



CURRENTS

Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: April 19 – 26, 2026

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 10:15 am Rector's Forum (U)
- 10:15 am Faith Formation (EdW)
- 11:15 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 4 pm Easter Lessons and Carols (N)
- 5 pm Reception (L)

MONDAY, APRIL 20

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 6:30 pm Finance Committee (BL)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 10 am Staff Meeting (BL)
- 2 pm Common Thread (B112)
- 3:30 pm Bible Study (FR)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 7:30 pm Chorale (N)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- 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 Adult Formation (MH)
- 6:45 pm One Big World (B217)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- Offices Closed
- 1 pm Chorale (N)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

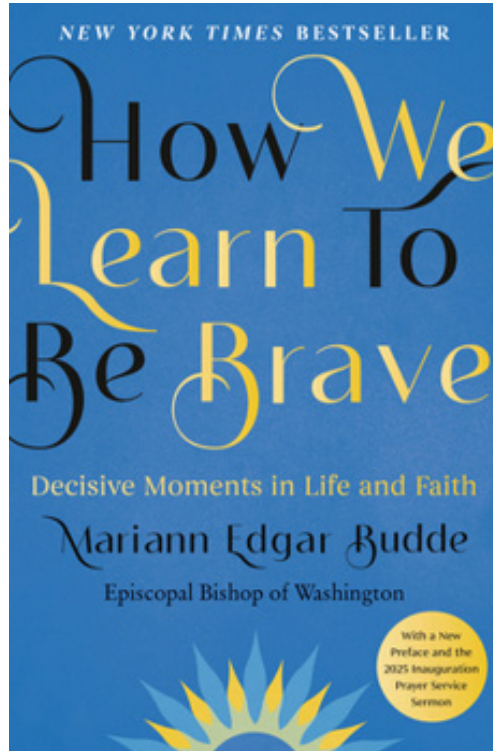
SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 10:15 am Rector's Forum (U)
- 10:15 am Faith Formation (EdW)
- 11:15 am Holy Eucharist (N)

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

Living Books, Enlivening Faith Reading in Community



How We Learn to Be Brave by Mariann Edgar Budde Sunday | April 26 | 6:30 pm Education Wing

On January 21, 2025, many Americans were introduced to Bishop Mariann Budde thanks to what The New York Times called “an extraordinary act of public resistance.” During her prayer service for Donald Trump’s second inauguration, Bishop Budde addressed the president directly, imploring him “to have mercy on the people in our country who are scared now.” With *How We Learn to Be Brave*, she teaches us that being brave is not a singular occurrence; it’s a journey that we can choose to undertake every day. If you plan on attending the discussion, please RSVP to Colleen Fitzgerald, cftzgerald@christchurchgp.org by Thursday, April 23.

Rector's Forum

Illuminating the Word: Lettering the Saint Johns Bible Undercroft | 10:15 am

Former CCGP member Dottie Bryant, a Lettering Artist, will discuss the lettering methods used in the Saint Johns Bible.

Next Week: Join us on April 26 when we welcome Bill O'Brien, Executive Director of Strangers No Longer, a network of Circles of Support formed in Catholic parishes, congregations and immigrant communities to support our immigrant neighbors and to advocate for a comprehensive and humane immigration policy.

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 through aged 3 years old is offered during the 9 am Sunday Eucharist.

- » Holy Eucharist..... 8 amNave
- » Coffee Hour.....8:45 am Undercroft
- » Holy Eucharist..... 9 amNave
- » Rector's Forum 10:15 am Undercroft
- » Holy Eucharist..... 11:15 amNave
- » Easter Lessons & Carols.....4 pmNave
- » Reception.....5 pmLobby

Children and Youth Formation

Resumes Sunday, April 12 | Education Wing | 10:15 am

Using the rich and reflective principals of Montessori education, our children gather for an age appropriate, contemplative learning experience in an atrium setting. In their time together our children not only deepen their bond of community, but learn that the expression of faith is a life of compassionate peacemaking and service to our neighbor.

- » Atrium 1 (PreK3-1st grade)..... 10:15-11:15 am Ed Wing
- » Atrium 2 (2nd-4th grade)..... 10:15-11:15 am Ed Wing
- » MS Gathering (Grades 6 - 8)..... 10:15-11:15 am Ed Wing
- » HS Gathering Grades 9-12)..... 10:15-11:15 am Ed Wing

This Thursday at Christ Church

Thursday Night Formation

**The Gospel of Matthew: Jesus – God with Us
Dinner for April 16: Italian!**

- » Evening Prayer.....5 pmNave
- » Holy Eucharist..... 5:30 pmNave
- » Community Dinner.....6 pm Undercroft
- » Adult Formation..... 6:45 pm Undercroft
- » One Big World/Confirmation Prep 6:45 pm Ed. Wing

Hearing Impaired?

To better support our hearing-impaired guests, we now offer a listening system that streams audio directly to your hearing aids through your smartphone. Belt packs are available on request.

1. Connect to our Wi-Fi: CCGP-Guest, Password: Godlovesyou.
2. Download the free ListenWIFI app from the App Store or Google Play.
3. Open the ListenWIFI app and select the Nave channel.



