



Holy Innocents'  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# ASH WEDNESDAY



FEBRUARY 18, 2026

7:00 AM + 12:15 PM + 6:00 PM

*The people gather  
in quiet prayer.*

*The people stand as  
they are able at the  
sound of the bell.*

*The people's  
responses are in bold.*

*This Lent, we return to Rite I not out of nostalgia and not simply to change things up, but because the season calls for a different kind of attentiveness. Lent invites us to slow down, to be honest, to pray with intention. The reverent, time-worn language of Rite I helps create that space. It steadies us. It reminds us that worship is not casual or hurried - it is holy ground. When the words feel weightier, we tend to listen more closely. We kneel a little more consciously. We remember that grace is not automatic; it is gift.*

*The Prayer of Humble Access, said before we receive communion, carries us into that spirit. First printed in the 1549 Book of Common Prayer and shaped by ancient liturgies, scripture, and the deep theology of the Church, it connects us to generations of Christians who approached the altar aware of their need and confident in God's mercy. Some have wondered whether it repeats what we have already said in the Confession — but for many of us, that repetition is not redundant; it is formative. It gives us space to settle into grace before receiving it. "We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table" is not about shame or groveling; it is about clarity. Communion is not something we deserve. It is something we are given.*

*And the prayer does not leave us bowed down. It lifts us toward hope: that we may "evermore dwell in him, and he in us." That is the heart of Lent - honest humility leading to deeper union with Christ. Rite I, in its beauty, gravity, and historic depth, helps us feel that journey more fully. And as we walk it together at Holy Innocents, we allow these ancient words to prepare us for the joy that is coming at the end of our forty day journey together.*

## *The* SALUTATION & COLLECT *of the* DAY

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The* FIRST LESSON ♦ ISAIAH 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
"Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?  
Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

*The people  
are seated.*

then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103 ✦ SAID IN UNISON.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**He will not always accuse us,  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**

**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

**As a father cares for his children,  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.**

**For he himself knows whereof we are made;  
he remembers that we are but dust.**

*The* SECOND LESSON ✦ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20B-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with



our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The* GOSPEL ♦ MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The people  
stand as able.*

*The people  
are seated..*

## *The* SERMON

*The Reverend T. Stewart Lucas* • VICAR • 7:00 AM

*The Reverend Dr. Bill Murray* • RECTOR • 12:15 & 6:00 PM

*After the Sermon, all stand, and the Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent. Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.*

*The people come forward for the imposition of ashes.  
Then the people kneel or are seated.*

PSALM 51 • SAID IN UNISON.

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

**Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.**

**And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment**

**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

**For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

**Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

**Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

**Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**I shall teach your ways to the wicked,  
and sinners shall return to you.**

**Deliver me from death, O God,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,**

**O God of my salvation.  
Open my lips, O LORD,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice;  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.  
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

## LITANY of PENITENCE

*After the imposition of ashes, the Celebrant and People say together,*

**Most holy and merciful Father:  
We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints  
in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*The Celebrant stands and, facing the people, says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*The people  
are seated.*

*The* PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# 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.



OFFERTORY MUSIC + *Panis Angelicus (O Lord Most Holy)*  
CESAR FRANCK + RHONDA HILLS AND ELISE THOMASON, SOPRANOS

## The GREAT THANKSGIVING + EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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. Then is said,*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**



**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great  
mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs  
under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is  
always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat  
the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we  
may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive  
Communion. 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 placing  
your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Communion  
brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

*After receiving communion, feel free to light a candle for someone you love.*

**HYMN 693 + *Just As I Am* + WOODWORTH**

## *The* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us,  
in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;  
and that we are very members incorporate  
in the mystical body of thy Son,  
the blessed company of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.  
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,  
so to assist us with thy grace,  
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all such good works**

*The people  
stand as able.*

**as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**BLESSING

HYMN 142 + *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*  
ST. FLAVIAN

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE + *Ave Verum* + W. A. MOZART

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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, Stewart or Ruth, who take turns being on-call. The word “pastor” is the Latin word for shepherd. 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@holyinnocents.org](mailto:CoH@holyinnocents.org)

## Curious About Holy Innocents?

Whether you're new to the Episcopal Church, returning after time away, or simply ready to go deeper—we invite you to take the next step through our Confirmation Classes. These gatherings are a welcoming, no-pressure way to explore our faith, our community, and what it means to belong. Classes for adults will begin on Sundays after the 10:15 am service on March 1 in the Parlor for 5 weeks. The Rt. Rev. Rob Wright, Bishop of Atlanta, will visit on May 31, to welcome and confirm new members. Please email the Rev. Ruth Pattison or the Rev. Stewart Lucas.

