

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

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*A voice came from heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."  
(Lk 3:22)*





## Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

*"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..."*

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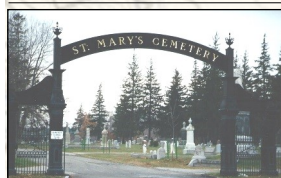
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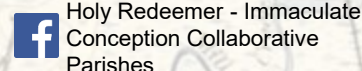
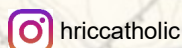
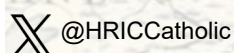
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609-519-3236

#### Confessions

Saturdays 3:00-3:30 p.m., IC Church  
Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative  
offices to schedule.)



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (1/11)

4:00pm **IC** *Jerry Lischke, Anne LaPierre, Will Quirion* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

### Sunday (1/12)

8:30am **Nativity** *Maria Kargas* (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** *Paul Michael Doyle, Angelo Maiello* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

### Monday (1/13)

9:00am **IC** *For the intentions of Fr. George Morin, for the intentions of Stephen D'Ambrosio* (Fr. Harrison)

### Tuesday (1/14)

9:00am **IC** *Rosie Anderson* (Fr. Harrison)

### Wednesday (1/15)

9:00am **IC** *Albert Samaha* (Fr. Morin)

### Thursday (1/16)

9:00am **IC** *John & Katherine Kelley* (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (1/17)

9:00am **IC** *Paul Neil Kane* (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (1/18)

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Guilbert & Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (1/19)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Guilbert & Deacon Dow)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** *Frances Hennessey* (Fr. Guilbert)

*In your prayers please remember Shirley Marshall, Victoria Carr, Gordon Marshall, and all of the faithful departed.*

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

**Saturday Vigil Mass is live-streamed online** through our website: [hrricatholic.org](http://hrricatholic.org) as well as our Facebook page.

*View our weekly bulletin online on our website:  
[hrricatholic.org](http://hrricatholic.org).*

## Welcome to Fr. Norm Guilbert!



Over the next few weeks, with Fr. Bill retiring to his home in Winthrop and both Frs. George and Charlie away for some much earned vacation time, Fr. Norm Guilbert will be joining us to help celebrate some of our regular Masses while they are away. Fr.

Norm is a recently-retired priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT. Please take moment to welcome Fr. Norm when you see him at Mass or around town. We are most grateful for his willingness to come and help out.

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend's feast, The Baptism of the Lord, is an odd one in our liturgical calendar. While we might rightly celebrate Christ baptizing others... the fact that He underwent a Baptism of His own: a Baptism specifically designed to have one admit to their sinfulness and need for God's mercy and forgiveness seems wrong in Jesus' case as we also believe that Jesus never sinned. Along with Mary, Jesus is the only other person in human history who is proclaimed as never having sinned. So why would He undergo John's Baptism?



St. Paul offers an insight when he writes in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, "For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him." (2Cor 5:21) In other words, while Jesus had no personal sin, He so closely conformed Himself to our sinful nature, as to take on the burden of sin of us all. This means that when He died for us on the Cross, He became the perfect sacrifice to overcome sin and death for all humanity. Matthew alludes to this awkward-seeming contradiction in his account of Jesus' Baptism: "John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?'" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him." (Mt 3:14-15)

We celebrate Christ's Baptism as yet one more sacred detail in the magnificent plan of Salvation that is proclaimed in the Sacred Scriptures and beautifully unfolded by God in our human history. God left nothing to chance and no aspect unattended in pouring out His love and mercy for us through Christ. And, just as it was with Jesus, so it is with us! God's plan for us in the fullness of our lives takes into account our need for the forgiveness offered to us by Christ. Our own Baptism is our sharing in this sacred mystery and our personal call to holiness.

Just as Jesus went forth from John's Baptism impelled by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom, so, too, are we sent out into this world by our Baptism to share the joy of the Lord's Resurrection with a troubled world that so desperately needs to see God's Grace. Like the other sacraments that we celebrate in the life of the Church, Baptism is a sending grace—we are sent from its waters to share Christ with others. It is not something to hold onto privately or solely for our benefit. It is a gift that is meant to be shared. As the Lord went forth from John's Baptism to a life of humble service and obedience to God's Will, so may we draw strength from our own experience of the Living Waters that God's love may flow freely in our hearts, shared with all whom we are called to walk with on life's journey.

