

# thisWEEK @ Holy Innocents'

## Sunday, September 17

Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Ministry Fair (lasts all morning)	Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.
Church of South India	Parish Hall	2:00 p.m.
PRAY Program	Kiser Hall	2:00 p.m.
Crown Do Well	Kiser Hall	5:00 p.m.

## Monday, September 18

Plant City Community Choir Rehearsal	Church	6:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts	Conf. Room	6:30 p.m.
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A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, September 19

KidsPACK Packing	Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.
St. Lawrence Guild	Kitchen	10:00 a.m.
Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	7:00 p.m.
Vestry Meeting	Conf. Room	7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, September 20

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	6:45 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, September 21

KidsPACK Loading & 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.
Handbell Choir	Church	7:00 p.m.
Search Committee	Conf. Room	7:00 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.

## Friday, September 22

A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
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## Saturday, September 23

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
Celebration of Fr. Steve's Ministry	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

## News for the Pews † Sunday, September 17, 2017

### Young People's Worship

Any child age three and older is welcome to come to Young People's Worship during the 10:30 service for teaching and activities. It's a great way to help our youngest members learn all about Jesus on their level!

### Third Sunday Loose Plate Offering

This morning's loose plate offering will go to Meals on Wheels, which provides meals to seniors in our community who may otherwise go without. Please give generously as you are able.

### The Ministry Fair is Today!

Come to the Parish Hall any time between 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. to learn where you can connect to the various ministries of Holy Innocents'. Whatever your passion, we have a place for you! Stay for lunch (freewill donation accepted for KidsPACK) and a bounce house and pool for the kids.

### The Gathering Is Back on Wednesday!

After a hurricane hiatus, the Gathering continues this Wednesday with food, fellowship, worship, and teaching. This week will feature a taco dinner, worship with music from the band, and a discussion about the apostles Judas and Matthias. *We need volunteers to sign up to help with meals each Wednesday evening. Make it fun and have a ministry or church group that you are a part of host an evening together!* Sign up now in the Parish Hall.

### Loose Plate Offering for Next Sunday, September 24

Next Sunday's loose plate offering will go to the Scholarship Fund.

### Men's Bible Study Resumes on Monday, September 25

The Men's Bible Study meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Their first meeting of the fall is next Monday, September 25, at 7 p.m. in the youth room. All men are welcome to come for study and fellowship.

### Pictures of Fr. Steve

Do you have any pictures of Fr. Steve from the years when he served as Rector? Please scan and email them to Jeremy Rudacille at [jsrudacille@gmail.com](mailto:jsrudacille@gmail.com) by this Wednesday. Thank you for your help!

# STEWARDSHIP *a way of life*

*It's More Than Just Your Pledge: Offering Our Life & Labor to God*

*By: Julie Thomas*

As I pause to write this in the middle of my Hurricane Irma preparations, I am taking a deep breath and asking for God's inspiration and peace. When faced with something so much "bigger" than ourselves, how do we respond? When standing in line for supplies or gas, how do we respond? As Christians, we know that the answer has already been given us. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. I know so many of you have already reached out to our neighbors in Houston. So many of you will reach out to your neighbors locally with encouragement and prayers to calm their anxieties. This is how we make our perfect offering to God – helping others and trusting in God's Mercy and Grace.

This month, we reach out to our neighbors who need help with the basic necessities of life. Our food ministries, like Meals on Wheels, the Publix Bread Ministry, and Food Bags for the Needy continue this month. Children and adults work together at Kids PACK, a nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that children spend each day free of hunger. This Fall, our youth group will work with several homeless ministries and we will open our doors to homeless families through Family Promise. Our Third Sunday offering this month benefits Meals on Wheels, an organization of volunteers, businesses, and donors dedicated to providing nourishing meals for senior citizens who can no longer provide those meals for themselves. Please give generously as you are able. Also, consider becoming a volunteer for this worthy cause! We always need cooks and drivers! On September 24, we will have a special collection for our Scholarship fund to benefit those members of Holy Innocents' who recently graduated from high school and who are continuing their education at college or vocational school. Let us assist them in equipping themselves for a life well-lived and given to the glory of God.

As this month unfolds and as we face our daily challenges, I pray that each one of you is safe and secure. I pray that you know that God is always with you no matter what storms you are facing. I pray that we will all live out our lives as an offering to God, helping one another in love and obedience to Christ.

*Tithes & Offering*

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### Mission Sunday is September 24

Come to worship next Sunday and hear how our ministry teams are making a difference when they serve in our community and around the world.

### Submissions Being Accepted for Veterans' Book

At Holy Innocents', we keep a record of all of our congregation members who are military veterans. If you have served in our armed forces and have not yet submitted your information to be included in our book, please contact Pat Magnant at patm@myitperson.com for specifics on what to submit or submit your information through our website. We will be publishing an updated book soon and want to include all veterans!

### Bereavement Group Meets Again Starting in October

The Bereavement Group will begin meeting Thursday, October 5, in the Kiser Hall prayer room from 7:30-8:30 p.m. There will be six consecutive weekly sessions. A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex starting this Sunday, September 10. Please RSVP via the sheet or by contacting Noel Ritch at insighthome@aol.com.

### Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 8

Bring your pets for a special blessing at 4:00 p.m. in the area outside of Kiser Hall on Sunday, October 8.

## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

**Sept. 17**  
Gerry Adams

**Sept. 18**  
Hunter Notel  
Cherryl  
Smarrt-Hall

**Sept. 19**  
Steve Cronk

**Sept. 20**  
Robert Lee  
Eric Vona

**Sept. 21**  
Colin DeHate  
Corey DeHate

**Sept. 22**  
Ruth Nowland  
Anne Walker

*We apologize if your birthday or anniversary is not listed. Please call the office to update your information.*

## FINANCIALS

**How are we doing financially?** Prior Week Actual Revenue: **\$7,617**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$8,474**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$277,491**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$269,136**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.