

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Third Sunday of Lent

### March 23, 2025

[hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org)

All Are Welcome



*God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!"*

*He answered, "Here I am."*

*God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet,  
for the place where you stand is holy ground.*

*I am the God of your fathers," he continued,  
"the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob."*

(Ex 3:4–6)



# COLLABORATIVE MISSION!



## Immaculate Conception Church

March 30, 31, and April 1, at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

Fr. Ron Hoyer, founder of *The God Minute* Podcast, is offering a mission at IC Church. All are welcome!

## *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 Hoyer, a Vincentian priest from St. Louis, MO.

For anyone who desires a spiritual boost or spark- come join us for three evenings you won't forget. All are welcome (especially kids)!



## *Ignite your faith!*

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (3/22)

4:00pm **IC** *Teresa Snow Bartley, Mary Joan Bouchard Kenny, 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 Karda* (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)  
10:00am **St. Ann** *Maureen Heaton* (Fr. Harrison)  
11:30am **IC** *George & Jane Postle, Gaylord & Doris Evey, Marie A Burke, for the intentions of Leo S. Burke* (Fr. Stanley)

### Monday (3/24)

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

### Tuesday (3/25)

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

### Wednesday (3/26)

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

### Thursday (3/27)

9:00am **IC** *John B. Vander Sande* (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (3/28)

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

### Saturday (3/29)

4:00pm **IC** *Vivian Amadei, Garry F. Doyle, Beverly L. Doyle* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (3/30)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Ron Hoyer & Deacon Moranski)  
10:00am **St. Ann** *Michaelina & James DiResta* (Fr. Stanley)  
11:30am **IC** *Gene Talford* (Fr. Harrison & Fr. Ron Hoyer)

*In your prayers please remember Donald Beaulieu, Larry Boothroyd, 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: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) as well as our Facebook page.

## 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, April 8 at 7:00 p.m.** For more info. call 978-225-0804 or email [kofc231@outlook.com](mailto:kofc231@outlook.com).

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What in your life do you need God to help you with the most?

**Child:** Do you remember to ask God for help with things that you struggle with at home or in school?

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In the third release of the Indiana Jones movies, *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, there is a wonderful scene near the end of the film that has our hero, Indiana Jones, who is desperate to save his dying father, willing to enter a danger-riddled passageway to retrieve the Holy Grail—the actual cup used by Christ at the Last Supper—which will give eternal life to whomever drinks from it. In his father's book of ancient research notes, he reads that "only the penitent man" may pass through the entranceway, known as the "Breath of God." Several decapitated bodies remind him of divine judgment and what awaits him if he is not found to be "penitent." At the last second, he recalls that the "penitent man" is humbled before God...and bows down, just as the swinging blades of the booby-trapped corridor whisk only inches above, where a prouder, more self-righteous man would have lost his head. Although it is classic Hollywood drama, the message is clear: humility is required if one wants to live in God's presence.



This weekend's Gospel offers a similar message. Responding to the notion that some people perished in a tragedy due to some fault or sin of their own, Jesus reassures his followers that these victims were no more sinners than anyone else, "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" The need for repentance and a continuous turning back to God is an

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## 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.



# 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 24

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

### Tuesday, March 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, March 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 Scouts Mtg.** 5:00pm, St. Ann Hall

**Confessions during Lent** 6:00–7:00pm, St. Ann Church

### Thursday, March 27

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

**Seacoast Meal Providers Mtg.** 11:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

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

### Friday, March 28

**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

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

### Saturday, March 29

**Pastoral Council Mtg.** 9:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

**Fr. Stanley 80th Birthday Celebration** 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Sunday, March 30

**Fr. Stanley 80th Birthday Celebration** 11:00am, St. Ann Hall

**Collaborative Mission, Night 1** 7:00pm, IC Church

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

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essential part of the life of the disciple not only an occasional action. St. Paul will remind us in his Letter to the Romans, "For there is no distinction; all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God." (3:23) Fortunately, he will also go on to say, "They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus." (3:24) It just goes to underscore the need we all have to be about works of penance and to be always seeking ways to better our relationship with God. It is Lent, embodied.