## Who is Jesus?

FEBRUARY 8-MARCH 1, 9:00 AM

Lawson Kelly will lead us in an exploration of who Jesus is through selected clips from *The Chosen*. Together we'll reflect on Jesus as Healer, Teacher, Prophet, and King, using story, conversation, and scripture to deepen our understanding of his life and ministry—and what it means for us today. All are welcome; no prior viewing required.

## The Gospel versus Tony Soprano: What Are Ethics in the 21st Century?

MARCH 8-29, 9:00 AM

On Sunday mornings during Lent, Bill Murray and John Porter will lead a lively, thoughtful exploration of *The Sopranos* as a modern morality play. Using selected scenes and guided conversation, we'll wrestle with questions of sin and self-

deception, happiness and misery, integrity, and compartmentalization, asking what it really means to live a morally good life. Set alongside Jesus' teaching that we are known by our fruits, Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, and Post-modern Nihilism, this class invites honest reflection, spirited discussion, and a deeper look at the stories that shape us.

## Sacred Law or Sacred Lore: Why Do We Do What We Do?

FEBRUARY 26, MARCH 5, 12, 19 | 7:00 PM

This Lent, we are delighted to partner once again with our friends at Temple Sinai for our annual shared series, led by Bill Murray and Rabbi Ron Segal. Together we will explore what practices and rituals our respective faith traditions specify as actual requirements, which are informed by regional and cultural norms, and which long-held beliefs and practices originate in superstitious lore. Refreshments at 6:30 PM, program from 7:00-8:15 PM. Meeting alternates between Temple Sinai and HIEC, beginning at Temple Sinai.

## EfM Lenten Community Gathering

MARCH 24, 7:00 PM

Looking to engage with God more deeply this Lent? Join the Holy Innocents' EfM group for a Community Gathering centered on *God's Joyful Surprise*, Sue Monk Kidd's engaging memoir of her spiritual journey as an over-committed wife, mother, nurse, and "super-Christian" searching for a more authentic relationship with God.

As part of our Lenten reflection, participants will read the book and gather for discussion. Guided reflection questions will be provided to enrich the experience.

**Contact:** Lin Stradley ([lstradley@gmail.com](mailto:lstradley@gmail.com))

## Agape Family Dinner

APRIL 2, 6:00-7:30 PM

Celebrate Holy Week with us at our Agape Family Dinner! This special evening invites all ages to gather around the table for food, fellowship, and reflection as we remember the Last Supper. With activities for children, youth, and adults, this will be a welcoming space to connect and share together. Whether you're new or have been part of our community for years, all are welcome to attend and invite others. A catered Mediterranean dinner will be served. \$10 per adult; children and youth eat free. Registration coming soon!

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## GROUPS

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### Men's Third Friday Breakfast

FEBRUARY 20, 7:30-8:30 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](mailto:charles@corepm.net))

### Coffee for Parents of Young Children

FEBRUARY 22, 9:00-10:00 AM

Parents and caregivers of children age 4 and under are invited to a cozy coffee hour to connect and get to know one another. This gathering is open to members, newcomers, and families baptized within the last three years. No agenda, just coffee, fresh pastries, conversation, and community.

### Women of HI: Corks and Conversation

FEBRUARY 25, 5:30-7:00 PM

Women of HI are invited to gather for an evening of relaxed conversation and connection at Corks & Conversation. Join us on Wednesday, February 25, from 5:30–7:00 PM for a casual time to unwind, meet new faces, and build meaningful relationships across generations. Whether you're new to HI or have been here for years, this is a space to connect, laugh, and encourage one another.

