



THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

All Saints' Days

First Reading - Revelation 7:2-8, 9-17

Epistle – 1 John 3:1-3

Holy Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12

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website: <http://stpaulsfarmington.com/>

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<http://stpaulsfarmington.com/give-st-pauls/>

Worship service livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0cM0gle1sMO4AbuYc5I7Q>

Sunday services are 8:30 a.m., and 11:00 am.

Fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services. Pastor Dupre's Sunday Bible study has begun and it is at 10:00 am.

Holy Communion will be on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays during the 11:00 service and the 2nd and 4th Sunday during the 8:30 am service.

COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted in the state and also here at SOTC. Social distancing and mask are still respected however they are not required. We ask if you have not been vaccinated please wear your masks. Please do not come to church if you have a fever, other flu like symptoms or if you have been around someone who has tested positive for the Corona Virus in the past two weeks.

Aaron Clark has created a SOTC YouTube channel and will be streaming the service. Please direct all questions to the church office 248 474-0675, Mon – Friday, 9:45 am – 2:00 pm. Thank you. Tuesday Bible Study is at 11:30 am. You can also join us via Zoom, contact the office for the information.

“Advent”

November already?! Where has the year gone? 2021 has been a fast-paced, controversial, waring, sorrowful, but hopeful year and now we are moving into its latter days. Pentecost is almost gone and Advent is almost upon us. We know that Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles, as Jesus had promised, and empowered them to carry out the great commission to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, son and Holy Spirit. But what is Advent? It is certainly not a time for resting.

The word "advent" is from the Latin word for "coming," and as such, describes the "coming" of our Lord Jesus Christ into the flesh. It is a time of preparation and anticipation of His coming. Advent begins the church year because the church year begins where Jesus' earthly life began--in the Old Testament prophecies of his incarnation. After Advent comes Christmas, which is about His birth; then Epiphany, about his miracles and ministry; then Lent, about his Calvary-bound mission; then Easter, about his resurrection and the sending of the apostles; and then Ascension (40 days after Easter) and Pentecost, with the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Advent specifically focuses on Christ's "coming," but Christ's coming manifests itself among us in three ways--past, present, and future. The readings which highlight Christ's coming in the past focus on the Old Testament prophecies of his incarnation at Bethlehem. The readings which highlight Christ's coming in the future focus on his "second coming" on the Last Day at the end of time. And the readings which highlight Christ's coming in the present focus on his ministry among us through Word and Sacrament today. Therefore, Advent should be celebrated as a time of rejoicing, anticipating the

birth of our Lord and Savior; His coming into the world and bring with Him salvation, grace, mercy, love, forgiveness and the Way to everlasting life. Advent prepares us both for Christmas and Easter; Christ's birth and ministry, but also His death, resurrection and ascension, which we all would be lost without. And so it is a time of rejoicing; but also a time of worship and thanksgiving for having a God that loves us so dearly; to whom we owe everything, but to whom we can repay with nothing except our love, worship, honor, praise and devotion. Rejoice with me as we move through this Advent season showing God our appreciation for all He has done for us through Jesus Christ, His greatest gift to His people. God bless you all!

-Rev. Brian Dupre

The peace of the Lord be with you -Rev. Brian Dupre, Pastor, SOTC

To our SOTC: family: Thank you for all the cards, gifts, kindness, sympathy, compassion and support you gave to us at the time we needed it most, at the deaths of our great nephew and mother. Your expression of love was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Thank you and God's blessings to you all.

- Rev. Brian & Margo Dupre and
- Marlene Dupre

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day,
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you do much whatever the part.

By the family of Frances Dupre
Love Pastor and Margo Dupre,
Marlene Dupre,
Pastor Turner and Mrs. Turner

- SOTC Zoom Account

Any chairperson needing to use the Zoom account for their ministry, please contact the Church office. There is a sign-up sheet in the office to reserve your date and time.

The SOTC International Friendship Cen. ESL

If you know of others looking for an opportunity to study using their native language Bibles while practicing ESL, please give them information about the Tuesday, 11:30 study. At 12:30, we are enjoying social opportunities. It is our hope to move into our dedicated space this summer so that we can begin the Saturday program.

Thank you for continuing to pray for the International Friendship Center and the ESL ministry. Please share this information with others. Margo ministry.



Sunday school is back and we are meeting in person on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Our adult Sunday school will continue on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and we hope to see you there. If you have any questions regarding our Sunday school please feel free to call any of the Sunday school staff, Dawn Kivimaki, Lori Smith, Laina Burk, Shirley Bowden, Myita Davis, Roderick McClure, Barbara Profit or the church office 248-474-0675. The Zoom link will remain the same until further notice.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6176422508?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWXXZCU1NROE14bll5dz09>

Meeting ID: 617 642 2508, **Passcode:** 648947



Philadelphia 3 step Cheesecake

2 pkg (8oz each) Philadelphia Cream Cheese Softened

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 tsp vanilla flavor

2 eggs

1 8 oz ready to use graham cracker crumb crust

Heat oven to 325°F

Beat cream cheese sugar and vanilla with mixer until blended Add eggs beat just blended Pour into crust

Bake for 40 min or until the center is almost set. Cool, Refrigerate for 3 hours. Serves 8.

HOLY HUMOR

*Question: What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

*Answer: Your Mother ate us out of house and home.

*Question: Where is the tennis match mentioned in the Bible?

