



Holy Innocents'

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • AUGUST 23, 2026 • 10:15 AM

WELCOME

Holy Innocents is a place to gather as a faith community, where we sing and pray, think and talk, laugh and cry. We believe we are all beloved children of God. With open minds and full hearts, we grow closer to God and to one another. We know we do not have all the answers. We are comfortable with the mystery of the Holy Spirit, active in every person and in the world. Join us as we worship God and serve our neighbors.

NEWCOMERS

If this is your first time with us, we invite you to fill out a newcomer card in the pew rack or online and come by the welcome table near the front door and introduce yourself. No matter your age, gender, orientation, or political or sports team affiliation, you are welcome at communion. Our clergy are always available to answer any questions. We're so glad you're here.

TODAY

8:00 AM • WORSHIP • Christ Chapel

8:45 AM • DONUTS • Bishop Commons

Provided by the Women of HI

9:00 AM • FORMATION • Inglett Hall

10:15 AM • WORSHIP • Nave

1:00 PM • SPANISH-SPEAKING WORSHIP • Nave

6:00 PM • CELTIC-STYLE WORSHIP • Christ Chapel

GIVING

Jesus understood the power of gratitude and sharing all that God has gifted to us. Your generosity enables us to continue our programs to follow the way of Jesus and to love God by serving our neighbors. Use this QR code to give.



CHILDCARE

We love children of all ages in worship. You may prefer to let our attentive professional Nursery staff care for your young ones under four years old. The nursery is available from 8:00 AM through 10:15 AM worship.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in bold. This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrics (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

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VOLUNTARY • *Diapason Movement* • JOHN KEEBLE

*The people
stand as able.*

HYMN 401 • *The God of Abraham Praise* • LEONI

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA • S 280 • POWELL

See next page.

The COLLECT *of the* DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The WORD of GOD

*The people
are seated.*

The FIRST LESSON • ISAIAH 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138 • CONFITEBOR TIBI

Sung by all.

Dock Anderson



I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole / heart; *
before the gods I will sing your / praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your / Name, *
because of your love and / faithfulness;

For you have glorified your / Name *
and your word above all / things.

When I called, you / answered me; *
you increased my strength with- / in me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O / LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your / mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the / LORD, *
that great is the glory of the / LORD.

Though the LORD be high, he cares for the / lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from a- / far.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me / safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save / me.

2nd half of chant

The LORD will make good his / purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your / hands.

The SECOND LESSON • ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The people
stand as able.*

HYMN 513 • *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* • BRIDEGROOM

Children are invited to follow the small cross to attend Children's Chapel for a story and prayers during the procession and will return during the Peace. We stand to hear the Gospel, as sign of our call to carry the good news into the world. Some may trace the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and heart, praying that the Gospel may shape our thoughts, words, and lives.

The GOSPEL • MATTHEW 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and

whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The SERMON • *Holle* Tubbs

YOUTH MISSIONER, EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ATLANTA

*The people
are seated.*

The NICENE CREED

*The people
stand as able.*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The people kneel or
remain standing.*

The PRAYERS of *the* PEOPLE & CONFESSION of SIN

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:

That we all may be one.

Strengthen your Church in every place. Give us courage and joy to truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all lay ministers and pastoral caregivers; for musicians, teachers, vestries, staff; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Guide our leaders away from cruelty, pride, and fear. Give them wisdom for the common good and courage to protect the vulnerable. Heal our divisions, restrain violence, and turn us toward truth, mercy, and dignity in all the nations of the world.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on the sick, the lonely, the anxious, the addicted, the unemployed, the homeless, the hungry, and those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Comfort all who mourn. Give us hope in the promise of resurrection.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Give us grace to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to follow the good examples of all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is kept.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*The people greet
one another in the
name of the Lord.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people
are seated.*

The HOLY COMMUNION

The OFFERTORY

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Holy Innocents' ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or online with QR code on page one.

ANTHEM • *King of Glory, King of Peace* • GERALD NEAR

1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.

Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.

Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

3. Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n,
I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heav'n,
I can raise Thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort
to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol Thee.

GEORGE HERBERT (1593-1633)

PRESENTATION HYMN • *Doxology* • OLD 100TH

*The people
stand as able.*



The GREAT THANKSGIVING

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS • S 125 • PROULX

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; we violated your creation and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with the Holy Innocents, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

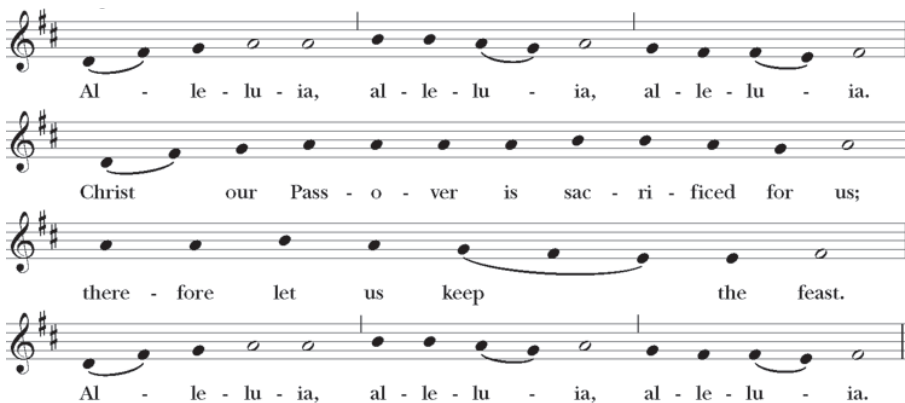
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The FRACTION & INVITATION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI • S 154 • HURD



INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Please move to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please notify a minister. Receiving the bread is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, indicate this by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

HYMN 707 • *Take My Life, and Let It Be* • HOLLINGSIDE

HYMN 581 • *Where Charity and Love Prevail* • CHESHIRE

SENDING FORTH of HOLY COMMUNION

I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to our friends, that they may share with us in the sacrament of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We who are many are One Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup.

The POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The people
stand as able.*

BLESSING

HYMN 525 • *The Church's One Foundation* • AURELIA

The DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY • *Fugue, C Major* • DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

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Upcoming ADULT FORMATION

August 30 — Invite, Welcome, Connect

Emily Wilkerson, chair of the Welcome Team, will speak with Stewart for a conversation about the many new faces, especially the many young people, joining our community. What are we doing that is working? How can we do even better? How do we help newcomers become involved? And how can those of us who have been here forever do our part to meet them, so no one feels lost?

September 6 — Labor Day Weekend

It will be a surprise! (as in we haven't decided yet...)

September 13 — Episcopal School Sunday

HIES will provide its always-wonderful breakfast. Our forum will include religious education teachers from each division, along with Head Chaplain Dr. Stefanie Taylor. Lower School Chaplain Trey Davis will preach, and we'll enjoy special music from the HIES chorus, instrumentalists, and our adult choir.

September 20 — Building and Renovation Update

Our Building and Renovation Team will update us on the work they have been doing this summer with our architects, led by Hank Houser. The Covenant Group will provide breakfast.

September 27 to November 1 — The Corinthians Conversation

A new six-week class led by Emory faculty begins. We'll explore the issues faced by the church in Corinth and the Apostle Paul's conversations with its members. Paul consistently returns to the "big picture": the Corinthians' embodiment of Jesus. We'll also look to the emotional relationship between Paul and a church in crisis. Finally, we'll ask how their conversation can offer support and guidance to the church today as we navigate the conflicts of the 21st century.

And there's more!

Beginning in September, we'll also offer a Wednesday-night opportunity here at HIEC with friends from Sandy Springs United Methodist Church and Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church.

How to Read the Bible

SIX WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16–OCTOBER 21

FELLOWSHIP AT 6:30 PM, CLASS FROM 7:00–8:00 PM

The Rev. Larry Varghese, a Hebrew Bible doctoral student at Emory, will lead this six-week course. Larry is a phenomenal teacher with a gift for making biblical scholarship engaging and accessible.

