

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

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All Are Welcome



*And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.*
(Lk 21:37–38)

the NEW ENGLAND TENORS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
2:00 P.M.

Immaculate Conception Church
42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA

Tickets at the door
\$20 - Adults / \$12 - Children under 12
No reservations needed

To benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/30)

4:00pm **IC** *Connie Bucci, Donald Goode*
(Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (12/1)

8:30am **Nativity** *Maria Kardas* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC** *Irene Palaima, Gilda LaBarba*, *For the intentions of Willaim Grimshire* (Fr. Harrison)

10:00am **St. Ann** *Jerry Mullen, Jordyn Santabarbara* (Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC** *John & Joseph Hynes, Thomas McDermott* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

Monday (12/2)

9:00am **IC** *Robert Tindle* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday (12/3)

9:00am **IC** *Walter Hardy* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (12/4)

9:00am **IC** *Niles, Keefe, Swochak, Macri families, Joseph Messina, Eugene Talford* (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (12/5)

9:00am **IC** *William Moore, Fred Walsh* (Fr. Stanley)

Friday (12/6)

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

Saturday (12/7)

4:00pm **IC** *Norbert Vogl, Stephen M. Boy, James K. Waldrip, Marie A. Burke* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (12/8)

8:30am **Nativity** *For the intentions of the Kardas & Johnson families* (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** *The O'Connor & Ring families* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

10:00am **St. Ann** *Louise & Isabelle McLoud* (Fr. Stanley)

11:30am **IC** *Lena Filomia, Lena Charles* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Michael S. Bashaw 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: hrrcatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes we need a little hope, don't we? When we are standing by the bed of a loved-one in the hospital who is clinging to life, we look for every little possible sign—every uptick in a vital measurement, a weak grasp of a hand, a blink of acknowledgement—anything...that they are improving, as slow and drawn-out as it might be. When we face struggles in our world, particularly when those challenges are from systemic structures, bureaucracies and heartless corporations, we celebrate and rejoice in every small victory “against the machine,” and look for every possible improvement along the way even if slight and barely perceptible. In the midst of workers' strikes, political protests, and contested elections, we try and pick out silver linings in what appear to be dark clouds of doom. Even on the cloudiest of days amidst the most dismal of downpours, we remind ourselves of our local drought conditions and how much we need the rain.

I think, in many ways, we are hardwired to hope. If we have indeed been made in the image and likeness of God, then we must be pre-conditioned to see and approach our world and its varying circumstances with an undying optimism: that no matter how bad things may appear, with God, all things are possible. Jesus told us that once, many years ago. Do we truly believe it?

Advent is a season that reminds us of that Divine-inspired hope that while we may sit in darkness, a great light will dawn upon us, signifying the salvation that is to come from the Lord. It is like sitting on the beach on Plum Island in the early morning hours and looking for that very first sliver of color on the horizon that transitions the sky from a dark, inky black to a deep, rich violet blue where the sun will eventually rise. Once that first glimmer of color arrives, we know that the dawn is at hand even if the blazing rays of our home star haven't crested above the horizon. Light will come. The gloom will melt away. Hope buoys us to new life!

Although the old adage rings true with most earthly things: “you can't take it with you when you die,” St. Paul reminds

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Questions of the Week



Adult: If you knew that Jesus' second coming would occur next week, what would you change about your life today?

Child: How will you prepare for Jesus' coming during Advent?

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation, Monday December 9

This year, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent. As a result, the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America, will be transferred to **Monday, December 9.**

Mass times for Monday, December 9 are listed below. Please note that there will be **no evening Mass at IC** on that day.

9:00 a.m. IC 9:00 a.m. St. Ann 7:00 p.m. Nativity

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: hricCatholic.org.

Monday, December 2

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

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, December 3

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

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

Women at the Well 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, December 4

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Cub Scouts Pack 26 Mtg. 7:30pm, Nativity Hall

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

Thursday, December 5

ICS PTO Mtg. 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Prayer Shawl Mtg. 2:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, December 6

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

Saturday, December 7

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

Faith Formation, Grades K-8 10:00am, IC Parish Center

Confirmation Prep., Grade 10 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Confirmation Prep., Grade 10 6:30pm, 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.

Christmas Pageant

Join us for a Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at IC Church. The pageant will feature children from our Faith Formation program.

The pageant will begin at 3:15 p.m., before 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass begins (the pageant is about 20 minutes long).

HR Cookbooks for Sale

If you would like to purchase a copy of the HR parish cookbook, they are available in the IC parish offices during business hours. Stop in and ask for Melinda. They are \$15 each and make great gifts!



