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Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: October 4 – 11, 2026

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 9 am Blessing of the Animals (N)
- 10:15 am St. Francis Festival (FL)
- 11 am Worship Training (N)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 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, OCTOBER 9

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 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)
- 4 pm Evensong (N)
- 5 pm Reception (L)

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 |

DETROIT LEGACY TOURS



Bebop, Boulevards, and Boomtown: A Detroit Story. Friday, October 30 | 10 am

This walking tour led by our own Rod Arroyo features downtown highlights as well as the historic neighborhoods of Paradise Valley and Black Bottom. Hear the stories of historic jazz clubs, cohesive neighborhoods and thriving local businesses.

This is The Detroit Jazz Tour you do not want to miss! RSVP required.



RSVP!



OWLS

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Blessing of the Animals Festival

Today | 10:15 am | Front Lawn

Join us for cider, donuts, a petting zoo, pony rides and fun on the front lawn 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
- » Blessing of the Animals 9 amNave
- » Fun on the Front Lawn..... 10:15 amFront Lawn

This Thursday at Christ Church

Dinner this week: Mac and Cheese Bar!

- » The Village Parent Group.....5 pm Ed. Wing
- » Evening Prayer.....5 pm Chapel
- » Holy Eucharist..... 5:30 pm Chapel
- » Community Dinner6 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 3!

Parish Life

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 !

Worship Ministry Training

Acolytes & New Readers Today | 11 am

Following the Blessing of the Animals celebration, meet in the Nave to train acolytes for new roles (must be present and trained in the new roles to serve in the coming weeks). New readers will also be trained to serve in upcoming services. Questions? Contact Scott Hanoian, shanoian@christchurchgp.org.

Children, Youth & Family

Children's Chapel, Resumes October 11: 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 Faith Formation Grades Pre-K – 12 Sundays | 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 Thursday, October 15 | 5 pm

A welcoming community for parents to connect, share, and support one another through the challenges and joys 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, free childcare provided. Meets bi-weekly. Contact Lisa Brown, lbrown@christchurchgp.org for more information.

One Big World Youth, Justice, & Peace Team Thursdays | 6:45 pm

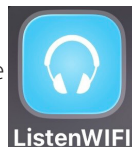
Open to all 5th–12th graders on Thursday evenings from 6:45 – 8 pm directly following our community meal. Through service, advocacy, and hands-on projects, our young people live out their faith by working to care for and repair the world beyond our own walls.

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.



Show the light of your countenance

Parish & Community Events

Worship & Music

Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Renick and Noah B. Huebner.

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.

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.

2026 – 27 Music Program Available Now!

The printed version will be in the mail soon, but for now you can view it by scanning the QR Code. Mark your calendar for all of the amazing music our Chorale and Choir will be performing this year. Scan the QR code for the digital version..



Evensong

Sunday, October 11 | 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.

Assisting at Services

Altar Guild:

8 am Cheryl Wesen

Eucharistic Ministers:

8 am Frank Stellingwerf

Lector:

8 am Susan Tawile

9 am Gretchen White

Prayers:

8 am Frank Stellingwerf

9 am Mil Hurley

Verger:

9 am Katie Trost

Acolytes:

9 am Elizabeth Walsh

Miles Niscoromni

Conor Magee

Brynn Wood

Ushers:

9 am Richard Best

Adam Waugh

John Snyder

Hank Darlington

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: All Saints' East Lansing; Divine Grace, Puerto Plata, DR.

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

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: Barb, Becki, Christopher, Helen, Jack, Jill, Jimmy, Lana, Maria, Sandra, Stan, Todd, Tom.

In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries of: Kate French; Lydia Edwin; Willa Felix; Alan Phlipot; Sue Chaklos; Susan Mills; Henry Ash; Jay Ash; Megan Van Osdol; Sam Felix; Stephen Detwiler; Christian Kirby, Eloise Traynham; Sheila Sweeny; Gretchen White; Olive Waugh; Robert Newton; Lisa Niscoromni; Ann Spica; Colin Utley; Faye Higbie; Peter & Laura Huebner; Patrick & Susan Mills; Brian & Paige Peabody; Craig & Kimberly Melegari, Jr.; Charles & Carol Exley, Jr.; Ed & Lynn Pember.



Lessons for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 22

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Psalms 80:7-14

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
**show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Lessons for next week: Proper 23

Isaiah 25:1-9 | Psalm 23 | Philippians 4:1-9 | Matthew 22:1-14

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