

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

hriccatholic.org

All Are Welcome



*Bless the LORD, my soul;
all my being, bless his holy name!*

PS 103:1



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

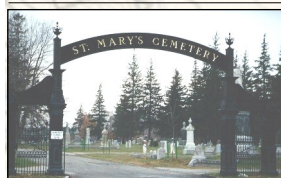
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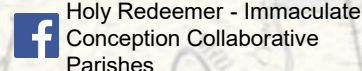
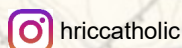
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

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 (2/22)

4:00pm **IC** Teresa Snow Bartley (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (2/23)

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

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

10:00am **St. Ann Francis O'Rourke** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC Ron Piretti, Shirley Marshall** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (2/24)

9:00am **IC Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pendergast, Seamus Murray** (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (2/25)

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

Wednesday (2/26)

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

Thursday (2/27)

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

Friday (2/28)

9:00am **IC For the needs of families** (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (3/1)

4:00pm **IC John Coughlin, Cliff Moody** (TBD)

4:00pm **Nativity** (TBD)

Sunday (3/2)

8:30am **Nativity** (TBD)

9:00am **IC Irene Palaima, Gilda LaBarba** (TBD)

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

11:30am **IC Sylvia Gilbert** (TBD)

In your prayers please remember Henry (Hank) Cross Jr. 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.

LENT FAMILY FESTIVAL

MARCH 2 IC PASTORAL CENTER

10:00-11:15 A.M.



THERE WILL BE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES AS WE LEARN ABOUT THE LENTEN PRACTICES OF PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING AND HOW WE MIGHT LIVE THESE OUT IN OUR FAMILIES. OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES IN THE COLLABORATIVE.



AND CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS!

Questions of the Week

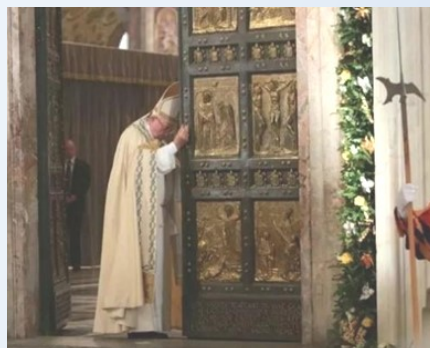


Adult: How can you reach out to a person in your life who is difficult to love?

Child: How can you be nice to someone who is hard to get along with?

Jubilee 2025: Opening The Holy Doors

Jesus said, "I am the door." John 10:7



On December 24, 2024, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door, "Porta Sacra," at St. Peter's Basilica, signaling the opening of Jubilee 2025, the Holy Year of Pilgrims of Hope.

The doors' 16 bronze panels tell the story of salvation from the

Garden of Eden to the Resurrection and are opened every 25 years to celebrate the anniversary of the incarnation of Christ.

During the Holy Year, faithful are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to the site of the Holy Door and pass through, leaving the world behind and entering into the presence of the Lord. Symbolically, we abandon lives of sin and temptation as the open doors offer a removal of barriers to a deeper encounter with Christ.

In Rome, several other doors have been designated as pilgrimage sites including St. John the Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Wall, and St. Mary Major. Over 30 million pilgrims are expected to visit Rome during this Holy Year.

The Vatican has also designated "holy doors" or pilgrimage sites throughout the world encouraging visits to focus on prayer, forgiveness and acts of mercy. In Massachusetts, pilgrimage sites include the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, St. Clement, and Most Holy Redeemer in Boston along with Holy Rosary in Lawrence, St. Joseph the Worker in Lowell and Divine Mercy in Salem serving the North Shore. Visits to these sites encourage reconciliation, conversion, and spiritual renewal.

At the end of the Jubilee on Epiphany 2026, the Pope is the last person to walk through the door before he closes it. The door is then bricked up and, once again sealed on the inside until 2050.

May this Year of Hope allow for an opening of our hearts to change as we reflect on God's work and our calling to be His hands and feet.