*Answer: When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

*Question: Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

*Answer: Because he knew there was something fishy about it.

*Question: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

*Answer: Noah, he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.

*Question: Where was Solomon's temple located?

*Answer: On the side of his head.

Bible Trivia Questions

* Question: What were Adam and Eve's sons' names?

*Answer: Cain, Abel and Seth

* Question: How many brothers did Joseph Have?

Answer: 12

* Question: What was God's sign to Noah that he would never destroy the earth again?

*Answer: A rainbow.

* Question: What did Jacob give Joseph that Sparked jealousy from his siblings?

*Answer: A coat of many colors

* Question: How many plagues did God send on Egypt?

Answer: 10

Mask Mandate: Oakland County health officials are requiring masks for students and staff in all preschools and K-12 public schools regardless of vaccination status.

Oakland County Health Division issued an emergency health order with immediate effect that will impact about 210,000 students across 28 public school districts and 22 charter schools academies. The order also applies to daycare centers and vocational schools.

A Message from the CDC on Covid-19

precautions: (updated regularly) click link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> COVID Data Tracker

Find maps and charts tracking cases, deaths, and trends of COVID-19 in the United States, updated daily by 8 pm ET.

New Vaccination and Case Trends tab displays trends in people receiving at least 1 dose of vaccine and being fully vaccinated along with trends in cases, by age group. Users can now filter all maps on County View tab to display only metropolitan counties or only non-metropolitan counties

COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review

An interpretive summary of this week's data

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How Do I Find a COVID-19 Vaccine?

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Your Community. Stay up to date on the latest data in your community at the state and county level.

County View Track cases, deaths, hospitalizations, and more for your community.

Community Profile Report

View key indicators for all regions, states, core-based statistical areas, and counties across the US.

Community Profile Report - Forecasting
See expectations for case increases or decreases for your state and across the US

Publisher's note: If you have information, prayer request, something you would like to share with your church family, a poem, a song, a scripture, a picture of something that puts a smile on your face, please send it to Veronica's email

Youth Shoe's With Fundraiser

SOTC Youth is collecting new/gently used footwear till the end of November.
Any SIZE, Any GENDER, and Any SEASON! Please bring to church and put in the designated bin near the office or we are happy to arrange pick-ups!
THANK YOU ALL for your support, SOTC Youth has collected 750 items 10/31/21.



Youth and Woman's League Fall Garage Sale

Woman's League will also have a Bake Sale and other Foods

Thursday, November 4th 9am -5pm Friday, November 5th 9am -5pm

Saturday, November 6th 9am -1pm

Please drop off your items November 1, 2, and 3 between the hours 10:00am and 1:00pm. Volunteers needed to make this a success. Your time is greatly appreciated, please sign your name and number to the volunteer list located on the red hutch, back of church. We are thankful the Woman's League will be working the kitchen, so please drop in and support both committees - donate items, drop in for lunch, fellowship, and shop. Contact Heather Rooker with any questions.

Help Wanted!

Shadow of the Cross is looking for PRAYER WARRIORS...mornings and evenings open! NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!!! ONLY A LOVE FOR JESUS, and a desire to follow His footsteps and pray with and for others. IF YOU HAVE A FEW EXTRA MINUTES, please consider joining the team....CALL: **Mary Rooker 248 474-6177 or Nancy Faith.** "praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints," - Ephesians 6:18 ESV "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." - Philippians 4:6 ESV

sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com or Dawn's email sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com
Information for the Newsletter, please submit by the 20th of each month for the following month's publication. Thank you and Blessings!

We have a long way to go to reach goal of 2,500 pair to earn \$1,000 towards National Youth Gathering, but with your support anything is possible.
Our Youth will need to raise over \$14,000 to cover costs of those currently interested in going to the National Youth Gathering next summer, so we are grateful for all your support!!!

Regarding the Pledge..... You can make your pledge in as many payments as you like but please have them paid by the end of this year. The weather is going to start getting bad and we would like to have the work done. Thank you for your pledges!!

Roof Repair/AC Pledge Drive October 5,2021 Report THANK YOU!!

1. Total amount of pledges: \$20,145.00 of our \$50,000.00 goal.
2. Actual Funds Received (as of 10/5/21) \$19,100.00

PLEDGE COMMITMENTS – Roof/AC

Jeanette Adams	Herschel and Angie	John Rousseau
George and Kay Barnes	Hembree	Lola Sample
Carole Boulware	Joyce Hilpert	Diane Smith
John Burhop	Robb Howell	Felicia Smith
Brenda Clavon	Bob and Mary Jo Keller	Ronald and Carol Smolka
Ava Davis	James and Dawn Kivimaki	Joe and Sandy Soukup
Pastor and Margo Dupre	Russ and Lindsay	Norma Speier
Doug Eiben	Lapworth	Dorothy Tankard
Shirley Eiben	Ann Little	Ellis Threadcraft
Herb and Nancy Engling	Sharon Martin	Daniel and Connie
Timothy and Clare Engling	Dorothy McClure	Strausberg
Merlin Fields	Roddy McClure	William & Robin Ward
Nancy Faith	Patricia Melton	Chester & Linda
Veronica Green	Ruth Palmer	Wilcoxson
Barbara Hatcher	Mary Rooker	Charleen Woodfield
	Steve and Heather Rooker	

This list will be updated as pledges come in. Thank you!