

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 15

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (no music)	Church	8:00 a.m.
Blood Drive	Bloodmobile	9:00 a.m.
Children's Christian Education	Kiser Hall	9:15 a.m.
Adult Christian Education	Various Rooms	9:15 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	9:50 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (with music)	Church	10:30 a.m.
Church of South India	Church	1:00 p.m.

Monday, May 16

Cub Scouts	Conf. Room	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Healing Prayer Team	Chapel	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

St. Lawrence Guild	Kitchen	10:00 a.m.
Stitch Group	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 18

Bread Ministry Pickup	Parish Hall	7:00 a.m.
Meals on Wheels	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Church	12:00 noon
The Gathering	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.
Youth Group	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

KidsPACK Delivery	Parish Hall	8:30 a.m.
Parish Choir Dinner	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 20

Rachel's Guild	Parish Hall	9:30 a.m.
A.A. Meeting	Choir Room	10:30 a.m.
Setup for Deanery Youth Event	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 21

Altar Guild	Church	9:00 a.m.
Deanery Youth Event	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.

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, May 15, 2016

Today's Loose Plate Offering

The recipient of today's loose plate offering is ECHO (Emergency Care Health Organization), a local organization that provides clothing and food to people who have experienced a recent emergency.

Healing Prayer Ministry Meets on Monday

Mondays can be tough. Finish your day off right by being part of the Healing Prayer Ministry. They meet to read scripture and pray for the needs of our church, community, and world. Join us in the chapel at 7:00 p.m.

"Gathering" Series Continues Wednesday

This week concludes the teaching series on the six areas of our faith that are rooted in our understanding of the resurrection. Wednesday's topic is "a new creation". Dinner starts at 6:00, followed by worship, and teaching. Youth and children meet at 7:00. Next Wednesday's "Gathering" will be the last one until fall, and will include a Community Eucharist.

Rachel's Guild Quilts on Friday

If you have a heart for abused children, here's one way you can make a difference in their lives. Come and be part of Rachel's Guild. They make sure that each child that goes through Joshua House, a home for abused children, leaves with a quilt. If you can tie a knot, you can be part of the team that makes this happen. Join the group on Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Scholarships for Holy Innocents' Students

We are approaching the end of another school year, which means we are accepting applications for both our college and our specialized training scholarships. These are available to students enrolled in post-high school classes. For more information about either scholarship, call the church office at 813.689.3130. **Applications must be in to the church office by 4:00 on Friday.**

Holy Innocents' Hosting Deanery Event for Youth on Saturday

Youth and youth leaders from around the Deanery will gather here this Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. There will be food, games, music, and other activities. Youth are also asked to help set up on Friday beginning at 6:00 p.m. Contact Justin Stone at jqstone@verizon.net with questions.

Happening Next Sunday

Celebrate the Scouts

All scouts are invited to be with us for either worship service next Sunday, May 22, as we celebrate Scout Sunday and recognize the contributions that scouting makes in our community. *Scouts, please wear your uniforms.*

Kiser Hall Open House

Join us next Sunday after both worship services for a celebration and open house as we commemorate the completion of the Kiser Hall renovations!

Annual La Septima Appreciation Week Begins

La Septima provides a lot of great food to a lot of our events throughout the year. Next week, please consider dining at La Septima to show our appreciation for their continued support.

UPCOMING @ HOLY INNOCENTS'

Education Sunday is June 5

Mark your calendars for Education Sunday, a day when we commemorate the concluding year in education for our students and teachers. There will be recognitions at both services, and it will be a Family Worship Sunday.

Our Next Family Promise Hosting Week is June 5-12

The Kiser Hall renovations kept us from hosting Family Promise in the spring, so we have two hosting weeks close together. Our next one starts in just three weeks! If you can give a few hours of your time to help the church host local homeless families, contact Arlene Maloney at 813-727-4296.

Donations for Family Promise

There is now a place that will accept your gently used household goods and donate them to families getting back on their feet through Family Promise! Go to www.homemakersofhope.com or call them at 813-598-0083 for info on what they will accept and how to make your donation.

Ordination for Daniel Lemley is July 1 in Clearwater

Our own Daniel Lemley will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, July 1, at 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Ascension in Clearwater. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we celebrate this exciting occasion for Dan and Sara. *If you are interested in taking a bus, please sign up in the narthex.*

Job Opening at Holy Innocents'

The search is on for a new Youth Ministry Coordinator! This is a part-time position on the church staff. We are currently accepting applications and any inquiries should be directed to Fr. Doug at dscharf@hiepiscopal.org.

Vacation Bible School is June 20-24



Registration is Open!

This amazing week will teach kids about how to follow the light of Jesus as they make their way in the world. Fun lessons and catchy songs will help them on their way. Registration is FREE and open to all children age 4-5th grade. Sign up online at www.hiepiscopal.org or use the form on the narthex table.

Volunteers are Needed

We are still looking to fill a few key positions on our adult volunteer team. We need help from caring adults to make this week as great as it can be for the kids! If you can volunteer your time that week, please contact Shannon Scharf at 813-757-3111.

Safeguarding God's Children Class

All adults working with children and youth in the Episcopal Church must be trained in "Safeguarding God's Children". Deacon Gary will lead a class for any VBS volunteers (and anyone else who needs to be trained) on *Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m.–noon in the Parish Hall*. Call the church office to sign up or to verify if your training is still current.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

May 18
Jonathon Farrier

May 20
Rona Matheny
Chris Toth

May 21
Jeff Ownley

Anniversaries

May 16
Carol & Darryl Jennus
May 21
Robin & Mike Elder
Julie & Dan Schock

May 17
Chris & Craig Toth
May 20
Robin & Wade DeHate

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary is this week and it is not listed. Please call the office at 813.689.3130 to update your information in our system.

FINANCIALS

How are we doing financially? Prior Week Actual Revenue: **\$8,070**. Prior Week Budgeted Expenses: **\$9,560**. YTD Actual Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$160,962**. YTD Budgeted Pledge/Regular Contributions: **\$164,388**. Thank you for keeping your financial commitments up to date.