"This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter." (Psalm 118:20)



Adoration



Enter the mystery of Jesus truly present in the Monstrance. 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)

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

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

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, February 26

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program 7:00–9:00am, St. Ann Hall

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Cub Scout Pack 26 Mtg. 5:45pm, St. Ann Hall

Thursday, February 27

Altar Server Training, Session 1 5:00pm, IC Church

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, February 28

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, March 1

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Bake Sale after Mass at Nativity 5:00pm Nativity Hall

Sunday, March 2

Bake Sale after Mass at Nativity 9:30am, Nativity Hall

KofC Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, IC Parish Center Lobby

Faith Formation, Lent Family Festival 10:00am, IC Parish Center

Bake Sale/Coffee Social after Mass at St. Ann 11:00am, St. Ann Church & Hall

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

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.**

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, February 26



This program delivers soup, sandwiches, and casseroles to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month.

We ask that sandwiches be cut and individually wrapped, then placed in the bread wrapper. Please label the bread wrapper with the variety of sandwich. Cold cuts—with or without cheese—and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. *Please do not use condiments.*

Homemade **soups** and **casseroles** are always gratefully accepted. You can pick up soup containers and/or foil baking pans during the drop off dates/time.

Party-sized **powered drink mixes** such as iced tea, lemonade, and Kool-Aid, along with fresh fruits and goodies (cookies, chips, candies, etc.) are greatly appreciated!

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7–9. a.m.

If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, feel free to contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724.

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

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

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Catholic Appeal

Together, We Move Forward in Faith



Did you know that your support of the Catholic Appeal positively impacts Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception parishes? Your support enables the Archdiocese to provide resources, trainings, and technical support to all parishes—support they would not otherwise be able to provide. Every gift—no matter the amount—is important and has impact!

To make a donation, please respond to Archbishop Henning's letter or make a secure donation by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you.

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.

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.)

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.

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

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

Collaborative Faith Formation

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

Registration Forms are no longer available for 2024–25, but the schedule is still on the website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation, for reference. We will have registration forms and schedules for 2025–26 uploaded in July.

Baptism

Note that in February 2025 the schedule for celebrating the sacrament of Baptism will have changed. No Baptisms will take place during the 11:30am Mass. Contact the Collaborative office (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) to review available dates prior to Lent.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will now be celebrated with students currently in Grade 8 rather than with Grade 10 students. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation process has changed. Help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not be aware of this policy change.

Faith Formation Summer Program

Summer Faith Formation: June 23–27

Grades 3–8, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. daily

Registration forms for summer Faith Formation are now available on our website:

hriccatholic.org/faith-formation-registration-forms

NOTE: If your child is preparing for **Sacraments** (First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation) we offer preparation only during the school year.

If your child is entering **8th grade** in the fall, but has not received Faith Formation in recent years, enrolling them in the Summer Faith Formation Week is a great way to catch them up and get in a prerequisite year before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (8th graders can begin preparation for Confirmation only if they have attended recent Faith Formation with us).

Second Collection Feb. 22–23

Support of the Church Around the World

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity to this collection will help fund the spiritual, educational, and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites:

1. CRS: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief;
2. Church in Africa: www.usccb.org/africa
3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: www.usccb.org/ccce
4. Military Archdiocese: www.milarch.org
5. Catholic Home Missions: www.usccb.org/home-missions
6. Black and Indian Missions <https://blackandindianmission.org>

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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.

Emmy's Valentines at MGH

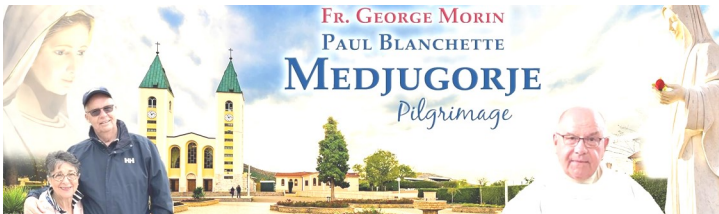
Thanks to family, friends, neighbors in Byfield, Nice People of Newburyport, Emmy's Army, and our parishioners at Immaculate Conception Parish we were able to deliver enough Valentine stuffed animals for each child being treated for cancer at Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital. We as a community of Emmy's Army collected 240 stuffed animals this year. The nurses and children were all so grateful. Thank you again for all your help. Love, Missy and #Emiliastrong.



