

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

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*The Lord God took Abram outside and said,  
“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.  
Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.”*

(Gn 15:5)





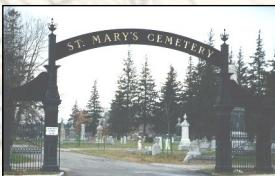
# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985  
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## St. Mary's Cemetery

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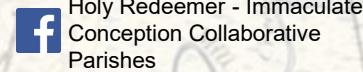
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### Confessions

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



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (3/15)

4:00pm **IC** Sheila Johnson, Mary Joan Bouchard Kenny, Laurel Wightman-Ryti, Valentina Perry (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (3/16)

8:30am **Nativity** Joyce Nevins, Chrisy Grudzien (Fr. Stanley)  
9:00am **IC** Joe Messina, Elaine Murphy (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)  
11:30am **IC** Faris Abu-jawdeh, Rosemary Anderson (Fr. Stanley)

### Monday (3/17)

9:00am **IC** David R. Rock and deceased members of his family (Fr. Stanley)

### Tuesday (3/18)

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

### Wednesday (3/19)

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

### Thursday (3/20)

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

### Friday (3/21)

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

### Saturday (3/22)

4:00pm **IC** Mary Joan Bouchard Kenny, Teresa Snow Bartley, Cliff Bonney, For the intentions of Olivia D'Ambrosio (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (3/23)

8:30am **Nativity** Maria & Jozef Kardas (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)  
10:00am **St. Ann** Maureen Heaton (Fr. Harrison)  
11:30am **IC** Marie A. Burke, For the intentions of Leo S. Burke (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers please remember Mary Prescott, John (Jack) Dewhurst, Roland Michaud, 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](http://hriccatholic.org) as well as our Facebook page.



## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Pondering the night sky is a delight, particularly if you can get away from the lights of the city. The unaided, healthy human eye can perceive between 2500 and 4000 stars on a clear, moonless night far away from sources of any artificial light. That is impressive all by itself! Abram must have been in awe of what he saw that night that God made promises to him and his descendants. With our latest telescopes and technology, we can see many times more! Latest estimates place the number of stars within our own galaxy around 100 billion (yes, with a "B"!) to 400 billion. Multiply that by the estimated number of galaxies in the known universe (200 billion, or so) and you get, conservatively, 20 sextillion stars, if my math is correct. That is 20, with 21 zeroes after it. That's a lot of stars! And, if used as a measure of God's blessing and generosity, it is a simple way of saying that God will give us an immeasurable amount of Grace, if we are faithful in following His Word.



When the stakes get this high and the numbers scroll off the page, we humans tend to glaze-over and shut down. Who, after all, can truly fathom the infinity of God's riches? Even when the latest telescopes and cutting edge equipment look at an "empty" portion of deep, black space...they see many thousands more galaxies, each likely containing billions more stars, each! So, even the emptiness of space contains immeasurable amounts of stars, planets, nebulae, and who knows what else! The lesson here is that it is absurd to ever try and quantify the good things that God has prepared for us who are faithful.

Thus, our Lenten journey continues, our call to holiness is re-framed by the awesomeness that is God. In Christ, we have been given all things. In Christ all mercy has been extended to us, though we deserve none of it. In Christ all forgiveness has been accomplished on a cosmic scale that even the latest science cannot comprehend. In Christ all love has been offered to us, that has the power to rend the hardest of hearts and melt the most frigid of souls. In Christ, we have been given everything. Like Abram of long ago, may we place our faith in the God who saves, that it might also be credited to us as an act of righteousness, an acceptance of every good gift that the God of the universe wants to give us in Christ Jesus. Now that is awesome indeed, and hopefully makes us rethink our sinful ways!