**Contact:** Jenny Cantrell ([jennypcan@aol.com](mailto:jennypcan@aol.com))

### Prayer Shawl

MARCH 3, 7:00-8:30 PM

Join us in the Parlor on Tuesday, March 3, 7:00-8:30 PM. We knit and crochet shawls for those in need, but bring any project – needlepoint, cross-stitch, even mending – and enjoy fellowship while you work.

**Contact:** Cammie Ives ([cammieives@gmail.com](mailto:cammieives@gmail.com))

### Men's Retreat

APRIL 24-26, 2026

Bill Harkins returns as retreat leader for the Men of HI Retreat at Lake Logan Episcopal Center in the mountains of North Carolina. This year's theme is **"Arete, Faith, and a Rule of Life for Connection Among Men."** Bill will serve as both facilitator and homilist, offering the grounded presence and depth many have come to value over the years. Register on Realm.

**Contact:** John Harris ([harris4338@gmail.com](mailto:harris4338@gmail.com))



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## BOOK CLUBS

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### Bucket List Book Club

MARCH 3, 1:00 PM

This co-ed group is reading *Cyrano de Bergerac* by Edmond Rostand. We'll meet at 1:00 PM in the Parlor room. **Contact:** Audrey Sumner ([audreysum4833@gmail.com](mailto:audreysum4833@gmail.com))

### Reading Connections

MARCH 9, 6:00 PM

The women's book club meeting begins with light refreshments and the book discussion begins at 6:30 PM in Inglett Hall C. This month's book is *Amy and Isabelle* by Elizabeth Strout. *Amy and Isabelle* is the author's debut novel, focusing on the strained relationship between a single mother, Isabelle, and her 16-year-old daughter, Amy, in the fictional mill town of Shirley Falls, Maine. The plot centers on the growing rift between them after Amy becomes involved with her math teacher.

**Contact:** Michelle Driscoll ([dris1296@yahoo.com](mailto:dris1296@yahoo.com))

### Men's Dinner and a Book

MARCH 10, 6:30 PM

The book is *Becoming Little Shell: A Landless Indian's Journey Home* by Chris La Tray. Rolf Meinhold is hosting. All men at H.I. are invited! **Contact:** Jeremy Webber ([jhwwebber@gmail.com](mailto:jhwwebber@gmail.com))

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH

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### GLOW

MARCH 4, 6:00-7:00 PM

Let's GLOW together! Kids are invited to a faith-filled evening during the season of Lent, a time of reflection, prayer, and

drawing closer to God. Through age-appropriate activities, children will explore what it means to slow down, notice God's presence, and grow in faith during this sacred season. Each child will take home something meaningful to support their Lenten journey at home, for kids ages PreK–5th grade.

All ages are invited to gather for dinner at 5:30 PM. After dinner, kids will head to GLOW while parents are welcome to stay for wine and conversation. Friends are always welcome! **Contact:** Renee Stephens ([rstephens@holynnocents.org](mailto:rstephens@holynnocents.org))

### Poptarts & Pajamas

MARCH 8, 9:00 AM

Don't let daylight savings bum you out! Bring the kids to church in their pajamas for a cozy, pop-tart-themed morning centered on faith, fun, and fellowship. Kids will enjoy engaging, age-appropriate activities that connect God's love to everyday life, helping them start the day feeling welcomed, cared for, and grounded in faith. With sweet treats and meaningful moments, it's a joyful way to spring forward together, even after losing an hour of sleep. **Contact:** Renee Stephens ([rstephens@holynnocents.org](mailto:rstephens@holynnocents.org))

### Children's Choir

MARCH 29, 9:00 AM

We are so excited to be singing and leading the processional for Palm Sunday. Our awesome kids have been working hard on our Palm Sunday piece and will lead the Palm Sunday processional at the 10:15 AM service and then sing our anthem at the very beginning of service. Kids meet in Sunday school at 9:00 AM before we start rehearsal at 9:30 AM and get our big palm leaves!

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