Winter Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor



## This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

### Monday, January 13

**AA Mtg.** 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

**Cub Scouts Mtg.** 4:30pm, St. Ann Hall

### Tuesday, January 14

**Women's AA Mtg.** 7:00am, St. Ann Hall

**Faith Formation, Grade 2** 3:30pm, IC Nazareth Library

**Breaking Bread Meal** 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.** 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**ICS First Communion Parent Mtg.** 6:15pm, IC Charity Dining Room

**IC Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm, IC Church

**Knights of Columbus Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

### Wednesday, January 15

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

**IC Youth Choir Rehearsal** 4:30pm, IC Church

**Cub Scouts Mtg.** 5:30pm, St. Ann Hall

**Ministry Committee Mtg.** 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**IC Haiti Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

### Thursday, January 16

**Social Action Committee Mtg.** 5:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, January 17

**Adoration** 9:30am, IC Church

**AA Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Saturday, January 18

**Holy Quilters** 8:30am, Nativity Hall

**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

### Sunday, January 19

**Coffee & Quiche after Mass** 9:30am, Nativity Hall

To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

## Online Giving

Both HR and IC offer Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of one of our parish communities. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the Collaborative offices.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org), and click the "Links" tab, then on "HR Parish Online Giving" or "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the appropriate site.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What does your own Baptism mean to you?

**Child:** What sort of things can you do that would be pleasing to God?

## Collaborative Faith Formation

### School Year Programs (K–10, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms for the 2024–25 school year are available on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please be sure to check out the new information for Confirmation prep.

### Baptism

*Please note that in January and February 2025 the schedule for celebrating the sacrament of Baptism will have changed. No Baptisms will take place during the 11:30am Mass. Please contact the Collaborative office (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) to review what Baptism dates are available in 2025 prior to the Lenten season.*

### Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation moved from grade 10 to grade 8. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation process have changed. Help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not be aware.

## Follow Us on Instagram

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## Collaborative Calendar



Did you know we have an online Collaborative calendar? It lists Mass times and all Collaborative events and activities. Access it through the calendar tab on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org), or you can scan the QR code.

## A.C.T.S. of Adoration



A Holy Hour is not complicated. Just come and be with the Lord!

**A** = Adoration, wordless worship of God

**C** = Contrition, bold confession for avoiding personal holiness

**T** = Thanksgiving, gratitude for breath, sacraments, friends

**S** = Supplication, prayer for health, patience, world peace

**Wednesdays** 3:00–4:00 p.m. Nativity Church

**Thursdays** 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church (*enter at Green Street door only*)

**Fridays** 9:30 a.m., IC Church (unless a funeral is scheduled)

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## All-Pilgrimage Reunion Mass

Join us for an All-Pilgrimage Reunion Mass and social on **Thursday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m.** in Nativity Church and Hall. Anyone who attended one of our pilgrimages is invited to join us.

## The Sacrament of the Sick

The **Anointing of the Sick** is one of the seven Sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament, therefore it is strongly recommended that you request the Anointing of the Sick **before going in for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care.** Please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

## Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Patricia Baikewicz	Renee Fowler	Joseph Palumbo
John Bourque	Ed Hardy	Joanne Pesa
Kathy P. Brodeur	Jane Harney	Elizabeth Pettingell
Priscilla Brown	Chloe Hequet	Donika Pulake
Vasije Buhali	Armand Hyatt	Rose Raimo
Autumn Rose	Michael Juralewicz	Rob Schweizer
Coulombe	Arthur LaPointe	Yvonne Sloban
Bill Crounse	Michael	Gary Smith
Drew Daubach	Lichtenstein	Arlene Stoddard
Kristen D'Entremont	Johannah Lord	Taylor
Deb Downie	Monica Maguire	Captain Bill Taplin
Dotty Duval	Sia Mahalati	Tom Tribble
Ann-Margaret	Ovidio Martinez	Michael Tucker
Ferrante	Patricia Carey	Maddie Villers
John Flynn	McCarthy	Laurent Vincent
Jeanine Ebacher	Carol O'Neal	Sandra Welch
Fowler	Eleanora Paciulan	

Contact Collaborative offices to **remove** or to **add** someone on our prayer list: 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

## Shawls and Lapghans



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673.