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

*We were pleased to welcome Most Reverend Robert F. Hennessey to Immaculate Conception Church on March 1. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit were conferred upon 39 young men and women. Bishop Hennessey always makes this a very special celebration for those being confirmed as well as for their families and friends. May these newly confirmed be assured of our continued prayers as they take the next step in their journey of faith.*

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

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

### Monday, March 17

**AA Mtg.** 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall  
**Altar Server Training, Session 3** 4:00pm, IC Church

### Tuesday, March 18

**Women's AA Mtg.** 7:00am, St. Ann Hall  
**Breaking Bread Meal** 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
**France Pilgrimage Information Night** 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/St. Louis Hall

**Women at the Well Mtg.** 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room  
**IC Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm, IC Church

### Wednesday, March 19

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library  
**Adoration** 3:00pm, Nativity Church  
**Confessions during Lent** 3:00–4:00pm, Nativity Church  
**IC Youth Choir Rehearsal** 4:30pm, IC Church  
**Cub Scout Pack 26 Mtg.** 5:30pm, Nativity Hall  
**Faith, Fun, & Fellowship Mtg.** 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Thursday, March 20

**My father's Father Series** 9:45am, IC St. Louis Hall  
**Social Action Committee Mtg.** 5:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
**Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church  
**Confessions during Lent** 6:30–8:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, March 21

**St. Ann Stations of the Cross** 9:00am, St. Ann Church  
**HR Activities Committee Mtg.** 9:30am, St. Ann Hall  
**Adoration** 9:30am, IC Church  
**Nativity Simple Supper** 5:00pm, Nativity Hall  
**IC Stations of the Cross** 5:15pm, IC Church  
**IC Simple Supper** 5:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
**Nativity Stations of the Cross** 6:00pm, Nativity Church  
**AA Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Saturday, March 22

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

### Sunday, March 23

**Coffee after Mass** 9:30am, Nativity Hall  
**Faith Formation, Grades K–8**, 10:00am, IC Parish Center

## Pilgrimage Information Night

### Great Shrines and Saints of France 2025

Interested in joining the Pilgrimage? Join us to meet those already registered and to learn more about what we can expect as we travel.

**Place:** Immaculate Conception Parish Center

**When:** **March 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

**What:** Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. in St. James Chapel, 6:45: refreshments, presentation, and Q&A

**More information:** Pilgrimage dates: October 13–25, 2025, visit [www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/](http://www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/) (Booking Code: PB101325)

**Save the date and RSVP** (call or text Christine: 978-968-4140) if you plan to come so we can plan for the size of the crowd.

This Week!

## IC Haiti

The first collection for IC Haiti in 2025 takes place the weekend of **March 22–23**.

Our Collaborative's mission to the schoolchildren of Puit Chacha is in its 15th year, and we are as committed now to this mission as we were when the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school opened in 2010. The most recent reports as to the health, progress, and wellbeing of the children are encouraging despite the ongoing crisis that has rocked Haiti for the past four years. IC Haiti continues to offer hope to families there by offering their children a safe place to learn where they can receive a nourishing breakfast and a hot lunch daily.

During this season of Lent, we appeal to your generosity and for your prayers of support for our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ. Remember the words of Jesus: "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren that you do unto me." (Matthew 25:40)

## 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](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation), for reference. We will have registration forms and schedules for 2025–26 uploaded in July.

### Baptism

No Baptisms will be taking place during the season of Lent. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information regarding this sacrament.

### 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.

### 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](http://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).

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** How does knowing Christ transform your life?



**Child:** How does knowing Jesus make your life better?

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## 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.**

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

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

## Easter Flower Donations

Each Easter we are able to decorate our three churches with Easter flowers as a result of the donations from our parishioners and friends who generously contribute in memory of or in honor of loved ones.

The flowers and other decorations that make our churches look so stunning each Easter would not be possible without your continued support. Please consider making a donation "in memory" of a deceased loved one or "in honor" of someone special in your life.

Flower envelopes have been included in the envelope packets mailed to your home or you can pick up one in the back of any of our churches. Drop them in the collection any Sunday or mail them to the HR or IC offices (see addresses page 2). Deadline to see your gift listed in the April 27 (Divine Mercy Sunday) bulletin is Monday, April 14.