The course will explore the various genres found in Scripture, the differences among English translations and how they came into existence, and the Scripture we have inherited. Blending biblical scholarship with the practical questions congregants commonly encounter, the class will equip us with tools for our own reading and study of the Bible.

Join us for a course in community!

READING THE BIBLE FOR ALL ITS WORTH

6 SESSION

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

SEP. 16, 23, 30, OCT. 7, 14, AND 21

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VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AND SANDY
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FACILITATED BY:

REV. LARRY VARGHESE

HEBREW BIBLE SCHOLAR

DOCTORAL STUDENT, EMORY UNIVERSITY

Let's admit it, the Bible can be tricky to read sometimes! In this 6-week course, you will learn more about some of the Bible's most challenging features, including its language, organization, context, history, and diverse writing styles. Along the way, you will develop perspectives that will help you read even the most difficult passages in Scripture with greater understanding. The goal of the course is not only to help you better appreciate what the Bible is and how the Bible works, but also to read it on your own with greater confidence and insight.

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Register for Children & Youth Programming

Registration is open for the 2026–2027 program year at Holy Innocents! From our youngest children through high school seniors, we look forward to another year of learning, serving, growing in faith, and spending time together. Scan the appropriate QR code below to register for the year:



Children's Ministry
NURSERY–5TH GRADE



Youth Ministry
6TH–12TH GRADE

Sign Up for Foyers

Make new friends and deepen your connections at Holy Innocents through Foyers! Small groups of parishioners gather throughout the year for casual dinners, conversation, and fellowship. Sign up at the Welcome Desk, where brochures with additional information are available.

Contact: Phyllis Weisser
(pcweisser@yahoo.com)

Seersucker Sunday AUGUST 30

Celebrate one of the final Sundays of summer in true Southern style! Seersucker Sunday is quickly becoming a Holy Innocents favorite, so wear your favorite seersucker to church on August 30 and join in the fun.

Children's Book Drive

Support one of our own Holy Innocents youth, Andrew Jimenez, as he collects children's books for his Eagle Scout project! We're looking for new or gently used books appropriate for elementary-age readers. Donations can be placed in the collection box in Bishop Commons.

Contact: Andrew Jimenez
(andrewethanjimenez@gmail.com)

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The Corinthians Conversation

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Newcomers' Dinner

SEPTEMBER 29, 6:00 PM

Join the Holy Innocents' Church Clergy, Vestry, and Welcome Team for a Dinner Party in your honor! Enjoy delicious food, friendly faces, and good conversation as we gather in community and make new friends. Hosted by Meredith & Terrell Johnson. We can't wait to welcome you!

Contact: (rsvp@holynnocents.org)

GROUPS

HIYA: Pool Party

AUGUST 29, 12:00-4:00 PM • PRIVATE RESIDENCE

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to kick off college football season at a pool party at Jenny Cantrell's home! Join us on Saturday, August 29, from 12:00-4:00 PM for an afternoon of swimming, snacks, football, and great company. Bring your towel, sunscreen, and a friend!

Contact: Megan Atkinson
(matkinson@holynnocents.org)

Coffee for Parents of Young Children

AUGUST 30, 9:00-10:00 AM • PARLOR

Parents and caregivers of children aged 4 and under are invited to a cozy coffee hour to connect and get to know one another. No agenda, just coffee, hot breakfast, conversation, and community.

Contact: Renee Stephens
(rstephens@holynnocents.org)

Prayer Shawl

SEPTEMBER 1, 7:00-8:30 PM • PARLOR

The Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers this fall to knit and crochet shawls that are given to those who are ill or grieving. Not working on a prayer shawl? Bring your needlepoint, cross-stitch, mending, or another project and enjoy an evening of crafting and conversation. All are welcome!

Contact: Cammie Ives
(cammieives@gmail.com)

Men of HI: Braves Game

SEPTEMBER 13, 1:35 PM

Cheer on the Atlanta Braves with the Men of HI! Join us for an afternoon of baseball, fellowship, and fun at Truist Park. Tickets are \$33 each, and space is limited to 30 participants. Reserve your spot today! Payments may be made online or by cash/check in the office.