Christmas Flowers



We are taking monetary donations and memorials for the purchase of flowers for all 3 churches for Christmas. Please do not have flowers delivered to the churches but allow us to purchase them. Place your flower donation envelope in the collection at the churches or mail them to the offices. **Donation deadline is Monday, December 9 at noon.**

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us in his First Letter to the Corinthians that in the end there are three things that last: Faith, Hope, and Love. And the greatest of these is, of course, Love. Faith and Love will certainly be celebrated all year long, but this Advent season is one that is particularly focused on calling us to Hope. While sin and death may seem to have the upper hand, Christ promises new life and resurrection. While failure and scandal often rule the headlines, Christ calls us to holiness and trust. While war and insurrection threaten what fragile peace there exists, Christ calls us to model mercy and forgiveness for others. While illness and suffering can overwhelm our own sense of stability and confidence, Christ calls us to an emptying of self and a surrender to the beneficent Will of God. And if and when it is our time to breath our last and close our eyes for good... we do so, in Christ, taking that magnificent Hope of eternal life with us in our hearts and souls: that one day, in a way that we do not completely understand, Christ who is our life, will call us to Glory.

As we face these darkest days of the year, may the Light of Christ illuminate our hearts, cast away the nighttime of sin and lead us to the dawn of Hope that is Christmas and so much more!

Happy Advent to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

IC Haiti Second Collection

December 14-15

The chaotically violent conditions in Haiti continue unabated, particularly in the capital city Port au Prince. Still the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school on the south-central peninsula offers school-age children a stable educational environment along with a hot lunch program daily. And our partners at the Saint Boniface Hospital carry on 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing critical medical care to all in need.

Since 2009 IC Haiti has been proud to support the school community in Puit Chacha and the hospital in Fond des Blancs. The continuation of our two Collaborative parishes' mission to Haiti is reliant upon your generous response to Our Lord's call to take care of one another especially those who are most in need.

Once again, we ask you to be generous as the second collection on the weekend of December 14-15 will be taken up to support IC Haiti's mission to Haiti.

IC Haiti in Need of a Translator

IC Haiti's all-volunteer Board of Directors is looking to expand the Board with the addition of a volunteer who can read and write in Haitian Creole. Our goal is to have more direct communication with the administrators of the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha.

If you are interested in joining the IC Haiti Board of Directors as our communication liaison to the school, please contact HRIC Administrative Assistant Melinda Burrell by phone 978-462-2724, by email burrell@hricatholic.org, or in person at the IC Parish Center at 42 Green Street in Newburyport. Melinda will put you in touch with IC Haiti's Board president Nancy Rose.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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. Please be sure to check out the new information for Confirmation prep.

Baptism

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at IC Church at the 11:30 Mass. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

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.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Rosemarie Anderson	Renee Fowler	Joseph Palumbo
Patricia Baikewicz	Ed Hardy	Joanne Pesa
Kathy P. Brodeur	Jane Harney	Elizabeth Pettingell
Priscilla Brown	Chloe Hequet	Donika Pulake
Vasfije Buhali	Armand Hyatt	Rose Raimo
Autumn Rose	Justin Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Coulombe	Michael Juralewicz	Yvonne Sloban
Bill Crounse	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
Drew Daubach	Michael	Arlene Stoddard
Kristen D'Entremont	Lichtenstein	Taylor
Deb Downie	Johannah Lord	Captain Bill Taplin
Ann-Margaret	Sia Mahalati	Tom Tribble
Ferrante	Ovidio Martinez	Michael Tucker
John Flynn	Patricia Carey	Maddie Villers
Jeanine Ebacher	McCarthy	Laurent Vincent
Fowler	Carol O'Neal	
	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. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! All are welcome.

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 5 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us!

Looking for Yarn Donations

We are always looking for **yarn donations**. Do you have some leftover yarn from an old project? Maybe a family member who no longer knits or crochets? We are asking for **only full skeins and no wool yarn** (we have some who are allergic to wool.). Contact Helen at 978-771-4673 and she will arrange to pick it up.



On Sunday, November 17, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Nbpt. hosted the 2nd annual Interfaith Choir concert. Five local church choirs, including IC's, attended and blessed the crowd with their beautiful voices.



Adoration: Stop By



Enter the mystery of Jesus truly present in the Monstrance. You needn't understand. Just come. Be. Because He is there. Let Jesus lead. Be changed by His presence.

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)

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.

