

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 29, 2024



*Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another...
And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you
were also called in one body. And be thankful.*

(Col 3:12-15)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

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Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
42 Green St., Newburyport 01950

Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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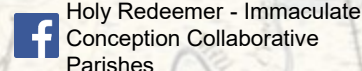
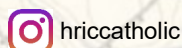
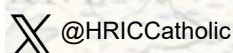
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978-270-4924

Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir
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 (12/28)

4:00pm **IC** John & Carmella Herlihy, George, Ann & Susan Bergin (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (12/29)

8:30am **Nativity** Maria Kargas (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC** David Crowley (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC** Mario Ragusa (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (12/30)

9:00am **IC** Florence Carroll (Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday (12/31) New Year's Eve

9:00am **IC** Jack Gorski, Darlene Gorski Sutton (Fr. Stanley)

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

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

Wednesday (1/1) Mary, Mother of God

9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

10:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

Thursday (1/2)

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

Friday (1/3)

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

Saturday (1/4)

4:00pm **IC** Carmella Herlihy (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (1/5)

8:30am **Nativity** Maria Kargas (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC** Martha R. Collins, Gilda LaBarba, Irene Palaima (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** Diana Perruccio (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Mary Anne Basque, Noreen Lyons, 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: hriccatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As we come together to celebrate yet another Holy Family Sunday, which always falls right after Christmas each year, I'd like to share with you a short passage from the remarks that Pope Francis offered at the 10th World Meeting of Families in June of 2022. The Holy Father said this:



Dear Families,

I invite you to continue your journey by listening to the Father who calls you: become missionaries in the ways of the world! Do not walk alone! You, young families, be guided by those who know the way, you who are further along, be companions on the journey for others. You who are lost because of difficulties, do not be overcome by sadness, trust the Love God has placed in you, plead daily with the Spirit to revive it.

Announce with joy the beauty of being family! Announce to children and young people the grace of Christian marriage. Give hope to those who have none. Act as if everything depends on you, knowing that everything must be entrusted to God. Be you who "sew" the fabric of society and of a synodal Church, creating relationships, multiplying love and life. Be a sign of the living Christ, do not be afraid of what the Lord asks of you, nor be generous with Him. Open yourselves to Christ, listen to Him in the silence of prayer. Accompany those who are most fragile, take charge of those who are alone, refugees, abandoned.

Be the seed of a more fraternal world! Be families with big hearts! Be the welcoming face of the Church! And please pray, always pray!

May Mary, our Mother, come to your aid when there is no more wine, be a companion in the time of silence and trial, help you to walk together with her Risen Son.

Franciscus

His line above, "Act as if everything depends on you, knowing that everything must be entrusted to God." sums up beautifully the sacrificial gift that is required of all family members for a household to thrive before the Lord. Each person has a role to play, a responsibility to embrace and a mutual share in the care of all. Using this lens to view the daily lives of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we see a model and example of holiness that is breathtaking in its beauty as well as profoundly simple and accessible. It is a holiness that all can embrace.

Over the past few years, parishioners have been connecting through prayer on the Final Friday of each month to pray for our families. Begun through a simple email chain and continued through our intercessory prayer at Mass, it is an opportunity each month to lift up the needs of all of our families, both local and abroad. Family life can

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January 1 Holy Day

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Wednesday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times in the Collaborative are listed below.

Tuesday, December 31, 4:00pm, IC

Tuesday, December 31, 4:00pm, Nativity

Wednesday, January 1, 9:00am, St. Ann

Wednesday, January 1, 10:00am, IC

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, December 30

Coffee Reception for Fr. McLaughlin 9:30am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve

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

Collaborative Offices Close at noon

Note: No Breaking Bread Meal

Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Thursday, January 2

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

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

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, January 3

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, January 4

First Penance Service 10:00am, IC Church

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, January 5

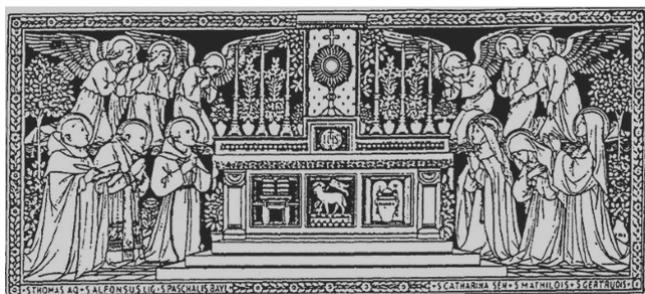
KofC Coffee after Mass 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

St. Ann Coffee after Mass 11:00am, St. Ann Hall

Baptism Prep. Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Adoration Where Jesus Abides



Consecrated at Holy Mass, Jesus remains present after liturgy ends in the Tabernacle. When His Real Presence is seen in the Monstrance, it is right praise to gaze in homage and gratitude during a Holy Hour at Adoration. Be changed by this profound exchange of real presences: Jesus abiding with you and you abiding in Him.

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)

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

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be so incredibly challenging at times! There are so many forces in our world that intentionally or accidentally work against the inner harmony, peace and love that rightly ought to anchor our core relationships and bond us tightly with those whom we are blessed to walk life's journey alongside. Prayer will help us to never take this precious gift from the Lord for granted.

May the Peace, Love and Joy of the Holy Family be yours in abundance this week and in the New Year to come.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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.hricatholic.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.

First Reconciliation Reminder to Parents

Our First Reconciliation Penance Services are coming up: Saturday, January 4, 10:00 a.m. at IC and Monday, January 6, 4:00 p.m. at St. Ann.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How are you being called to our Father's house?.

Child: Why is it important to obey our parents? And why is it important to obey God as well?

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, hricatholic.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

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:

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

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, January 2 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.