2025 Pilgrimages

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). Call (800) 206-8687 for more information.

Medjugorje: April 25–May 3, 2025, www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/ (Booking Code PB042825)



Medjugorje Pilgrimage Meeting

You are invited to an upcoming pilgrimage meeting. This gathering will provide an opportunity for fellowship, reflection, and preparation for our Medjugorje pilgrimage.

There are currently 5–8 openings available for this wonderful journey. Invite a friend to join us March 12, meet the registered group, and learn more about what we can expect as we travel.

Meeting Date:

- Wednesday, March 12

Schedule:

- 6:00 p.m.: Mass in the St. James Chapel
- Dinner to follow in the Charity Dining Room

RSVP to confirm your attendance: call or text Christine: 978-968-4140.

France: October 13–25, 2025, www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/ (Booking Code: PB101325)



Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

If you, or anyone you know are thinking about becoming Catholic, we always welcome new inquirers at any point in your spiritual journey. Contact Aaron Giard, the Director of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) at (978) 462-2724 x 405 to learn about the process and to get started.

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass will be cancelled if Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information. We will also post cancellation information on our website and social media.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

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.

Visit our **Website**, 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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Lenten Series Planned

Thursdays during Lent, March 6–April 10

My father's Father

Join us on Thursdays this Lent for a new, six-part video series called "My father's Father."

"God is Father" – This is the life-altering revelation of Jesus. Yet, how many of us struggle to know that we have a Father in heaven who knows, loves, and chooses us as His sons and daughters?

Join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he journeys home to reflect on the urgent need to know God as Father amidst the backdrop of his hometown and the relationship he shared with his dad. This poignant documentary series explores the transformative impact of embracing our inheritance, unraveling the intricate tapestry of fear, doubt, shame, and brokenness to reveal a loving Father—for each of us.

We will be reflecting on the love of God the Father for us, his sons and daughters, through this beautiful series, over some refreshments. We hope to see you there!

Dates: Thursdays, March 6–April 10

Time: 9:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

Location: IC Charity Dining Room

Coffee/tea, Baked goods, and breakfast foods provided.

Note: If there is anyone interested, in an alternative evening gathering, Thursday evenings at 5:45 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (before Adoration), let us know. Contact Aaron Giard, at 978-462-2724 if you are interested in an evening session.

Centering Prayer for Lent

Lent is a time to follow Jesus more closely and learn from him how to pray in silence, spending time placing God at the center of your life, opening yourself to a loving Father, surrendering your will and in trust allowing God to transform you. This interior prayer is how we pray as we Center.

Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian practice available to all who seek transformation through a more intimate relationship with God. This daily practice deepens our faith as we come to better know our God as one who loves us unconditionally just as we are and trust God has plans to give us a future of hope. Centering Prayer helps us say to the Father, "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk. 22: 42).

Please consider joining us and let God move you closer to him. All are welcome as we gather Wednesday evenings from 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Following 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, we practice Lectio Divina. We listen to God's words in scripture, ponder, and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now and contemplate for the following week God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen and our personal relationship with God.

If you are interested in joining us or learning more about these practices please contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483

✝ LENT

Lent begins March 5

Directed Lenten Retreat

Lent: A Time of Choice, Challenge and Change,
Exploring the cost of becoming Jesus' disciple by carrying your cross each day.

If anyone wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to find his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Lk. 9:23–24)

This retreat will focus on the inner work of Lent signified by the outward sign of ashes. It will provide a time and space to engage in interior work to support and explore your public proclamation and respond to Jesus' call. Lent is a time of choice, challenge and change. In Luke we hear Jesus invite us to follow him *if* we are willing to pay the cost of discipleship and be changed. What concretely, does Jesus mean by this?