**Come join us.** Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! You are welcome to join us.

We will be taking a "winter break" from our meetings until May, but will continue to deliver shawls and lapghans to those who need them during our break. When we start again, we meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday, May 2.**

## MEDJUGORJE



\$2,949 per person  
from Boston (BOS)

\*All Pricing Based on Double Occupancy.  
Pricing available from any airport: [www.206tours.com/airports](http://www.206tours.com/airports)

Optional Post-Tour to Dubrovnik and Split:  
May 03-07, 2025 | \$1,873 per person

**April 25 - May 3, 2025**

Dates  
adjusted



The HRIC Pilgrimage Ministry is excited to announce two Pilgrimages for 2025. Website registration is open now for both of these fantastic itineraries (links below).

**Medjugorje:** [206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/](http://206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/)  
(Booking Code PB042825)

**France:** [206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/](http://206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/)  
(Booking Code: PB101325)

Call (800) 206-8687 for more information.

## Great Shrines & Saints of France

**October 13 - 25, 2025**

\$7,149 per person from Boston (BOS)

All prices based on double occupancy.  
Pricing available from any airport: [www.206tours.com/airports](http://www.206tours.com/airports)



Spiritual Director:  
Fr. Tim Harrison

Group Leaders:  
Paul & Christine  
Blanchette





## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Emmy's Valentines at MGH



Please help Emmy and her Nana, Melissa, make this Valentine's Day a bit brighter for children diagnosed with cancer at Mass General Hospital for Children.



Emmy was diagnosed 4 years ago with a rare aggressive brain cancer. She was given a 4% chance to live but we are happy to say she celebrated her 5th birthday and has remained NED (No Evidence of Disease) for 4 years. Now she wants to pay it forward by donating stuffed animals to those still in treatment.

We ask that stuffed animal donations are:

- Brand new, tags on if possible (they are being delivered to a hospital)
- **Not** Valentine themed
- 6–12 inches tall
- Lovable and squishy



Donations can be dropped off in the foyer of the IC Pastoral Center. There will be a plastic bin with a photo of Emmy and last year's donations. Please feel free to take home a photo.

### St. Mary's Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination.



Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

### Knights of Columbus

All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email [kofc231@outlook.com](mailto:kofc231@outlook.com).

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

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at home, in their parish, at work and  
in their communities.



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Columbus®**  
Massachusetts  
State Council

For more information visit:  
[kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join)



### IC Haiti

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview at our website: [ichaiti.org](http://ichaiti.org).

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."

### HRIC Pastoral Council

In 2019 a Pastoral Council was formed in our Collaborative to assist the Pastor in his responsibilities as the leader of the Collaborative. They serve in a consultative role and there are members from both of our parishes. Please feel free to contact them with any questions.

#### Pastoral Council Members 2024–25

Fr. Tim Harrison (Chair)

#### IC

Alan McEmber, Co-Chair IC  
Nancy Rose  
Joseph Cox  
Tom Welch  
Mike Corbett  
Colleen Mulholland  
Patty Olds  
Amanda Barcus

#### HR

Greg Jablonski, Co-Chair HR  
Bob Belmont  
Thomas Grella  
Veronica Laite  
David Olds  
Kathy Peavey

#### Ex-Officio

Deacon Paul Dow  
Deacon John Moranski  
Aaron Giard

### Recitation of the Rosary

Join us for recitation of the rosary Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook. [www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/).



### St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box



Immaculate Conception SVdP now offers a St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop box. We are accepting **clothing and shoes only** in the drop box.

The box is located behind the IC Parish Center, nearest Green Street.

### Parish Membership

Welcome! We invite you to become a member of our Parish communities and take an active part in parish life. Registration forms are available at the IC office or online at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org).