Children, Youth & Family

Children's Chapel, 9:15-9:45 am, PK3-4th grade: 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.

Parents' Day Out Now Enrolling for Fall 2026!

Scan the QR Code for Details & Cost



CCGP's Parents' Day Out program for children 16 months to 4 years old encourages and empowers parents and families by providing a safe, loving environment for their children while Mom or Dad enjoys a morning break. Students will play side by side while experiencing enriching daily activities.

Children's Chapel Prayer Leaders Needed!

Sundays through August



We are in need of volunteers aged 16 and older, to lead Children's Chapel on Sundays from April 12 through August! Sign up using the QR code!

Parish Life

OWLS! Migration in the Mitten!

May 1 & 2



May 1: Bring a sack lunch and meet at the church in the Undercroft at noon. David and Jean Redfield will review the birds that we MIGHT see at Belle Isle when we go birding on Saturday, and we'll review the list of birds we spotted in 2025! We will also review Spring Migration, flyways and exchange bird stories!

May 2: We'll meet at church at 7 am to head to Belle Isle to go birding! Register for one session or both via the calendar, using the QR code.

Outreach

Serve at Crossroads

Sunday, April 26

Ages 10 and up are welcome to volunteer! Help is needed preparing (8 - 11 am) and serving lunch (10:30 am - 2 pm) to the guests at Crossroads of Michigan. Sign up using the QR code. Note: if you wish to serve all day, that option is now available in the drop down menu rather than signing up twice!!



I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

Parish & Community Events

Worship & Music

Flowers

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

Easter Lessons & Carols | Today, 4 pm

A service of readings and music celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Fred Dehaven Memorial Weekend

May 15 – 17

May 15 | 7 pm Informal evening gathering - Cadieux Cafe

May 16 | 2 pm Rehearsal with CCGP Choir and Alumni (all alumni invited to sing)

May 16 | 4 pm Evensong in remembrance of Fred

May 16 | 5 pm Reception at CCGP

May 17 | 10 am Invitation to all alumni to attend a Festival Eucharist where the CCGP Choir and Orchestra will sing Mozart's *Mass in C major, K. 337* as part of the liturgy.



To indicate whether or not you can attend and/or sing as part of the choir for Evensong on May 16, please use the QR code to access the Google form link. Please share with anyone who may be interested!

The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace

Sunday, May 3 | 4 pm

Join the Christ Church Chorale, Orchestra, and soloists in a performance of Welsh composer Karl Jenkins' stirring setting of the mass. Brought back to Christ Church by popular demand, this beloved work based on texts from the Ordinary of the Mass, Rudyard Kipling, Alfred Lord Tennyson, and Sankichi Toge.



Volunteers Needed!

May Concert: Help Set Up & Break Down!



Help is needed on **April 29, May 2 & 3** to set up and break down risers for our Spring concert. The concert is on May 3, 2026. All volunteers will receive 2 free tickets to the concert, and students can receive service hours. Scan the QR code to volunteer!

Assisting at Services

Altar Guild

8 am Cheryl Wesen
9 am Liz Johnson
11:15 am Lynnette Iannace

Eucharistic Ministers:

8 am Frank Stellingwerf
9 am Kate French
David Gerdis
11:15 am Judith Burkhardt

Lector:

8 am Susan Tawile
9 am Eric Ash
11:15 am Lynn Anslow

Prayers:

8 am Frank Stellingwerf
9 am Gretchen White
11:15 am Lynnette Iannace

Verger:

9 am Miranda Ferrara
11:15 am Deb Champion

Acolytes:

9 am Isaac Hall
Jay Ash
Charlotte Walsh
Violet Hakim
Molly Hanoian
Paige Niscoromni

Ushers:

9 am Adam Waugh
Steve Fehniger
Dick Trost
Marshall Iby

Flowers:

Sue Chaklos
Deb Champion

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: St. Michael's, Lansing; St. Paul's, Brighton; Christ the King, Puerto Plata, DR.

In the Anglican Cycle of

Prayer we pray for: The Church of Myanmar (Burma).

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer

this week we pray for: William & Cathy Collison; Jon & Anne-Mason Colman and son, William; Cheryl Colman; Lois Constant; Christopher & Paula Cornwall; Alexa Cornwall; Andrew Cornwall; Bill & Gretchen Costello and children, Margaret, Peter, Elizabeth, and Morgan; Lawrence & Linda

Cotter; Michael & Amy Cowan and children, Douglas and Courtney.

We offer prayers for: Amanda, Jack, Judith, Katie, Kay, Patti, Ruth, Scott, Tri.

In celebration for the

birthdays and anniversaries of: Karen Shreve; Lynn Pember; Micah Pietsch; Geoff Young; Bruce Birgbauer; Dan Hughes; James Donoghue; Jim Spica; Jeff Clarke; Lorelei Carr; Darlene Gibson; Dave Martin; Deb Champion; Jacob Mills; Anna Warren; Dennis Powers; Chase Niscoromni; Melissa Graff; Zach Carr; Richard & Jill Best.



Lessons for the Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!**

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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