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Extra Confession Times During Advent

We will offer extra confession times during Advent on the following days and times:

Wednesdays Dec. 11 and 18 from 3–4 p.m. at **Nativity**

Wednesday Dec. 18 from 6–7:30 p.m. at **St. Ann**

Thursdays Dec. 12 and 19 from 6:30–8 p.m. at **IC**

Advent Retreat

Silent Night, Holy Night

The hymn “Silent Night” conveys the essence of the Incarnation’s powerful mystery and the transforming gifts the Word made flesh and dwelling among us brings. We hear the music and are quieted. The words touch our hearts with its message of peace, light, awe, hope, and salvation. We see Mary holding her child and sense God is near, his love unconditional. All is calm. All is bright.

This Advent retreat will respond to your longing by exploring contemplative spirituality. Contemplative prayer and practices of silence, solitude, service, and living in the present moment may help you experience God’s presence in daily life and move you from living in your head to living from your heart, your center and truest self where God abides.

Our Blessed Mother will be our guide and example as we explore this contemplative, receptive way, this openness to God through silence and surrender.

I will provide material from scripture and contemplative works for reading and reflection and meet with you for four in-person or Zoom spiritual direction sessions you schedule throughout retreat. This offering is designed to provide an affordable, convenient retreat that creates an intimate space for you to share yourself deeply with the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

Retreat Opens Dec. 1; Retreat Closes Dec. 24

Spiritual director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling.

Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information.

Suggested donation: \$90.00

Newburyport Choral Society

On Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 p.m. the Newburyport Choral Society, under the direction of Dr. Minji Kim, will perform a selection of beautiful holiday music that expresses joy, love, remembrance, and spiritual connection. This year the performances will take place at Rupert A. Nock Middle School auditorium, 70 Low Street, Newburyport.

Entitled “Luminous Night,” this festive Winter Concert program features the 120-voice chorus, piano, and organ accompaniment by Dr. Kirsten Helgeland, as well as a string quartet and percussion instruments. All are welcome! For information, visit www.newburyportchoralsociety.org/events.

Advent Evening Prayer Service

Wednesday, December 11 • IC Church

Please join your fellow HRIC collaborative faith community members at Immaculate Conception church for an evening of prayer, reflection, and music on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The prayer service will be led by Fr. George Morin followed by an informational session on affordable housing in our communities.

Refreshments will be served.
All are invited.

Please bring a canned good donation to contribute to a local food pantry.



Want more Advent ideas?
See our website for additional Advent resources:
hricCatholic.org.

Centering Prayer for Advent

As the days shorten and we enter the darkest season of the year, we light Advent candles and anticipate the coming of our Savior, Jesus, the light of the world. In the busyness of preparing for Christmas we may miss the gifts of Advent. Waiting with trust in God’s promise of love that saves, deepens our faith and we become people of true hope who loved by God are able to love.

During Advent please consider joining us weekly for Centering Prayer. As we enter the silence of God’s love we assent to God’s presence and action within us. We say “Yes” to His invitation to be transformed into people of true hope. Simply resting in God in silence, we surrender and come to know in our hearts God’s unmerited, unconditional love for us and transformed by this grace we can share His love in daily life.

Centering prayer is a practice and a discipline. Daily periods of silent prayer shift focus from self to God. As God becomes the center of our being the vicissitudes and storms of life affect us less. Living out of God as our Center we experience the peace the world cannot give.

Please consider leaving the noise of world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evening from 6:00–7:00 pm via Zoom. Following Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina enriches and instructs us as we listen to and share reflections on the words of scripture. During Advent we will read from the passage of St. Luke’s Gospel coinciding with the *Advent Bible Challenge*. (See p.7)

All are welcome to join us as we pray in these ancient Christian traditions and together prepare this Advent to welcome God’s gift of His son Emmanuel, *God with us, into our hearts and our lives*.

For more information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978 462- 7483

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24-Day Advent Bible Challenge: The Gospel of St. Luke

Advent begins Sunday, December 1

Join the **24-Day Advent Bible Challenge** to make this Advent truly meaningful! Simply read and reflect on one chapter of St. Luke's Gospel per day for 24 days starting on the first day of Advent: December 1. By Christmas Day you will have read about the entire life of Christ! It's easy, it's fun, you don't have to leave your house, and no sign-up is required!