Ron Rolheiser, OMI responds to this question with insights gathered from James Martin's book, *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, namely taking up your cross daily and giving up your life in order to find a deeper life in Christ means six interpenetrating things that we will explore along with other questions. Why is suffering necessary and salvific? What supports you to change? How do you pray? What is hard to surrender? Where do you resist change? Do you believe in Jesus' promise? The season of Lent calls us to reflect on and explore such questions with faith.

I will provide material for reading and reflection from scripture and a variety of spiritual teachers that reflect your unique relationship with God as we explore these and other questions you may have. We will meet for four in-person or Zoom spiritual direction sessions you schedule throughout retreat. As we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's wisdom, I will listen deeply as you share and together, we allow the Holy Spirit to move us and bless and guide our sharing. 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 March 3. Retreat Closes April 16

Begin retreat any time you choose. Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience.

Spiritual Director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling. Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information.

Suggested donation: \$95.00

Stations of the Cross This Lent

St. Ann: Friday mornings during Lent: 9:00 a.m.
March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, and 18 (Good Friday)

Nativity: Friday evenings during Lent:
5:00 supper, 6:00 Stations
March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, and 11 (no Stations Good Friday)

Immaculate Conception: Friday evenings during Lent:
5:00 Stations, 5:45 supper
March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, and 11 (no Stations Good Friday)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Feb. 15–16	\$3,661.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Feb 14	\$1,414.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,189.09
Total Weekly Offertory, Feb. 15–16	\$8,264.09
IC Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$98,016.00

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 23) is Support of the Church around the World. See page 5 for details. The second collection next weekend (March 2) is Utility and Energy.

*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: hriccatholic.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 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 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!

Altar Server Training

All individuals, 4th grade and older, are invited to join us for three Altar Server training sessions. All sessions are held in IC Church and you must attend all three sessions.

Thursday, 2-27 at 5:00, Thursday, 3-6 at 5:00, and Monday, 3-10 at 4:00 (final session with Fr. Harrison).

If you are interested in attending, please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 and ask for Melinda.

Knights Hospitality Sunday



Join us **Sunday, March 2, 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.

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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

Immaculate Conception School

Cultivating strong relationships among schoolmates is purposeful at Immaculate Conception School. This day-in, day-out effort promotes a sense of community and creates a supportive environment where students can learn from one another and grow together. The Girls Varsity Basketball team benefitted from this approach earlier this month. In a recent game, due to some player absences caused by illness, two JV players, Caroline and Kiera, pictured center holding their award, were called up to join the varsity team. In addition to providing the varsity players a much needed rest when they subbed into the game, they stepped up with remarkable determination and energy, embodying the true spirit of a Pelican.

Photo courtesy of R. Schneider



Each game, the team captains have the esteemed role of awarding the "Pelican Spirit Award" to the player who exhibits the most heart and hustle on the court. The team captains established the Pelican Spirit Award to recognize team members whose contributions positively impact the game in ways other than points on the scoreboard. Caroline and Kiera were awarded the Pelican Spirit Award for their outstanding contributions and inspiring effort, feeling especially proud to be recognized by the team captains. Go Pelicans!

Congratulations to the Immaculate Conception School 2025 Holiday Calendar Winners

Jamie Lawrence 1/4	Alyssa Vigliotti 1/24
Lynae Connelly 1/5	IC Donation 1/25
Audra Dion 1/6	Dianne Dedam 1/26
Louise Lecca 1/7	Melissa Bromby 1/27
Chelsea Kelley 1/8	KC Newnham 1/28
Richard Jones 1/9	Marc Cellana 1/29
Lizzie Valle 1/10	Wanda Traisler 1/30
Chris Meurer 1/11	Joseph Boschetti 1/31
John Mulcahy 1/12	April Knott 2/1
David Carroll 1/13	Leo Poisson 2/2
Chris Morton 1/14	Jamie Lawrence 2/3
Lynda Alford 1/15	Brendan Kelley 2/4
Bob Miller 1/16	Kelly Turner 2/5
Mary Ann Abbott 1/17	George Bellofatto 2/6
Marie Greeley 1/18	John Hajj 2/7
Fred & Tamara Hiittner 1/19	Debra Steeves 2/8
Jonathan or Lynne MacLean 1/20	Natalie Brown 2/9
Cindy Quinn 1/21	IC Donation 2/10
Aileen Routh 1/22	Dael Angelico-Hart 2/11
Sweet Paws Rescue 1/23	Susan Chase 2/12

Thank you to parents, students, alumni, and our community who helped support this fundraiser to make it a success!