## Men's Retreat



The Guest House of Saint Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, MA has been reserved for the exclusive use of the men of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes from Monday, May 12–Friday, May 16. Spend a week in silent prayer and meditation joining the community of Monks at daily Mass and at various hours of the day and night as they sing the Divine Office. There is also a daily conference given by one of the Monks. The Guest House welcomes 11 guests (all private rooms with bath). The cost for the mid-week retreat is \$500.00 per person with arrival Monday at 3:00 p.m. and departure on Friday after breakfast. Make your reservation with a check payable to Immaculate Conception Parish for \$500.00 (Memo line: Spencer Retreat). Act quickly—there are only 10 spaces. If you have questions or want more information, please see or leave a message in the offices for Fr. George Morin.

## 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 x405 to learn about the process and to get started.

## Adoration



The world is fast, noisy & busy. Why not choose slow, silent, and restful? This option is offered every week.

Be renewed. Be choosy. The rest will follow.

**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)

## Bulletin Information

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

# LENT IN THE COLLABORATIVE

## This Week's Lenten Activities

**Wednesday, March 19**

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Confessions during Lent 3:00–4:00pm, Nativity Church

**Thursday, March 20**

My father's Father Series 9:45am, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Confessions during Lent 6:30–8:00pm, IC Church

**Friday, March 21**

St. Ann Stations of the Cross 9:00am, St. Ann Church

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

Nativity Simple Supper 5:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Stations of the Cross 5:15pm, IC Church

IC Simple Supper 5:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Nativity Stations of the Cross 6:00pm, Nativity Church

**Saturday, March 22**

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

## Helping the Homeless

It's Lent, and time again for our Care Pack Campaign. We've fine-tuned the content this year to better meet the needs of our recipient organizations. Each care pack should contain the five essential items, and then we can add from the list of other items as we have in the past. This year's shopping list is available in all of the churches. The campaign will run through Easter Sunday and we'll sort and ready the packs for delivery on April 26. If you have questions or are interested in helping with sorting, please contact Jonathan at [hricshare@gmail.com](mailto:hricshare@gmail.com).

All Care Packs should contain:

- Shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Liquid Body Wash

## PARISH MISSION!



Fr. Ron Hoye of The God Minute Podcast is offering a mission at IC Church on **March 30, 31, and April 1**. Join us at **7:00 p.m.** each evening. All are welcome!

*Ignite your faith!*

**Want to feel closer to God?**

That's what a parish mission is all about! It blends story, laughter, reflection and scripture into an enjoyable 50 minute presentation each evening. Our presenter this year is Fr. Ron Hoye from St. Louis. For anyone who desires a spiritual boost or spark- come join us for 3 evenings you won't forget. All are welcome (especially kids)!



## Lenten Series

**Thursdays during Lent, March 6–April 10**



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

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 through April 10

**Time:** 9:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

**Location:** IC Charity Dining Room

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

## Confessions for Lent 2025

*Additional Confession times during Lent:*

IC Church, Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m.

**Thursdays** from 6:30–8:00 p.m. on **March 20** and 27, April 3 and 10

Nativity Church, **Wednesdays** from 3:00–4:00 p.m. on **March 19** and April 2

Saint Ann Church, Wednesdays from 6:00–7:00 p.m. on March 26 and April 9

## Stations of the Cross

**St. Ann:** *Friday mornings during Lent: 9:00 a.m.*

March 21, 28, April 4, 11, and 18 (Good Friday)

*More details page 8.*

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

March 21, 28, April 4, and 11 (no Stations Good Friday)

*More details page 8.*

**Immaculate Conception:** *Friday evenings during Lent: 5:15 Stations, 5:45 supper*

March 21, 28, April 4, and 11 (no Stations Good Friday)

## Centering Prayer for Lent

Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian practice available to all who seek transformation through a more intimate relationship with God. Centering Prayer helps us say to the Father, "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk. 22: 42).

Consider joining us and let God move you closer to him. We gather Wednesdays 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.

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

# LENT CONTINUED

## Lenten 5-Week Rosary Challenge

**The Second Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar**

### Spiritual Fruit: Mortification of the Senses

After Jesus was seized in the garden and taken in as a criminal, Pilate orders Jesus to be scourged to satisfy the hardened people. Jesus is bound to the pillar and mercilessly scourged with leather thongs and sharp bones. The scourging strips Him of every ounce of His strength, and every inch of His body is covered in wounds. This mystery teaches us to stand strong in the face of ridicule, criticism, and persecution. It is in Christ alone that we find peace and the strength to defend truth.

