

# thisWEEK @ Holy Innocents'

## Sunday, November 6

Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Christian Ed. for Youth & Children	Various	9:15 a.m.
Adult Forum	Parish Hall	9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.

## Monday, November 7

Cub Scouts	Conf. Room	6:30 p.m.
Tiger Scouts	Kiser Hall	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 8 *Election Day - Parish Hall Closed*

Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.
Small Group Bible Study	Conf. Room	2:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 9

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, November 10

KidsPACK Delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Centering Prayer	Chapel	2:00 p.m.
Daisy Troop	Kiser Hall	5:45 p.m.
Parish Choir	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	Church	7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Conf. Room	8:00 p.m.

## Friday, November 11 *Office closed in observance of Veterans' Day*

A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
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## Saturday, November 12

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
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*Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to communications@hiepiscopal.org by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.*



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
VALRICO, FLORIDA

TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

## News for the Pews † Sunday, November 6, 2016

### Pledge Card Reminder

Thank you to all who have turned in their 2017 pledge cards. If you have not done so, please turn yours in to the church office. Blank cards are in the narthex. You can also complete it online at our website.

### Christmas Cookie Bakers Needed!

Our area Family Promise is raising money this holiday season through a silent cookie auction! All proceeds will support the local Family Promise chapter. They are looking for bakers willing to donate homemade cookies. *Today is the last day to register to bake!* Please email Sue Benitez today at susben@verizon.net.

### Thank You to All Election Volunteers

There are 52 people from Holy Innocents' volunteering to work the polls this Tuesday. A total of \$3,000 will be donated to Holy Innocents' because of their efforts.

### "Questions for the Church" Series Continues at The Gathering

Dinner at The Gathering this week is a delicious La Septima! Let's break bread together beginning at 6:00 p.m. Stay for worship at 6:45. Youth group and children's choir meet as usual starting at 7:00 p.m.

### Church Office Closed on Friday

The church office will be closed on Friday, November 11, in honor of Veterans' Day. If you have a pastoral emergency on that day, please call the church office and follow the prompts to leave an emergency message.

### Family Promise Guests Arrive Next Sunday

Thank you to all who signed up to help! We can still use volunteers, so please contact Arlene Maloney at arlene352003@yahoo.com or sign up in the narthex to help.

### Thanksgiving Pie Auction is November 20

Your favorite annual event is back! This year's Thanksgiving Pie Auction will be held Sunday, Nov. 20, at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall. All proceeds go to our youth group. *We are looking for bakers to make a homemade pies or two?* Please sign up on our website to bake a pie or contact Melinda Carr at 813-651-3386.

### Veterans' Books Available Next Sunday

Our Veterans' appreciation books are available next Sunday and each veteran who participated receives a free copy! A limited number of additional copies are available for \$5 each. Contact Pat Magnant at 727-365-2300.



During the month of November, we begin the season of thanks and giving, where we express our gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us and then share them with others. Here are tangible ways you can give to others in November.

**Shoebboxes for Shut-Ins:** Our goal is to create and deliver 25 shoeboxes filled with small Christmas gifts to give to our Meals on Wheels clients.

We are looking for the following items. These items have to fit in shoeboxes so please donate small sizes of each.

- Pocket tissues
- Hand wipes
- Hair brushes
- Toothpaste
- Pens/pencils
- Body lotion
- Postage stamps
- Bath sponges
- Shampoo
- Note pads
- Snack bars
- Disposable razors
- Socks
- Puzzle books
- Toothbrushes
- Mouthwash
- Baby powder
- Combs
- Deodorants
- Package crackers
- Plastic shoeboxes

**Do NOT donate:** medicine of any kind, homemade baked goods, perishable food.

*If you have any questions, please contact Donna Marrin (914-388-2658) or Jan Marriner (813-965-1553).*

☞ **Angel Tree:** This organization gives incarcerated parents an opportunity to make sure their children have gifts from them on Christmas morning. You take a tag with a gift label on it from the tree in the narthex, buy the gift, and return it to the church wrapped and with the label on it.

☞ **Adopt-a-Family:** Granting the Christmas wishes of local families in need. In the same way as Angel Tree, take a tag from the tree, buy the gift named on the tag, wrap it, and return it to the church.

*Trees for these ministries will be in the narthex starting Nov. 20.*

## LOOKING AHEAD TO *Advent*

### *Sunday, November 27*

The hour in between the morning services on the first Sunday of advent will have lots of activities to prepare you for the coming of Jesus! You can make your advent wreath, pick up an advent devotional, or help with the assembly of "Shoebboxes for Shut-Ins" (see facing page for details).

### *Wednesday, November 30*

Rachel Schnabel, our former youth leader who just served a year of missions in Brazil, will be at The Gathering to speak about her experiences. Submit your questions for Rachel on our website now!

### *Wednesday, December 14*

Our annual favorite is back! Join us for the Christmas Gathering beginning at 6:00 p.m. More details coming soon on about this special night.

### *Sunday, December 18*

Join us from 12 noon–1 p.m. for the "Greening of the Church", when we will prepare the church for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day services.

### *Wednesday, December 21*

Our "Longest Night" service will be held in the chapel at 7:00 PM. This service is for those experiencing grief or sadness during the Advent season.

## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

#### November 6

Madison  
Rothenbush

#### November 7

Mike Overstreet  
Kim Redus

#### November 8

Barry MacDonald  
Joanne Salem

#### November 9

Carol Menard  
Arden Reschke

#### November 10

Merrick Bass  
Alexis DeHate  
Harry Vildibill

### Anniversaries

#### November 8

Ann & Jim Elder

#### November 10

Nancy & Stephen  
Richmond

*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: **\$6,588**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,560**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$357,912**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$380,688**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.