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Cursillo Corner



"Now **faith** is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. By **faith** we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible...." Hebrews 11

We have been blessed to have many people from the HRIC community enjoy the experience of Cursillo. Many thanks to friends, family, and sponsors who supported their candidates with their prayer and participation.

The opportunity to share in this 3-day, joyful re-introduction to the love of Christ has begun again at St. Basil's Seminary in Methuen. All are encouraged to further explore Cursillo as a part of your faith journey.

Weekends in 2024/2025 are listed below:

**Men**  
February 6–9  
April 3–6

**Women**  
March 6–9  
May 1–4  
June 5–8

**Contacts:** Pat Temple 617-899-0424  
Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337

## The God Minute



The God Minute is an online prayer community, led by priests, nuns, and lay people who start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are woven into a 10-minute,

guided prayer and then uploaded for all to share.

Listen/pray with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking the dog for a walk. Our mission is simple: to inspire and empower people of faith into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. And it's free.

See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. Visit [www.thegodminute.org](http://www.thegodminute.org) or scan the QR code.



## Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org). Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.



(The free App "**Laudate**" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)



## Like Us on Facebook

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## Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina.

Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God.

For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

View our weekly bulletin online on our website: [hricCatholic.org](http://hricCatholic.org).

## Holy Jammers



Holy Jammers at the HR Holiday Fair

The Holy Jammers musical group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the IC Nazareth Library to jam for an hour.

All are welcome to join us!

Visit our **Website**, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for up-to-date information in the Collaborative. Find links to our bulletins, our live stream Masses, and our social media pages.

## Pelican Intervention Fund



We have placed 173 local men and women into 12-step residential sober living. 12-step recovery programs receive no federal/state funding and insurance won't cover costs due to its faith-based nature. So, your support is more important than ever.

The Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes can be dropped in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

Visit our website at [www.pelicaninterventionfund.org](http://www.pelicaninterventionfund.org).



St. Ann, W. Newbury



Nativity, Merrimac



IC, Newburyport



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

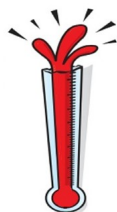
Christmas Collection: Clergy Trust	\$4,734.00
HR Offertory, Dec. 28–29	\$2,193.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Dec. 27	\$ 535.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 277.00
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Dec. 28–29</b>	<b>\$3,005.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary, Dec. 31–Jan 1	\$ 705.00
HR Offertory, Jan. 4–5	\$1,983.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Jan 3	\$2,040.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 397.50
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 4–5</b>	<b>\$4,420.50</b>
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Jan. 4–5	\$ 584.00

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 12) is the Monthly. No second collection next weekend (Jan. 19). *Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to **Holy Redeemer Parish** with the second collection noted in the memo.*

If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving](http://hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving).

**HR Grand Annual  
Goal \$25,000  
To Date \$25,600**



\$25,000  
\$20,000  
\$15,000  
\$10,000  
\$ 5,000

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

An appreciation dinner for all Holy Redeemer volunteers will be held on **Saturday, March 8 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass** at Nativity. It will be held in Nativity Hall. As the date gets closer, we will send out invitations and ask for an R.S.V.P. The dinner is sponsored by the Collaborative Ministry Committee.

## Communion to the Homebound

If you are a Holy Redeemer parishioner who is homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis, we would like to offer you the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. Please let us know. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-346-8604 to schedule a visit.

## Adoration at Nativity Church

Eucharistic Adoration is offered on Wednesdays from 3:00–4:00 p.m. at Church of the Nativity. Join us weekly for one hour of Sacred Silence.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

**Thank You, Fr. George!**

Fr. George asked that donations in honor of his 80th birthday be made to our St. Vincent de Paul ministry. His request has made a difference!

If you would still like to donate in honor of Fr. George, please use the customary envelopes in the pews and drop your gift in the collection, the poor boxes or mail your check



Fr. George's birthday, 2023

made out to "**HR St. Vincent de Paul**" to Holy Redeemer Church, 4 Green St., Merrimac, MA 01860. As always, anything that you can give is greatly appreciated.