MEDJUGORJE



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

*All Pricing Based on Double Occupancy.
Pricing available from any airport: www.206tours.com/airports

Optional 4 nights Post Tour to Dubrovnik and Split:
May 06 - 10, 2025
\$1,873 per person

April 28 - May 06, 2025



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: www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/
(Booking Code PB042825)

France: www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/
(Booking Code: PB101325)

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



Spiritual Director:
Fr. Tim Harrison

Group Leaders:
Paul & Christine
Blanchette

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

**DISCOVER YOUR MISSION.
BECOME A KNIGHT.**

Empowering men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their communities.



**Knights of
Columbus®**
Massachusetts
State Council

For more information visit:
kofc.org/join



Pelican Intervention Fund



We have placed 135 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.

Christmas Flowers

IC: Donations from/in memory of: Deceased Members of The Sullivan Family • Deceased Members of The Furbush Family • Deceased Members of The Kelleher Family • The Melican Family • The Bragg Family • Larry Kolesare • The Donahue Family • The Lynch Family • The Bryant Family • Albert E. Corey

HR: Donations from/in memory of: The Crounse Family • The Vaillancourt Family • John & Alice Mulvany

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/.



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. 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.)

IC Haiti

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."

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.

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Dec. 14–15	\$6,234.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Dec. 13	\$5,132.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$2,768.27
Total Weekly Offertory, Dec. 14–15	\$14,134.27
IC Haiti, Dec. 14–15	\$5,708.00

No second collection this weekend (Dec. 29). The second collection next weekend (Jan. 5) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. *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.

**IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
To Date \$68,183.00**



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 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

Note: no Breaking Bread Meal on Tuesday, December 31.

**HAPPY
Birthday**

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

**Fr. George's 80th
Birthday**

DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
TIME: AFTER THE 11:30 MASS AT IC CHURCH
PLACE: SCHOOL GYM
 A light lunch will be served.

*Please, NO GIFTS. If you'd like, you may make
donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at I.C.*

Immaculate Conception School

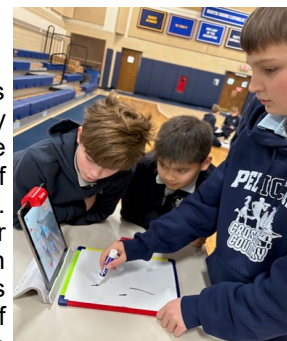
Immaculate Conception School students were treated to a visit by Spot the Robot Dog during the last week of classes before Christmas. Spot provided a day of enrichment learning for students in grades K–8, sponsored by the PTO.



Ashley Dragon, Mrs. Sullivan and Fr. Tim with Spot.

Eighth grade student Ashley Dragon, pictured with Fr. Tim and Principal Sullivan, was instrumental in arranging for Spot's visit, through her involvement in classes and programs offered by Code and Circuit in Amesbury. Hands-on learning stations provided students with a variety of engineering and coding activities that help to develop skills and understanding that apply to programming robots, such as Spot.

Pictured, several 6th grade boys used engineering design by drawing on a whiteboard to guide a digital ball down a series of ramps by reading the drawings. Students came away with a better understanding of how their own ideas and problem solving skills apply to the wonderful world of robotics! Thank you PTO for such an enriching experience!



6th grade students test their engineering design skills.

Win Cash!

IC School annual holiday calendars are available. 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.

Coffee after Mass

There will be a coffee social in St. Louis Hall after the 9:00 Masses on **Sunday, December 29 and Monday December 30** in honor of the last scheduled times Fr. Bill will celebrate Mass in the Collaborative.

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, January 5, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Dec. 14–15	\$2,037.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Dec. 13	\$ 480.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 277.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Dec. 14–15	\$2,794.00
IC Haiti, Dec. 14–15	\$ 924.00

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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.

**HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$22,860.00**



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Save the Date

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.

Save Your Baskets for the 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.

St. Ann Coffee Social

Join us for St. Ann's Coffee Social on **January 5** 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.

Activities Committee Meeting

The Activities Committee will have its next meeting on Sunday, December 29 at 11:30 a.m. at Nativity Hall.

Final preparations for Fr. George's 80th birthday reception on January 11 will be discussed. Please, come join us!

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** for the month of **January**.

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!



HR St. Vincent de Paul

"May the peace of Christmas keep winter from your heart"

This phrase conveys the idea that the peace of Christmas should remain in a person's heart throughout the year. As we reflect on Christmas now, let's remind ourselves that the birth of Jesus offers new beginnings for our lives and our world.

Our conference has been blessed with your ongoing donations as we try to address the needs of the poor in our community. Your gifts reflect the love of Jesus. Thank you!



Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes 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**.



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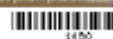


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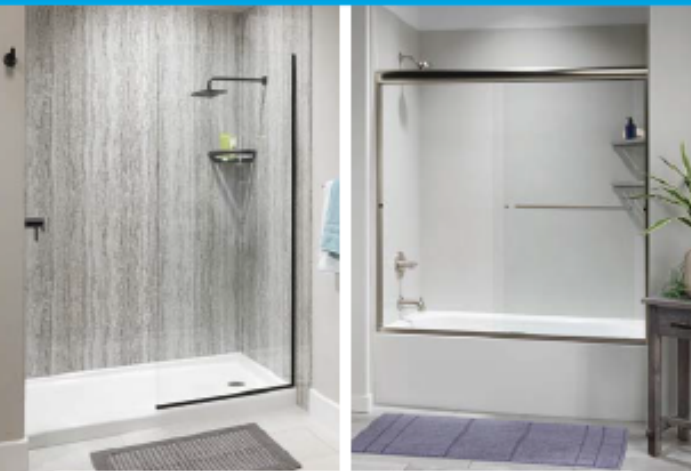
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