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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Feb. 15–16	\$1,381.15
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Feb. 14	\$ 755.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 481.25
Total Weekly Offertory, Feb. 15–16	\$2,617.40
HR Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000	\$26,540.00

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 23) is Support of the Church around the World. See page 5 for details. The second collection next weekend (March 2) is Fuel.

*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.

HR Coffee Hours



Holy Redeemer Coffee Hours are held twice a month to promote fellowship among our parishioners. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and make a new friend!

Please join in the fun **after the 8:30 Mass on February 23 or after the 10:00 Mass on March 2**

Anyone interested in helping with setup, clean up or making “breakfast food” are asked to call Donna Pallone, (978) 886-1621 if interested in helping after the 10:00 Mass (St. Ann) or Cindy Quinn (978-346-0072) if interested in helping after the 8:30 Mass (Nativity).

“Fat Tuesday” Bake Sale

**March 1–2 after all HR Masses:
the Weekend before Ash Wednesday**



The Activities Committee is hosting a “Fat Tuesday” bake sale after all three Masses on **March 1 and 2**. Our cookbooks will be available to purchase for \$15.00.

Stop by the baked goods tables in the foyer at St. Ann and in the hall at Nativity and pick out a few delicious treats to indulge in before the start of Lenten fasting!

Bakers Needed

We are asking for donations for the bake sale. Please plan on baking. Start today and freeze the goodies. Baked goods may be dropped off at the bake sale table prior to going to the Mass you attend or drop off Saturday afternoon at Nativity.

HR Stations of the Cross

St. Ann: Friday Mornings during Lent: 9:00 a.m.

Please join us at St. Ann Church as we follow the Scriptural Way of the Cross introduced by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday 1991. Pope JP II wanted to provide a version of this devotion more closely aligned with the biblical accounts. In 2007 Pope Benedict XVI approved this set of stations for meditation and public celebration.

Please note that Stations on a given Friday may be cancelled if there is a funeral at St. Ann.

Lenten Fridays: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, and 18 (Good Friday) at 9:00 a.m.

**Nativity: Friday evenings during Lent:
5:00 supper, 6:00 Stations**

Nativity will be praying the Stations of the Cross on the Friday evenings during Lent: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, and 11 (no Stations on Good Friday) starting at 6:00 p.m.

We will serve a community supper starting at 5:00 p.m. We will serve supper until 5:55 p.m.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul Raffle

*We have extended the drawing
due to the Mass cancellations last week.*

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Tickets are on sale at all weekend Masses at Nativity, St. Ann, and IC on February 22–23. Winners will be drawn on February 23.



Appreciation Dinner for All Holy Redeemer Volunteers

An appreciation dinner for all Holy Redeemer volunteers will be held on Saturday, March 8 after 4:00 p.m. Mass at Nativity. It will be held in the Merrimac hall. Please RSVP to your Ministry Leader before Wednesday, February 26 so that we may have an accurate count for the dinner. This event is sponsored by the Collaborative Ministry Committee.



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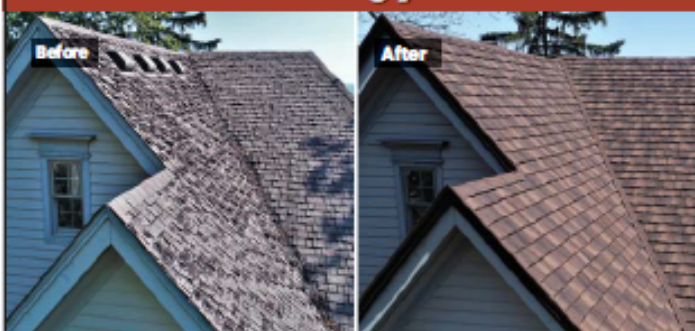
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