Your donations will allow us to help those in the communities of West Newbury and Merrimac in the coming weeks.

As a reminder: make your checks payable to "**HR St. Vincent de Paul**"

Please keep us and those we serve in your prayers.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

## Coffee & Quiche

Join us for Coffee, Quiche, & Conversation  
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Sunday, January 19

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## Save Your Baskets for the 2025 Fair

The "Basket Table," for next year's Holiday Fair, would like you to save any baskets you may get this Christmas. Please leave them in the back of either church and we will recycle them for next year's fair. Also, we like to use 1½ – 2" wired ribbon for our bows. If you come across any good bargains at Christmas!

Also, please remember to return your Fair lawn signs so that we can use them again next year.



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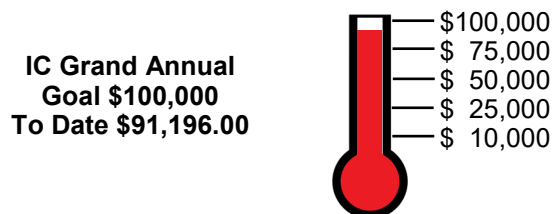
## IC Offertory Collection

Christmas Collection: Clergy Trust	\$17,577.00
IC Offertory, Dec. 28–29	\$4,566.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Dec. 27	\$1,848.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$2,768.27</u>
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Dec. 28–29</b>	<b>\$9,182.27</b>
Solemnity of Mary, Dec. 31–Jan 1	\$1,863.00
IC Offertory, Jan. 4–5	\$6,504.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Jan 3	\$2,597.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$3,689.09</u>
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 4–5</b>	<b>\$12,790.09</b>
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Jan. 4–5	\$1,349.00

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 12) is the Monthly. No second collection next weekend (Jan. 19). *Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to **Immaculate Conception Parish** with the second collection noted in the memo.*

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving](http://hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving).



## IC St. Vincent de Paul

If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are ready to assist.

You can now make online donations on our website: [www.svdnewburyport.org](http://www.svdnewburyport.org) or scan the QR code. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to “**SVdP of Newburyport**” and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the Parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

### Breaking Bread Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner. Supper is served from 4:45–5:30. Those who prefer to continue “Grab & Go” can pick up at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

## Immaculate Conception School

The next generation of Immaculate Conception School basketball players began their on-court journey last Saturday by participating in the Saturday Morning Hoops program. Thirty children from grades 1–3 arrived early in the morning for an hour of skill building, teamwork tasks, and fun—led by volunteer parents and IC Varsity Basketball players. The program goal is to enable 4th grade students to develop the foundational skills and understanding to be able to play in a game or scrimmage. Fourth grade is the youngest grade that most area schools play other teams. The involvement of varsity players is reflective of the relationships and sense of community that the IC builds across grade levels. Additionally, relationships and friendship are fostered outside the classroom from the SMH experience. We are grateful for the parents who oversee the Saturday Morning Hoops program and are blessed to have a beautiful gymnasium to welcome our students to grow in their confidence beyond the classroom.



Photo courtesy of J. Sullivan

## SVdP Thank You

Homelessness in Massachusetts has risen 18% over last year according to *The Globe*. We are experiencing this in our Conference. We are receiving twice as many calls as we did last year.

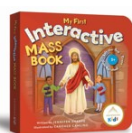
The need is great. To all those who took a tag from the Giving Tree and bought gift cards, we say a big “thank you.” We would not be able to help our many neighbors without your generosity. We wish you all peace, happiness and good health in the New Year.



## IC Family Resource Table

We provide different printables, activities, crafts, recipes, displays, and more to help celebrate feasts, seasons, and saints to take home.

Please remember that the **Mass rings/prayer rings and books should be returned to the table after Mass.**



**We are missing six books** that are meant to remain in the church. Please return any of the Mass book resources (shown left) that may have accidentally come home with you over the past couple of months. We are missing four of the red *Interactive Mass Books* and two of the church-shaped *When we go to Mass* books. Thank you.



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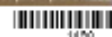
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