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Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: February 22 - March 1, 2026

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 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)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Offices Closed

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 3:30 pm Bible Study (FR)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 7 pm Vestry (U)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 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 27

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- 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 (FL)

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

Journey of Generosity



A Lenten Exploration:

God's Abundance | Christ's Generosity | Our Wealth

Commitment Sunday | April 19

Celebration Sunday | May 24

Rector's Forum

Undercroft | 10:15 am

The Sweeny Memorial Fund for Christian Ethics & Theology Presents Jim Wallis – Our final conversation with Jim Wallis, NY Times bestselling author, theologian and spiritual advisor to President Obama.

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

Resumes Sunday, March 1 | 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 26: Soup & Salad!!

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

Thursday Night Formation

**The Gospel of Matthew: Jesus – God with Us
Soup & Salad this week!**

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?

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.

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 cfitzgerald@christchurchgp.org to RSVP.

Red Cross Blood Drive

March 10 | 11 am – 5 pm

The blood of Jesus Christ gives US eternal life. YOUR blood can give life to others. Please donate. Appointments can be made by scanning the QR code, enter sponsor code gpbloodcouncil.org.



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!!



“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and

Parish & Community Events

Worship & Music

Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Sharon Sweeny Snyder and Donald and Mary Margaret Sweeny Jr.

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!



St. John Passion: Johann Sebastian Bach Palm Sunday Concert | March 29 | 4 pm

Begin the journey of Holy Week as the Christ Church Chorale, Orchestra, and soloists perform Bach's gripping masterpiece retelling the arrest, trials, death, and burial of Jesus. Scan the QR code for tickets.



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.

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.

Assisting at Services

Altar Guild

8 am Sandra Walters
9 am Betsy Creedon

Eucharistic Ministers:

8 am Ben Burton
9 am David Gerdis
Becca Anderson

Lector:

8 am John Mara
9 am Ian Jones

Prayers:

8 am Ben Burton

Verger:

9 am Deb Champion

Acolytes:

9 am Meghan von Schwarz
Carolyn Adams
Catherine Van Culin
Miles Niscormni
Conor Magee

Ushers:

9 am Richard Best
Eric Ash
Frank Niscoromni
Jean Redfield
Dave Redfield

Flowers:

Mary Trost
Amie Sweeney

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, Ann Arbor; St. Timothy's, Bani (DR).

In the Anglican Cycle of

Prayer we pray for: The Church of Ireland.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer

this week we pray for: Mike Arrigo & Emma Piche and children, Grayson and Cass; Rod & Beth Arroyo; Eric & Catherine Ash and children, Henry and Jay; Len & Betsy Azzaro;

David & Marian Baal; Nick & Paige Bachand and children, Emmeline and Adelaide; Penny Bailer; Judie Bailey; Mike & Mary Bamford; Martha Bangs.

We offer prayers for: Patti, Jill, Mike, Ruth, Katie, Suzy.

In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries

of: Mike Bowe; Carol Newton; Hank Darlington; Kate Everham; Josie Fedirko; Mary Trost; Richard Rittenhouse; Jim & Susan Kaler; Jeff & Tracy Clarke.



Lessons for the First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalms 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble; *
**when the great waters overflow,
they shall not reach them.**
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way
that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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