

# *this*WEEK @ Holy Innocents'

## Sunday, November 27

Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Advent Adventures Fun!	Parish Hall	9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.
Promises AA Meeting	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.

## Monday, November 28

Cub Scouts	Conf. Room	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Men's Bible Study	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Chapel	7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 29

KidsPACK Packing	Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.
Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.
St. Lawrence Guild	Kitchen	10:00 a.m.
Bereavement Ministry	Prayer Room	7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 30

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	6:45 a.m.
Staff Meeting	Kiser Hall	9:00 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Chapel	12:00 noon
The Gathering	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.
St. Nicholas Children's Choir	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Youth Group	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, December 1

KidsPACK Delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Adventures in Faith & Science	Parish Hall	2:00 p.m.
Daisy Troop	Youth Room	5:45 p.m.
Cub Scout Parents Meeting	Conf. Room	6:00 p.m.
Parish Choir	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	Church	7:00 p.m.
Bereavement Ministry	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Kiser Hall	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Conf. Room	8:00 p.m.

## Friday, December 2

Rachel's Guild	Parish Hall	9:30 a.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.

## Saturday, December 3

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
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HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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## News for the Pews † Sunday, November 27, 2016

### Q&A with Missionary Rachel Schnabel Wednesday's Gathering

The Gathering this Wednesday will be a Q&A with Rachel Schnabel, our former youth director who served as a missionary in Brazil. If you have a question for Rachel about her time as a missionary, submit it online at [www.hiepiscopal.org](http://www.hiepiscopal.org).

### Christmas Flowers and Decorations

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flowers and Decorations, please fill out a form on the table in the narthex. Cost is \$20. Please note "Christmas Flowers" in your check's memo. You must have your form in by Sunday, December 18, to have your contribution noted in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

### Farewell Celebration for Fr. Doug

Please join us for one worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 18, followed by a farewell celebration to honor Fr. Doug, and thank him and his family for their many years of service to Holy Innocents'. The main dish for lunch will be provided by Parish Life; please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

### Remember to Use the AmazonSmile Program this Christmas Season!

Holy Innocents' is eligible to receive a percentage of your Amazon purchases through the AmazonSmile program. To date, we have received thousands of dollars just by parishioners purchasing items on Amazon this way! Go to [www.hiepiscopal.org](http://www.hiepiscopal.org) and click on the Amazon link on our homepage.

### Attention 1st-6th Grade Scouts!

If you are in Boy or Girl Scouts, Trail Life, or American Heritage Girls and want to earn the Protestant religious medallion for your level, please contact Beth Latshaw-Foti ([elatshaw@earthlink.net](mailto:elatshaw@earthlink.net)). Holy Innocents' will be offering several programs beginning in January, and registrations are due Jan. 5. Cost is \$16.50. For more information, please email Beth.

### Thank You from Donna Marin and Jan Marriner

On behalf of all Holy Innocents' Meals On Wheels clients we give a huge shout out of heartfelt Thanks to the Holy Innocents' community for your generosity and compassion in providing an abundance of gifts for the "Shoebboxes for Shut-Ins" Christmas Gift Project!



### Annual Youth Christmas Party!

The youth will hold their fun and fabulous annual Christmas party on Wednesday, December 7, in the youth room during the Gathering at 7:00 p.m. Youth are asked to bring a wrapped gift for a baby or child up to one year of age. We'll unwrap the

presents at the party, and then they will be donated to Alpha House, a home for pregnant women and their children in need. This will be our last youth group event of 2016.

### Thanksgiving Pie Auction Results

Thank you to all who participated in last week's fun-filled pie auction by making pies or casseroles, buying pies or casseroles, or both making and buying pies and casseroles! A special thank you to our wonderful auctioneer, Vince Gallagher! *The pies were sold for a total of \$2,166—an all-time record!* All proceeds go to the extremely grateful youth group.

### Helping Local People in Need this Holiday Season

Our church typically receives many requests for assistance during the weeks leading up to Christmas. If you have a desire to help those in need in our community, please consider making a donation to the pastor's discretionary fund. Checks can be made out to the church with "discretionary fund" in the memo.

### Family Promise Events

*Family Promise needs to raise \$25,000 by December 31. In order to try and meet that need, they have two upcoming fundraisers. Please consider attending to support his wonderful ministry that helps local homeless families.*

### Christmas Cooke Sale & Silent Auction

@ Boys & Girls Club, 213 Knights Avenue in Brandon

December 3 from 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

December 4 from 11:00 AM–3:00 PM

Let other local bakers make your holiday cookies this year! Come and shop from many different varieties. Buy your favorites and try some new ones! There will also be a silent auction with great Christmas gifts.

### Evening Out at "Painting with a Twist"

@ Painting with a Twist studio, 1993 Lumsden Road in Brandon

December 15 from 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Paint a beautiful winter scene to hang in your home and fellowship with your friends while you do it! Go to [www.paintingwithatwist.com/brandon](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/brandon) and search for the event based on the date above. Cost is \$35.

## Angel Tree & Adopt-a-Family



When you buy gifts for kids in the Angel Tree program, you help prisoners' kids know they're not forgotten, and you serve as an example of Christ's love to the incarcerated parents. Take a child's name and gift request from the Angel Tree, wrap the gift, attach the tag on the wrapping of the gift, and then return it to the church.



The Adopt-a-Family program matches local families in need with people who provide them gifts at Christmas. We have "adopted" several local families that have been screened by a social worker. Please take an ornament from the Adopt-a-Family tree and give someone in need a brighter Christmas.

### Dates for Both Programs

**December 11:** All presents for both programs due in to the church

*Presents must be wrapped with tag ornaments attached to the outside of each package.*

**December 18:** Presents are delivered to families.

*Drivers are needed to deliver presents to recipients of Angel Tree gifts. Please contact Cheryl Massaro at 634-0701 to help with delivery.*

## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

		<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
<b>November 27</b>	<b>November 29</b>	<b>December 1</b>	<b>November 27</b>
Ron Meldrum	Hannah Rog	Dale Vona	Trina & Brad Post
<b>November 29</b>	Jeffrey Wolfe	<b>December 2</b>	<b>December 3</b>
Kenny Cull	<b>November 30</b>	Beth Seifert	Gail & Tom Palmer
Tannia Peeples	LaCorte Suber III		

*We apologize if your birthday or anniversary is this week and it is not listed. Please call the office to update your information in our system.*

## FINANCIALS

**How are we doing financially?** Prior Week Actual Revenue: **\$9,429**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,560**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$385,215**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$406,644**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.