



# CURRENTS

Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: May 17 – 24, 2026

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY, MAY 17

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 10 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 11:30 am Lemonade on the Lawn (FL)
- 4 pm Evensong (N)
- 5 pm Reception (L)

### MONDAY, MAY 18

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

### TUESDAY, MAY 19

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 10 am Staff Meeting (BL)
- 3:30 pm Bible Study (FR)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 6:30 pm Holy Eucharist (N)

### FRIDAY, MAY 22

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

### SATURDAY, MAY 23

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 24

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 10 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 11:30 am Strawberry Shortcake (FL)

#### Location Abbreviations:

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

**THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO**  
A comic opera by W. A. Mozart

Christ Church Grosse Pointe  
61 Grosse Pointe Blvd,  
Grosse Pointe Farms

May 30 | 7 pm  
May 31 | 3 pm

BY OPERA DE METRO

TICKETS \$30 G/A  
STUDENTS \$20

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 age 3 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
- » Evensong.....4 pm .....Nave
- » Reception.....5 pm .....Lobby

## Parish Life

### Welcome! We're Glad You're Here!

Are you new to Christ Church? Do you have a Prayer Request?



Connection and prayer cards are available in the pew rack. Please fill one out and place it in the Offering Plate or give it to a priest after the service. You can also fill out a new member form online by scanning the QR code

### Summer Barbecues

June 25 | July 23 | August 20  
6 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](mailto:cfitzgerald@christchurchgp.org) to volunteer!

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 17 | 12 pm – 6 pm

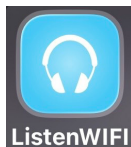


We will be hosting a blood drive in the lower level. To make an appointment please scan the QR code!

## 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.



Questions or issues? Please reach out to a staff member or usher.

## Children, Youth & Family

**Children's Chapel, 10:15 – 10:45 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.

### 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 through August! Sign up using the QR code!

### The Village at Christ Church

First & Third Thursdays Beginning May 21 | 4:30 pm

A welcoming community for parents to connect, share, and support one another through the early years of parenting. The Village fosters real, in-person relationships rooted in shared values, helping families feel known and connected while modeling meaningful community for our children. Open to all parents of young children, free childcare provided. Contact Lisa Brown, [lbrown@christchurchgp.org](mailto:lbrown@christchurchgp.org) for more information.

### Grosse Pointe Pride

Saturday, June 20

Join One Big World at GP Pride! Stop by our table for water and treats! CCGP Pride T-shirts now available – scan the QR code to order!



### Pondering Parables – Seeds. Stories. Wonder

Summer Program for PreK – Grade 4

June 22 – 25 | 9 am – Noon

Four mornings of art, music, outdoor play, and Montessori-style exploration rooted in Jesus' parables, closing Thursday with a Family Celebration at 11:45 am. Open to all – no church membership or Bible experience required. \$175/week (10% sibling discount). Space is limited, register by June 15 at [christchurchgp.org](http://christchurchgp.org). Questions/scholarships: [lbrown@christchurchgp.org](mailto:lbrown@christchurchgp.org) or 313-885-4841 x104.

### Teens! Need Service Hours?

Join the Team Making Summer Starters Happen!

Beginning in June

We're looking for high schoolers to help coordinate the summer starters program. You'll learn how to do product inventory and gain valuable organizational skills. Duties include counting items on Fridays and setting up the stations on Sunday morning in the Rose Garden. This qualifies for NHS service hours! Flexible schedule – volunteer for one week or all the weeks! Scan the QR code for available dates!



But let the righteous be glad and rejoice be

# Parish & Community Events

## Worship & Music

### Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Fred DeHaven.

### Evensong & Valediction of Choristers

Today | 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. Free and open to the public. Join us for a reception in the lobby following the service.

### Celebrating Jackson & Allison Merrill

We'll be celebrating Jackson & Allison on May 24 (Pentecost), their final service before they move to New York City. Help us show our appreciation and love by contributing to a fund in their honor. Simply scan the QR code, choose "Appreciation Gift", or drop off a check (please note "Merrill Gift" in the memo line).



### The Feast of Pentecost and Strawberry Shortcake Festival

Sunday, May 24 | 10 am

Join us (wearing red!) at the 10 am service, then gather on the front lawn for a lively time of fellowship, sweet strawberry shortcake and bittersweet goodbyes, as this is Jackson and Allison's last service before they move to New York. Volunteers are needed on Friday, May 22 to hull strawberries and make the shortcake – scan the QR code to volunteer!



### Do You Know a Child Who Loves to Sing?

The Choir of Christ Church Grosse Pointe has provided outstanding music opportunities for Grosse Pointe and Detroit area children for nearly a century.

Our young singers learn the basics of singing, reading music, and fundamental musical structure. The first step in our program provides children and families an experience of our world-class choir program in a fun group environment, while providing an opportunity to explore the choir's role in our community. Parents of children with enthusiasm for music are encouraged to email Scott Hanoian, Director of Music at [music@christchurchgp.org](mailto:music@christchurchgp.org).

## Assisting at Services

### Altar Guild

8 am Susan Tobbe  
10 am Liz Johnson

### Eucharistic Ministers:

8 am Ben Burton  
10 am David Gerdis  
Mike DeFillipi

### Lector:

8 am Susan Mara  
10 am Sean von Schwarz

### Prayers:

8 am Ben Burton  
10 am Tracy Magee

### Verger:

10 am Deb Champion

### Acolytes:

10 am Jay Ash  
Isaac Hall  
Violet Hakim  
Molly Hanoian  
Charlotte Walsh

### Ushers:

10 am Adam Waugh  
Ian Jones  
Eric Ash  
Marshall Irby

### Flowers:

Sue Chaklos  
Susan Mills

## 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:** Trinity Church, St. Clair Shores; St. Peter and St. Paul, Santo Domingo North, DR.

### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

**we pray for:** The Church of Papua New Guinea.

### In our Parish Cycle of Prayer

**this week we pray for:** Herman & Carladenise Edwards and children, William and Zora; Nick & Rachel Edwin and children, Lydia and Jane; Ned & Laura Evans, III; Emmajeane Evans; Geoffrey & Amber Everham and children, Geoffrey and Kate; Charles & Carol Exley, Jr.; Alex & Martha Fedirko and children, Olivia, Josephine, and Greta;

Nancy Fehniger; Steve Fehniger.

**We offer prayers for:** Amanda, Asher, Casimir, Chris, Elizabeth, Ethan & Esti, Helen, Liam, Linda, Megan, Nancy, Ruth, Susanne, William.

### In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries

**of:** Kimberly Melegari; Meredith Hanoian; Mary Graham; Nathan Alcantara; Rob Robb; Luc Maghielse; Michael Blair; Peter Durand; Beatrice Felix; Carrie Cunningham; Richard Legault; Connie Squitieri; Miles Niscromni; Peter Huebner; Richard Thoma; Viviana Ostrowski; Joe & Kitty Swickard; Geoff & Vanessa Young.

fore God; let them also be merry and joyful.



# Lessons for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

## Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward 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." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## Psalms 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
**let those who hate him flee before him.**
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
**as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
**let them also be merry and joyful.**
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
**YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
**God in his holy habitation!**
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth  
prisoners into freedom; \*  
**but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
**when you marched through the wilderness,**
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
**at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
**you refreshed the land when it was weary.**
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
**in your goodness, O God,  
you have made provision for the poor.**

- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
**sing praises to the Lord.**
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
**he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
**his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.**
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
**the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!**

## 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

## John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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