So grab your Bible and create a prayer corner to embark on the challenge by yourself, gather your family around the tree each evening, or meet with friends to form an Advent prayer group. However you choose to take on the **24-Day Advent Bible Challenge**, the result will be a deeper appreciation of the Christmas season as we all await and prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Let us all accept the **24-Day Advent Bible Challenge** and encourage each other to stay with it until the end of Advent. Our Collaborative will be all the stronger because of it!

Use this festive **bookmark** to track your progress throughout Advent. Cut on the dashed line and fold in half, lengthwise. Glue or tape to secure the two sides together and tuck it in your Bible.

Are you ready to take up the challenge for a merrier, richer Christmas?

Note: St. Luke's gospel can be found online at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/luke/0>.



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IC Offertory Collection

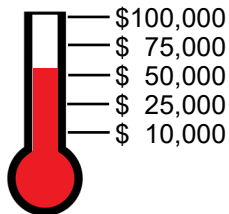
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If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
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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.svdpnnewburyport.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!

Help Send IC to DC

Please visit Beach Plum Flower Shop from **through December 15** for your Christmas florals and greenery.

Mention **Immaculate Conception School** and 10% of your purchase will go towards sending our 8th graders to Washington DC this spring.

Beach Plum Flower Shop is located at 50 Water Street Suite 301 (in the Tannery) in Newburyport.

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Limited Openings Remain for 2024/25

Call (978) 465-7780 to schedule a tour today!



Win Cash!

IC School annual holiday calendars are now available. For over 20 years, IC School has run a holiday calendar fundraiser. Each \$10 calendar gives individuals 40 chances to win a grand total of \$4,800 in cash prizes. A winner is drawn each day from January 4–February 12 to receive a cash prize of \$100, \$200, or \$300. Calendars are available at IC School, IC Church lobby, and the IC Parish Center. To enter, fill out the buyer's name and contact information in the space at the bottom of the calendar. Cut it off and return both the ticket stub and the money to the School Office or to the Parish Center office no later than January 3, 2025. Check payments should be made out to Immaculate Conception School or cash is accepted.

Knights Hospitality Sunday

All are welcome **Sunday, December 1, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have **Mike's Pastry** to celebrate the Holidays. There will be cookies, biscotti, and other treats for all to enjoy.



Knights of Columbus

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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

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★ **December 14, 2024** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



**Help Brigadier General James
Brickett-Old Newbury Chapter, NSDAR
honor local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at .

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MA0158P



*The DAR will be participating in Wreaths Across America
Day on December 14 at Hildale Cemetery In Haverhill.*

Please join us!

View our weekly bulletin online on our website:
hricatholic.org.

Activities Committee Meeting

The HR Activities Committee will meet on **Monday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Nativity Hall.** We will be discussing the results of the fair. All are welcome.

We will also start planning our next Parish activity: Fr. George's 80th birthday celebration. Please come, join us in organizing and preparing for Fr. George's 80th birthday.

**Save the date: Fr. George's 80th birthday celebration:
Saturday, January 11.**

St. Ann Coffee Social

Join us for St. Ann's Coffee Social on **December 1**
following the 10:00 Mass in the church hall.



Please join us—young and old and in
between—for coffee and baked goods, to visit
with old friends, and to make new ones!

They are a lot of fun! For your convenience,
the side door on the parking lot side will be
open with easier access to the hall.

If you are interested in
hosting a coffee, or baking
your favorite treat, please
call or text Donna Pallone,
(978) 886-1621.



Pictured: October's coffee

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will
move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** for the month of **December**.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Psalm 100/4-5

With your generous donations we are able to provide 15
families with a Thanksgiving meal this year. These West
Newbury and Merrimac neighbors were able to enjoy the
holiday with the sense that there are people like yourselves
that have not forgotten that there are people all around us
in need. Thank you very much for your support.

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly
appreciated. Please use the envelopes in the pews at St.
Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can
be **mailed or placed in the poor boxes**. Reminder: Make
sure to make checks payable to **HR St. Vincent de Paul**.

Holiday Fair Thank You

The Activities Committee would like to thank everyone who
helped support **Holy Redeemer's Holiday Fair**. Thank you
for donating gift baskets and items for our committee to
create "one of a kind" baskets. They truly were spectacular.
Thank you for everyone who donated their homemade
goodies. The Bake Table was overflowing with calories.
Thank you for the donations for the Nearly New Table and
the items that made the Silent Auction very competitive!
Thank you to those who made the soups for our lunch; they
were delicious!! Many of the soup recipes are in our
cookbook (still available for \$15.00). And most importantly,
thank you to everyone who attended the fair!!

Save the date for next year—November 22, 2025—always
the Saturday before Thanksgiving.



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