

# thisWEEK @ Holy Innocents'

## Sunday, December 3

Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Advent Wreath-Making	Parish Hall	9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.
Church of South India	Parish Hall	1:30 p.m.

## Monday, December 4

Plant City Community Choir Rehearsal	Church	6:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts	Conf. Room	6:30 p.m.
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Wolf Pack	Kiser Hall	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, December 5

KidsPACK Packing	Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.
Stitch Group	Kiser Hall	10:30 a.m.

## Wednesday, December 6

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	6:45 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Chapel	12:00 noon
Children's Choir	Choir Room	5:15 p.m.
The Gathering	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.
Youth Group	Youth Room	6:45 p.m.

## Thursday, December 7

KidsPACK Loading & Delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Adventures in Faith & Science	Parish Hall	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.
A.A. Meeting	Conf. Room	8:00 p.m.

## Friday, December 8

A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
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## Saturday, December 9

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
Plant City Community Choir Concert	Church	7:30 p.m.

Submissions for the "News for the Pews" or "The Shield" must be emailed to [communications@hiepiscope.org](mailto:communications@hiepiscope.org) by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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## News for the Pews † Sunday, December 3, 2017

### WANTED: Clean Fast Food Containers for Gathering Christmas Pageant

Please save any clean bag, box, or cup from McDonald's or Chick-fil-A and put them in the box in the narthex for the Christmas Pageant. See page 2 for details.

### Christmas Cookie Auction Benefitting Family Promise Ends Today

Don't bake Christmas cookies this year. Instead, buy some delicious homemade ones! All proceeds go to Family Promise, our community ministry to help local homeless families. The final day of the auction is today from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club in Brandon. The Club is located at 213 N. Knights Avenue.

### All Invited to Bereavement Group on Wednesday, December 6

The holiday season can be difficult if you are grieving. If you have experienced loss, you are invited to the meeting of the Bereavement Group this Wednesday beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. *The group will then stay for the noon Eucharist, which will feature some special music.*

### The Gathering Continues on Wednesday

The Gathering continues this Wednesday with food, fellowship, worship, and teaching. Dinner begins at 6:00 and we'll worship with music from the band, and listen to teaching about our last apostle. Children's choir meets at 5:15 and youth group starts at 6:45.

### 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. Suggested donation is \$20. Please note "Christmas Flowers" in your check's memo. Please turn your form in by Sunday, December 17, to have your contribution noted in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

### Plant City Community Chorale Christmas Concert

This beautiful annual concert will be held here this Saturday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. For more info or to purchase tickets, visit [www.pccchorale.org](http://www.pccchorale.org).

### Newcomers' Coffee Next Sunday Morning, December 10

New at Holy Innocents'? Been around for a while but have questions about the church? You are welcome to the Newcomers' Coffee next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Rector's Office. If you have questions, contact Pat Magnant at [patm@myitperson.com](mailto:patm@myitperson.com).

# LOOKING AHEAD TO *Advent*

## Wednesday, December 6

The annual youth Christmas party starts at 6:45! Please bring a wrapped baby item (for ages newborn to one) to donate to Alpha House.

## Saturday, December 9

- ☞ Youth (grades 6 & up) and their families are invited to this family event. We'll meet at church at 3:00 p.m. and carpool to the mall where we'll stay for dinner. Bring money to eat at the food court. The activity will be lots of fun! (Money is only needed to eat, not to participate in the activity.)
- ☞ Plant City Community Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Tickets on sale at [www.pccchorale.org](http://www.pccchorale.org).

## Wednesday, December 13

Join us for the Christmas Gathering at 6:00 p.m. Our youth will do a Christmas pageant called "A Home of Their Own" that they wrote. (This is what we need the fast food containers for!) EVERYONE is invited to be a part of it! If you want to participate, rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45 in the youth room. If you can't come to rehearsals, parts will be available on the day of the pageant so you can still participate. All young people are encouraged to dress up as a shepherd, angel, or animal and be part of the cast even if they can't come to rehearsal. Contact Kelle Schnabel (813-727-9770) with questions.

## Sunday, December 24

We will have one combined service of worship on Christmas Eve morning at 10:00 a.m. This service will have music and will feature Rite I liturgy. There will be two services of worship on Christmas Eve. The first is a family-oriented Holy Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. The second is a traditional service of Holy Eucharist beginning at 10:30 p.m. That service is preceded by a carol prelude beginning at 10:00 p.m. All services are in the church. Childcare will only be available for the 5:00 service that evening.

## Monday, December 25

We will have our annual service of worship on Christmas at 10:00 a.m. There will not be childcare offered during this service, but children are welcome to be in worship!



## 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 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 10:** 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 17:** 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

### December 4 Birthdays

Ann Katschka  
Michael Marrin

December 6  
Katie Pope

### December 7

Matthew Elder  
William Maloney  
Kathy Woodard

### December 8

Mary Jo  
Gallamore  
John Matheny

December 9  
Jennifer Notel

### Anniversaries

December 3  
Gail & Tom Palmer

December 4  
Liz & Denny Kuba

December 7  
Barbara & Noel Ritch

*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: **\$10,195**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$8,474**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$370,593**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$358,848**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.