(Rosary.com)

### Additional research:

- Biblical Reference: Mark 15:6-15
- Formed video: The Second Sorrowful Mystery
- Rosary in a Year podcast Day 40
- Hallow app has several guests that you can pray the rosary with including: Bishop Barron, Cardinal Dolan, Mark Wahlberg, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, and many others
- YouTube video The Second Sorrowful Mystery
- <https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>



## Directed Lenten Retreat

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.

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. 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?

Material provided for reading and reflection. Four in-person or Zoom spiritual direction sessions scheduled throughout the retreat at your convenience.

**Retreat Opens March 3.      Retreat Closes April 16.**

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

Suggested donation: \$95.00

# HR PARISH

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

*Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you? Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me. (From Matthew 25: 31-46)*

Jesus identifies himself especially with the person in need. Every time we neglect to help a brother or sister in need, we neglect Jesus himself. Our worst sins will be our sins of omission. We can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly and still fail here.

Whether we realize it or not, every time we spontaneously take care of a brother or sister in need, it is Jesus himself we are serving.

*Please pick up your Mite Box from the tables near the entrance to the churches. Try to add a few coins each day to your Mite Box. Simply return your Mite Box during Holy Week. 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 at the churches. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to **HR St. Vincent de Paul**.

## HR Stations of the Cross

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

St. Ann will be praying the Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings during Lent. Please note that Stations on a given Friday may be cancelled if there is a funeral at St. Ann.



Lenten Fridays: March 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 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.

## Catholic Appeal



Next weekend, the 2025 Catholic Appeal will officially launch here at HR parish. As your pastor, I hope and encourage you to join me in making a gift to this year's Catholic Appeal.

As we celebrate the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, our participation in the Catholic Appeal signifies an important way that we can share Christ's promise, care, and love with others. For those who have already made a gift, please know that I am deeply grateful. We are hoping to have 100% participation from our parish! When we reach our Appeal goal of \$28,800, our parish will receive funds back for our local programs and ministries. To make an online gift, please visit: [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org).

Thank you for moving us "Forward in Faith"!

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

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| HR Offertory, March 8-9                     | \$2,042.00        |
| IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending March 7 | \$ 390.00         |
| HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving           | \$ 451.25         |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, March 8-9</b>    | <b>\$2,883.25</b> |
| Monthly, March 8-9                          | \$8,305.00        |
| Ash Wednesday: Catholic Charities, March 5  | \$1,051.00        |
| HR Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000             | \$26,540.00       |

The second collection this weekend (March 16) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (March 23) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."** See page 4 for more details.

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: [hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving](http://hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving).



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## Activities Committee Updates

The next Activities Committee meeting will be **Friday, March 21 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Ann hall** after Stations of the Cross. We will be discussing: Fr. Stanley's 80th Birthday party, palm cross weaving class and Palm Sunday Coffee Hours with palm weaving, our "wish list" (outdoor Nativity, mason work, kitchen split), Memorial Day, and the chicken BBQ. If you have any ideas about future activities, please bring your ideas along!

## HR Cookbook Corner: Faith & Food

**Simple Friday Suppers for Lent Series**  
Friday March 21, 2025

In the gospel for Friday of the Second Week of Lent, Jesus tells us "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;".

**Reflection** Are we willing to make Jesus the cornerstone of every aspect of our lives?.

**Simple Friday Supper Menu** Blessing Before Meals (Cookbook page PP-5)  
Creamy Tomato Tortellini Soup (page 18)  
Scottish Oat Scones (page 99)

If you do not have a copy of the HR parish cookbook, Our Favorite Recipes and would like to purchase one, please stop in at the IC parish offices during business hours and ask for Melinda. The cookbooks are \$15.00 each and make wonderful gifts!



## Time to Celebrate

### Fr. Stanley's 80th Birthday

The HR Activities Committee invites all to celebrate with Fr. Stanley on this very happy occasion!