Contact: Pat Chesser
(patrickchesser@outlook.com)

Men of HI: Third Friday Breakfast

SEPTEMBER 18, 7:30 AM

Enjoy warm hospitality, engaging discussions, and a fresh breakfast in the Frost Youth Center. Come for the conversation and stay for the fellowship.

Contact: Charles Crosby (charles@corepm.net)

CCG: Sandwich Build

SEPTEMBER 27, 11:15 AM • PARISH HALL

Please join us after the 10:15 AM service to help make sandwiches for our unhoused siblings at Church of the Common Group. If you would like to help deliver the lunches and worship with our friends, we will leave at 12:15 PM and will return to HIEC after the service.

Contact: Robin Hickey
(hickeys5040@gmail.com)

BOOK CLUBS

Reading Connections

AUGUST 10, 6:00 PM • INGLETT HALL C

Women's Reading Connections will gather on September 14, beginning with light refreshments at 6:00 PM and book discussion at 6:30 PM.

This month's selection is *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall, a sweeping story of love, loss, and the choices that shape our lives. When a figure from her past unexpectedly returns, Beth is forced to confront old feelings and long-buried secrets, setting in motion events that will change the lives of those around her.

Contact: Michelle Driscoll
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Men's Dinner & a Book

SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30 PM

The next Men's Dinner and a Book is Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM, and the book is *Stolen Focus: Why You Can't Pay Attention—and How to Think Deeply Again* by Johann Hari. Rolf Meinhold is hosting. We will be meeting at Holy Innocents Church. All men at Holy Innocents are included and invited.

Contact: Jeremy Webber
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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Senior Youth Group

AUGUST 23, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Our Senior Youth Group (9TH-12TH grade) is meeting after worship from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM for lunch, community, and real conversation. Lunch is free and friends are always welcome. We'll hang out, eat together, and talk about what it looks like to live out your faith in real life.

Contact: Megan Atkinson
(matkinson@holynnocents.org)

Junior Youth Group

AUGUST 23, 4:00-6:00 PM

We invite all 6TH-8TH graders to join us on Sunday, August 23 from 4:00-6:00 PM for youth group. We'll dive into our theme for the year, ***Unashamed in Faith***, inspired by 2 Timothy 1:7-8. Together, we'll create our UNASHAMED Banner & Testimony Wall using sticky notes to share our stories, experiences, and reminders of how God is working in our lives. We'll also spend time connecting with friends, enjoying dinner, and building community as we begin this year together!

Contact: Megan Atkinson
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GLOW

SEPTEMBER 9 DINNER AT 5:30 PM
PROGRAM 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Come and GLOW with us on Wednesday, September 9TH as we kick off a new year with a focus on spiritual renewal and grounding. In a world full of noise and busyness, this is a wonderful opportunity to slow down and help kids reconnect with God through simple but powerful spiritual practices. Children will

explore four core spiritual disciplines that we'll build on all year long and they'll get to take home a fun, hands-on reminder they create themselves! For kids in PreK-5TH grade. Come hungry for food, fun, and faith!

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Dollywood Trip

NOVEMBER 13-15

The youth group is heading to Dollywood November 13-15! All 6th-12th graders are invited for a weekend of fun and fellowship in Pigeon Forge, TN. The cost is \$475 plus extra cash for fast food on the way there and back. We'll head to our beautiful Airbnb on Friday night, spend all day Saturday exploring the rides, and head back Sunday after a devotional. Friends are welcome to join us but must attend 3 youth group events before we depart.

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We are here for you.

If you have a pastoral emergency at any time, please call the church office and follow the prompts. You will immediately be connected to Bill or Stewart, who take turns being on-call. The Community of Hope at Holy Innocents is a community of lay persons in the parish who have been deeply and thoroughly trained in the care and practice of being a pastor. If you would like to talk or pray with a lay pastoral caregiver, please email CoH@holynnocents.org

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