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Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: September 20 – 27, 2026

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 10:15 am Rector's Forum (U)
- 4 pm Evensong (N)
- 5 pm Reception (L)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Offices Closed

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 10 am Staff Meeting
- 1 pm Bible Study (FR)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 7:30 pm Chorale (N)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 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, SEPTEMBER 25

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 11 am OWLS (O)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Offices Closed

- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 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)

Location Abbreviations:

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

Introduction to Calligraphy & The Saint John's Bible Wednesday, September 23 | 6:30 pm Undercroft



In the first book, *Throphias*, I wrote about all that unfolded at night from the beginning until the day when he came to his own rest after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he appeared to them as they were eating and drinking, appearing to them during private and speaking about the kingdom of God. While sitting with them he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. This he said, "What you have heard from me, if you have kept with you, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." When they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time 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 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, 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." When they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem at Sabbath day four miles off, 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 her brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred voices present) and said, "Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit said through David foretelling concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus, 'for he was numbered among us and was allotted

his share in this ministry.' (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness) and falling headlong he burst open in the middle, and all his innards gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language *Stabat Agnus*, that is field of blood." Their conversion in the book of *Throphias*, (Let his heart stand before death), and let there be no one to take his place.

And let another make his position, if necessary. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John, until the day when he was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection. So they proposed once, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthis. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart; show us which one of these two you have chosen." To take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place. And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to the eleven apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation, under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed & astonished, they asked, "Can not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear each of us in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own language we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying one to another, "What does this mean?" But others mocked and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter stood, along with the eleven, and he addressed

REPENT & 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.



OWLS

Outrageous • Wise • Loving • Service

Rector's Forum!

Today | 10:15 am | Undercroft

Join us for coffee, treats and community in the Rose Garden (weather permitting) following the 9 am service!

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 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
- » CYF Formation Leader Orientation 10:15 am Ed. Wing
- » Evensong..... 4 pmNave
- » Reception..... 5:15 pmLobby

This Thursday at Christ Church

Dinner this week: Huli Huli Chicken!

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

Thursday Adult Formation
6:45 pm | Through November 19

Join Mtr. Maureen and Fr. Drew for a discussion of Tish Harrison Warren's new book, *What Grows in Weary Lands: On Christian Resilience*. This week: Chapter 1!

Parish Life

OWLS

Psychedlic Soul:

A Journey through Rhythm & Time

Friday, September 25 | 10:30 am

Followed by lunch at the Mercury Bar

From the fuzzy guitar riffs of Psychedelic Shack to the cosmic, soulful sounds of Marvin Gaye, we will explore the revolutionary era that changed music forever. Bring your good vibes, your favorite memories, and your love for the classic Motown groove. \$15 plus lunch. Please RSVP to Colleen, cfitzgerald@christchurchgp.org by September 20!! Carpools available!

Sunday Book Study

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

Sunday, November 15 | 6:30 pm | Miller Hall

This multi-generational debut novel detailing the 1962 disappearance of a four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl and its fifty-year impact utilizes alternating perspectives – focusing on the victim's brother battling guilt and the stolen child navigating a hidden identity – exploring themes of trauma, systemic injustice, and grief. Books available for purchase in !

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.

Atrium Formation Leader Volunteer Orientation

Today | 10:15 am

Join Lisa Brown for a review of the calendar, lessons, systems, etc. No RSVP or cost necessary! All formation leaders will need to take the safe church training, steps and instruction available on the CCGP web site or by scanning the QR code.

Atrium Faith Formation

Grades Pre-K – 12

Sundays Beginning September 27 | 10:15 am

Every Sunday from September through May, we offer regular faith formation classes and activities for children and youth grades PK3 – 12. Our dedicated staff and volunteers work together to lead our children through age-appropriate lessons, crafts, and interactive discussions as they explore a new theme each week.

The Village at Christ Church

Bi-weekly on Thursdays | 5 pm

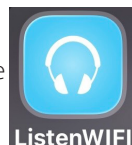
A welcoming community for parents to connect, share, and support one another through the early years of parenting. The Village fosters real, in-person relationships rooted in shared values, helping families feel known and connected while modeling meaningful community for our children. Open to all parents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

Hearing Impaired?

If you're struggling to hear the spoken word during a service or event in the nave, we now offer a listening system that streams audio directly to your smart phone and your attached hearing aids or other listening device (such as AirPods or headphones). Belt packs are available on request. To use your smartphone and personal hearing device:

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.



The LORD is gracious and full of compass

Parish & Community Events

Worship & Music

Flowers

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

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.

Evensong

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. A reception follows the service in the lobby.

7th Annual Hymnathon!

Saturday, October 3 | 8 am – 6 pm

Join us 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! All proceeds benefit our music program. Scan the QR code for more info!



Concert: Home

Sunday, October 25 | 4 pm

The Lakeshore Chamber Singers open our 2025–2026 concert series with a performance featuring music that reflects on the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. The performance will include music by American composers Caroline Shaw, Stephen Paulus, Eric Whitacre, Marques Garrett, and many more. Free-will offering.

Assisting at Services

Altar Guild:

9 am Betsy Creedon

Eucharistic Ministers:

9 am Miles Kennedy
Mary Trost

Lector:

8 am Susan Mara
9 am Tracy Magee

Prayers:

9 am Jim Kastner

Verger:

9 am Katie Trost

Acolytes:

9 am Jay Ash
Bennett Walsh
Catherine Van Culin
Violet Hakim
Eliza Bennett

Ushers:

9 am Dave Redfield
Karyn Weir
Jean Redfield
Brendan Walsh

Flowers:

Deb Champion
Angela von Schwarz

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. John's, Royal Oak; Holy Faith Church, Saline.

In the Anglican Cycle of

Prayer we pray for: The Church of Australia.

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

Bonnie McCoy; Karlyn McCoy;
James & Suzanne McCuish
and son, James; Ken & Anita
McIntyre; Helen McKnight;
Cindy McMahon; Kevin &
Beth McMahon and children,
Ginger and Stephen; Thayer
& Gioconda McMillan; Brian

& Christine McNanney and
children, Lydia and Evan.

We offer prayers for: Al, Barb,
Barbara, Becki, Ben, Chris, Helen,
Jack, Jeff, Jill, Jimmy, Lana, Peter,
Sandra, Stan, Todd.

In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries

of: Laura Lynch; Lauren Clune;
Jonathan Durkee; Miranda
Ferrara; Adam Alcantara; Jerry
Brackett; Nancy Osborn; Jeanne
McLeod; Pam Kelly; Dave
Gaskin; Kim Sutton; Ralph &
Susan Booth, II; Mike & Megan
Priour; Bob & Susan Payne.

sion, slow to anger and of great kindness.



Lessons for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Psalms 145:1-8

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Lessons for next week: The Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels

Genesis 28:10-17 | Psalm 103:19-22 | Revelation 12:7-12 | John 1:47-51

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