



CURRENTS

Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: February 8 - 15, 2026

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 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 Children's Formation (EdW)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 3:30 pm Bible Study (FR)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 6:30 pm Buildings & Grounds (BL)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 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, FEBRUARY 12

- 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, FEBRUARY 13

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

Location Abbreviations:

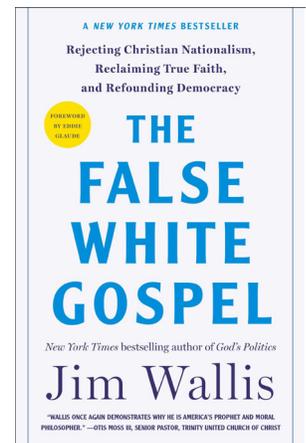
- BL - Bicknell Library
- CR - Choir Room
- FL - Front Lawn
- LL - Lower Level
- O - Offsite
- SMC - Chapel
- Z - Zoom
- C - Columbarium
- EdW - Education Wing
- L - Lobby
- N - Nave
- R - Rectory
- U - Undercroft

Sweeny Lecture Weekend Presents Jim Wallis February 20 - 22, 2026

Named in memory of long-time Christ Church Grosse Pointe parishioners, Mary Margaret Sweeny and Donald N. Sweeny Jr., MD, the Sweeny Memorial Lecture Fund in Christian Ethics and Theology provides for an enriching lecture series exploring Christian ethics and theology as they relate to society today.



Jim Wallis is a writer, teacher, preacher and justice advocate who believes the gospel of Jesus must be emancipated from its cultural and political captivities. He is a New York Times bestselling author, public theologian, preacher and commentator on ethics and public life. Books are available for purchase in the Undercroft, and he will be signing books following his keynote on February 20 at 7:30 pm!



If you're able to hang posters at your favorite coffee shop, library other other hang out, they are available in the Undercroft, along with postcards to hand out to your friends and family!

All events are free and open to the public! For more information and the full schedule, scan the QR code or visit www.christchurchgp.org/sweeny-lecture!

Rector's Forum

Undercroft | 10:15 am

Join us today in the Undercroft for coffee and a conversation with Dr. Joseph Daniel-Hoste, newly appointed Executive Director of Crossroads, at the Rector's Forum 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 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

Children and Youth Formation

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.

- » Godly Play (PreK3-1st grade) 10:15-11:15 am Ed Wing
- » Atrium 2 (2nd-4th grade)..... 10:15-11:15 am Ed Wing
- » Atrium 3 (5-7th 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

Dinner for February 12: Pasta Bar!

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

Thursday Night Formation

The Gospel of Matthew: Jesus – God with Us

According to Matthew, the Church is an earthly manifestation of the kingdom of God, and it is comprised of Jesus' followers who have been called out to live righteously in the world and to serve in the manner of the Christ with deep humility and unfathomable forgiveness. In Jesus, there is a new community at work for the blessing of the world. What is it that binds us together? Join us for an in-depth study of The Gospel of Matthew..Workbooks available for \$30 in the Undercroft.

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.

Pancakes & Palms

Tuesday, February 17 | 6 pm | Front Lawn & Undercroft

It's breakfast for dinner prepared by our youth! Suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$15 per family benefits our youth programs! We'll kick off the evening with palm burning on the front porch to prepare for Ash Wednesday – please bring your palms from last year to burn! PLUS Pancake races!

Now Accepting Reservations!

Thursday Formation for 3 – 6 year-olds

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 to register.

Parish Life | Outreach

O.W.L.S: Outings, Wisdom, Love, Service

2026 Oscar Nominated Short Films: Animation & Live Action
Saturday | March 14 | 1 pm

Everyone 18 & older is invited to join us for our annual trip to the DIA to view the 2026 Oscar Nominees for short film. We'll meet for dinner following the movies at Alma Kitchen. **Animated shorts:** Butterfly, Forevergreen, The Girl Who Cried Pearls Retirement Plan and The Three Sisters. **Live Action:** Butcher's Stain, A Friend of Dorothy, Jane Austen's Period Drama, The Singers, Two People Exchanging Saliva. We will be purchasing movie tickets in advance so please mail cftzgerald@christchurchgp.org to RSVP.

Welcome! We Are 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.



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Parish & Community Events

Worship & Music

Flowers

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

Ash Wednesday

February 18

7 am | 12 pm | 7 pm

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time of reflection, repentance, and turning our hearts to God in preparation for our journey through Christ's death and resurrection. At this service, we are invited to receive ashes on our foreheads; a reminder of our mortality and need for repentance, and an affirmation of God's eternal love.

Evensong

Sunday, March 1 | 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.

Candle Wreath Workshop

Saturday, April 4 | 1 – 2 pm | Lower Level

No experience necessary! Volunteers are needed to create 24 candle rings that will be placed in the Nave for Easter. Open to adults and children 8 years and older (children must be accompanied by a parent). Arrangements will be placed in the Nave for Easter!



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 Jackson Merrill, Assistant Director of Music at jmerrill@christchurchgp.org.

Assisting at Services

Altar Guild

8 am Sandra Walters

9 am Liz Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers:

8 am Frank Stellingwerf

9 am Lisa Niscoromni

Kate French

Lector:

8 am Susan Tawile

9 am Tracy Magee

Prayers:

8 am Frank Stellingwerf

9 am Gretchen White

Verger:

9 am Miranda Ferrara

Acolytes:

9 am Elizabeth Walsh

Sam Van Culin

Chase Niscoromni

Will Hanoian

Eliza Bennett

Emme Bachand

Ushers:

9 am Richard Best

George Sutton

Blair Osborn

John Snyder

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. Andrew's, Livonia; St. Mark's, Haina (DR).

In the Anglican Cycle of

Prayer we pray for: The Church of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer

this week we pray for: Margaret

Woodford; John Woodhouse,

Jr. & Suzy Vercruysse; Rick &

Mary Worrell, Sr.; Don Wray, Jr.

& Arlene Rozzelle; Julian Wray;

George Wrigley; Maddie & Justin

Wrubel; Geoff & Vanessa Young

and son, Luca; Christopher &

Sherrill Zimmer and children,

Alexandra and Price; Pahl & Christie Zinn and children, Kathryn, Luther and Kendall.

We offer prayers for:

Ann,

David, Elsie, Eric, Helen, Jamie,

Jill, Joan, Kathy, Katie, Patricia,

Phil, Ruth, Suzy, Tom, Tripp.

In celebration for the

birthdays and anniversaries

of: Lauren Dirkse; Blair Murawski;

Ian Davis; Michelle Ormsby;

Jerry MacMillan; Darlene

Grabowski; Burt Rudolph; Peter

Nickles; Sally Paddock; Jean

Redfield; Sandi Heald.



Lessons for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Psalms 112:1-9

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the LORD *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the LORD.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Lessons for next week: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 24:12-18 | Psalm 99 | 2 Peter 1:16-21 | Matthew 17:1-9

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