**When/Where:** Sunday, March 30 at St. Ann Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Join us for a festive **Birthday Brunch** featuring delicious home baked treats, great coffee, and—of course—birthday cake!



Nativity hall was filled with food, gratitude, and fellowship on Saturday, March 8 as we celebrated the hard-working volunteers of our parish. What a wonderful gathering.

## 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 March 23 or after both Sunday Masses on April 13** for coffee and palm cross making classes.

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).

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

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| IC Offertory, March 8-9                     | \$5,404.00         |
| IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending March 7 | \$1,865.00         |
| IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving           | \$3,250.84         |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, March 8-9</b>    | <b>\$10,519.84</b> |

Monthly, March 8-9 \$1,888.00

Ash Wednesday: Catholic Charities, March 5 \$2,883.00

IC Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000 \$99,306.00

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**IC Catholic Appeal**  
Goal: \$59,300.00  
To Date: \$8,540.00

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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.

## 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.svdpnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnewburyport.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!

## Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School JV Girls Basketball Team and the JV Boys Basketball Team are North Shore Catholic Elementary School Basketball League Champions!! Both teams played the JV teams from St. John's Peabody for the title on Thursday, March 6 at Bishop Fenwick High School. The bleachers were packed with fans from both teams, along with graduates from both schools who now attend Fenwick High School. Both IC teams scored first, and maintained the lead for the duration of the games, although St. John's came within just a few points on several occasions. In the end, both IC teams were victorious, and now hold the 2025 league title. We are excited for the next few years of IC basketball, as these two JV teams mature to play varsity. Although winning is a perk, the positive mindset of the players, the support they give each other, and the pride they exhibit as IC Pelicans is the real success story. Congratulations to our teams—GO PELICANS!!



JV Teams win NSCESBL Championship!  
Photo courtesy of J. Sullivan.

## Time to Celebrate

### Fr. Stanley's Birthday

The Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Committee is happy to announce there will be a **Birthday Dinner Celebration** in IC St. Louis Hall after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on March 29 to celebrate Fr. Charles Stanley's 80th birthday.

If you would like to attend please reserve your seat as soon as possible as St. Louis Hall can seat only 70 attendees. To reserve your seat please contact Nancy via text or call at 978-270-1579.



## Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Scientific Education for IC Parish Students

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to [maryakscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:maryakscholarship@gmail.com).

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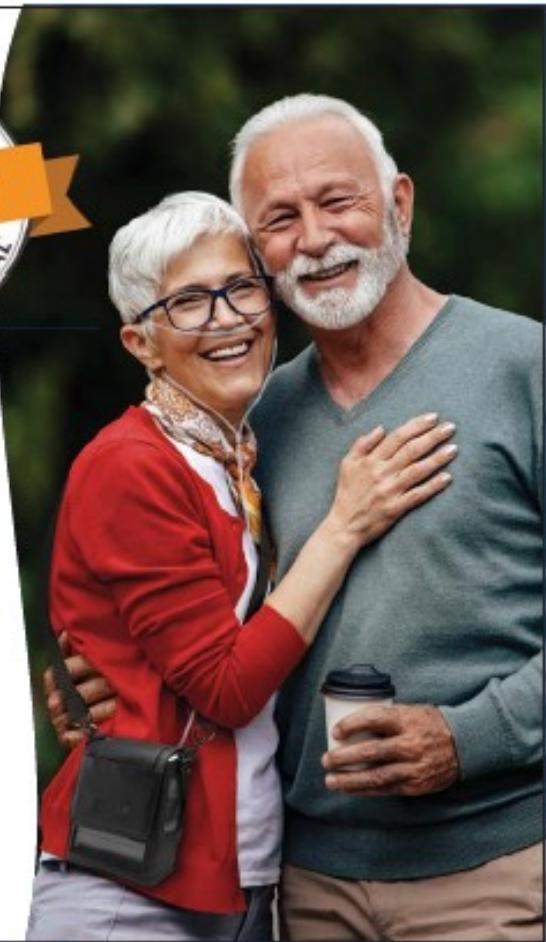
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