

# Together. For Good.

**2026 GIVING CAMPAIGN** 

# We are shaped by those we walk alongside.

We grow through our relationships, through the love and support of our community. Nora Hattauer

# Dear Friends in Christ,

This year our stewardship theme is Together. For Good. Those words capture who we are at Holy Innocents: people gathered by God, bound together in love, and called to use our gifts for the good of one another and the world.

Because of your generosity, our church is already strong. We have invested deeply in our children, youth, and young adult ministries. We have a vibrant music program that lifts our worship each week. Attendance is strong. Newcomers are joining us each week. We have a faithful online congregation near and far.

We are blessed with staff who bring creativity, dedication, and pastoral care. We are here to create a safe and hospitable place for learning, fellowship, and connection. We are here to support you in your ministry and creativity

Now we are called to take the next faithful step. We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026.

# Your 2026 Stewardship Team,

Greg Euston Nora Hattauer Ross George Jen Gordon The Rev. Stewart Lucas Maggie Menkus The Rev. Dr. Bill Murray Lindsey Parrish Julie Skaggs



So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. Romans 12:5



# **OPENING DOORS WIDE**

Welcoming & Evangelism - \$5,000

We want everyone who walks through our doors to feel at home and invited into deeper belonging. By investing in newcomers' ministry and evangelism, we create opportunities for more people to discover Holy Innocents as a spiritual home. These resources will help us attract new families through social media advertising and, connect seekers to ministry opportunities to share the good news of God.

# SERVING BEYOND OUR WALLS

Expanding Outreach Giving – \$20,000

Through your generosity, we will strengthen partnerships with local organizations that bring hope, food, and healing to those who need it most. Whether it's supporting families experiencing hunger, walking alongside refugees, or responding to crises in our city, our outreach giving multiplies impact by empowering trusted partners already on the ground. Increasing our commitment extends God's love further, across our community.



# **GROWING WITH GUADALUPE**

Bilingual Administrative Support – \$62,000

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the fastest-growing part of parish life. A new full time staff member will help us grow well together by supporting children, youth, outreach, and our 1:00 PM Sunday worship service.

This person will also assist our current program staff as needed and be a welcoming presence in the office.





# INVESTING IN PEOPLE Supporting Talented Staff – \$27,000

Our staff are the heart of our ministry—walking with us in times of joy and sorrow, help children grow in faith, shape worship and music that lift our spirits, and connect us to one another. Fair raises honor the vocation and dedication of those who guide our shared work. This investment ensures we can attract, nurture, and retain the gifted leaders who make our community strong.



# Together We Give

The work we do for good at Holy Innocents is only possible because of your generosity. Your pledges and offerings provide 81% of our mission budget, fueling worship, ministry, and community life. Other vital support comes from:

- **Endowment:** Our \$3.5 million parish endowment contributes 4% of its rolling three-year average each year.
- Holy Innocents' Episcopal School: The school supports our shared spaces and staff partnership with students and teachers.
- Community Partners: Local groups use our facilities and give back to strengthen our ministries.

When you give, you are not just funding programs—you are investing in a community that worships God, nurtures faith, and serves the world. *Your generosity makes us stronger. Together. For Good.* 

Your Generous Pledges & Offerings 81.35%

Space Use and School Contributions 9.9%

> Restricted Funds 4.49%

Endowment Draw 4.26%

Your generosity turns faith into action, sustaining a community that welcomes all. *Together. For Good.* 

# Together We Serve

Your gifts make ministry happen every day at Holy Innocents. Every dollar given is joined with others to sustain the work we do for good:

- Outreach & Community Support: Extending care beyond our walls through local ministries.
- Fellowship & Community Life: Creating opportunities to gather, celebrate, and grow together.
- Children & Youth Programs: Nurturing the next generation in faith and service.
- Worship & Music: Lifting hearts and voices in praise to God.
- Clergy Leadership: Guiding our worship, pastoral care, and mission.
- Administration & Communication: Ensuring smooth operations and clear connection.
- **Buildings & Grounds:** Maintaining spaces where worship and community can flourish.
- **Diocesan Contribution:** Supporting the wider church through our required allocation.

## WHAT IS A PLEDGE?

A pledge is your commitment to make a financial gift in support of our mission and ministries. It allows our staff and vestry to plan responsibly. Pledges for 2026 run from January 1 through December 31.

# **HOW MUCH SHOULD I PLEDGE?**

The biblical standard is the tithe—10% of income. Consider proportional giving: choose a percentage that is both spiritually meaningful and financially practical, and aim to increase it over time.

## **HOW DO I SUBMIT MY PLEDGE?**

Return a pledge card by mail or in person. Submit online at holyinnocents.org/give.



# CAN I AUTOMATE MY GIVING?

Yes. Through REALM you can schedule gifts weekly, monthly, or quarterly from your bank account or card.

## OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

You can give through stock transfers or your IRA Required Minimum Distribution, often with tax advantages. Contact Caroline Fleming, Parish Administrator: cfleming@holyinnocents.org 404-751-2906

# IF YOUR SITUATION CHANGES

Please let us know. We all face seasons of uncertainty, and God desires gifts offered in faith and gratitude—not guilt.

