hosting photographer and architectural historian Dale Carlson. CCGP is featured in his upcoming book about the subject. Scan the QR code for more information and to register.



An Invitation to Shared Discernment

Every fall, the Rector and Vestry appoint a Nominating Committee to discern and call members of Christ Church to serve on the Vestry. This faithful work, however, is never done in isolation and is best done with your prayerful support and participation.



The Nominating Committee invites you to join us in this difficult, yet sacred, task. Please scan the QR code to share with us who you recommend for the Vestry!

Children, Youth and Family

Fall is Here!

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

All Formation Leaders should attend 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 take a tour of our space upstairs.

Thursday Formation for 3 – 6 year-olds

Begins Thursday, September 25 | 4:45 pm

Do you have a 3 to 6 year-old who would enjoy/prefer Faith Formation on Thursdays from 4:45 to 6 pm rather than our Sunday program? We have three certified Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechists excited to run a weekly program for our potty-trained littles from any Christian denomination — they do not need to be a CCGP member so bring a friend! These classes are a wonderful opportunity for after-school socialization, prayer, and building friendships. We need at least five children to formally register for the class to be meaningful for the children. Please contact Lisa Brown, lbrown@christchurchgp.org by September 22 to register.

Confirmation

Begins Thursday, September 25 | 6:45 pm

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. 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!



Clap your hands, all you people

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.

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 and chorister sponsorships available NOW! Scan the QR code for more info!



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.

UMS Presents Verdi's *Requiem*

DSO & UMS Choral Union

Friday, September 26 | 4 pm

We're putting together a group to attend the UMS Season opener, prepared by our very own Scott Hanoian. We'll carpool to Ann Arbor to see Verdi's monumental work that fuses the drama of opera with the spiritual depth of sacred music. Please RSVP to Colleen, cfitzgerald@christchurchgp.org by Thursday, September 11..

Assisting at Services

Altar Guild:

8 am Sandra Walters
10 am Lynnette Iannace

Eucharistic Ministers:

8 am Cheryl Wesen
10 am Mary Trost
Lisa Niscoromni

Lector:

8 am Susan Tawile
10 am Eric Ash

Prayers:

8 am Cheryl Wesen
10 am Rema Waugh

Verger:

10 am Deb Champion

Acolytes:

10 am Sam Van Culin
Carolyn Adams
George Adams
Violet Hakim
Emme Bachand

Ushers:

9 am Richard Best
George Sutton
Steve Fehniger
Jean Redfield
Dave Redfield

Flowers:

Libby Candler
Sue Chaklos

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: Saint Paul (Lansing); Saint Paul the Apostle (Jimani).

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

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for: Albert & Shelia Minetola; William Minetola; April Minetola; Dennis Miriani; Lilly Miriani and son, Charlie; Phoebe Miriani; Sue Moody-Frezza and children, Laure and Blair; Patrick & Michele Moore and children, Spencer and Reland; Bob Moorhead and children, Grant and Kendall; Katherine & Frank Moran.

We offer prayers for: Al & Margaret, Beth, Betsy, Chris, Dick, Elsie, Emily, JoAnn, Karyn, Laura, Lindsey & Eric, Liz, Marco, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Patricia.

In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries of: Kate Lally; Maggie Green; Daniel Skedel; Joie Seifried; Jack McCormick; Margaret Loomis; Sidney King; James Spica; Conrad & Jan Squitieri; Albert & Shelia Minetola; Mike & Mary Bamford; Jim & Darlene Grabowski; Scott & Meredith Hanoian; Mike DeFillipi & Dave Gerdis.

s; shout to God with a cry of joy.



Lessons for Homecoming Sunday

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Psalms 47

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Lessons for next week: Proper 19

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 51:1-11

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

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