The image of the fig tree, barren of fruit and draining the soil of its nutrients is a sobering reminder that while God is patient, and willing to give every living being its chance to bring forth a harvest for the Kingdom, God's patience is not infinite. There will come a time when we need to respond to all of the nurturing and opportunities we have received. We do need to produce fruit.

I look forward every year to enjoying some fresh figs when they become available in the supermarkets usually in the late summer or early fall. Their delicate flavor and sweetness are a joy to behold. God looks for this same joy in us when we more completely conform our lives to His Will, when we are more about His works, than off, "doing our own thing." The prophet Hosea reminds us, "for it is loyalty that I desire, not sacrifice, and knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings." (Hosea 6:6) Becoming closer to God, being penitent, means a willingness to reorder our lives in such a way that God's love becomes our first priority, lived-out in all of our relationships and brought to bear in all of the encounters we experience day-in and day-out.

May our Lenten penance bear much fruit in our lives and for God's Kingdom this week.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

## Recitation of the Rosary

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



## 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)

## Follow Us on Instagram

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## Catholic Appeal

"The Catholic Appeal is our way of acting in solidarity to spread hope." -Archbishop Richard G. Henning



Please enter into solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need and spread hope by making a gift today. Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Archbishop Richard Henning's invitation to contribute. Together we are on our way to great success. Thank you for your support!

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

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 6). Deadline to see your gift listed in the April 27 (Divine Mercy Sunday) bulletin is Monday, April 14.

## Collaborative Faith Formation

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

Registration forms are no longer available for 2024–25, but the schedule is 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).

## 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



Join us for Adoration. Enter the mystery of Jesus truly present in the Monstrance. He is there. 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)

## Bulletin Information

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

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### St. Mary's Cemetery Spring Clean-up

Mill City Management Corporation will begin its spring clean-up at St. Mary's Cemetery, Newburyport on April 1.

Family members wishing to save any personal, holiday or seasonal decorations or any other mementos should remove them before April 1. **Any items remaining after April 1 will be discarded.** Rules and regulations are posted at the cemetery's main gate. We thank you for your cooperation.

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## HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

**Next delivery is Wednesday, March 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 contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724.*

## LENT

### Lenten 5-Week Rosary Challenge

**The Third Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning of Thorns**

**Spiritual Fruit:** Reign of Christ in our hearts

Jesus is taken into the Praetorium and clothed in an old purple cloak. The soldiers weave a crown of thorns and placing it on His head, they force the thorns deep into His scalp. The soldiers bow and spit upon Him in mockery of His claimed Kingship. Jesus is tortured horrendously and then taken to Pilate for final judgement. Pilate, noticing that the crowds are still not appeased by the pitiful sight before them, allows for Jesus to be turned over to death, and the murderous Barrabas to be released in His place. This mystery teaches us of the unspeakable humiliation



Christ endured for reparation of our sins. Through Christ's humiliation, He upholds the dignity of all those who are demeaned by violence (Rosary.com)

Additional research:

- Biblical Reference: John 19: 1-8
- 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



# LENT IN THE COLLABORATIVE

## This Week's Lenten Activities

### Wednesday, March 26

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Confessions during Lent 6:00–7:00pm, St. Ann Church

### Thursday, March 27

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

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

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, March 28

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 29

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

### Sunday, March 30

Collaborative Mission, Night 1 7:00pm, IC Church

## Collaborative Lenten Mission

**Lenten Mission with the Father Ron Hoye, C.M.**  
**March 30, 31, and April 1 at 7:00 p.m. at IC Church.**

Mission speaker, Father Ron Hoye, a Vincentian priest, is based in St. Louis, MO. Fr. Ron holds bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy, theology, and ethics and was involved in campus ministry at DePaul University where he taught Business Ethics and World Religions.

Currently, he serves as director of Catholic TeamWorks, a collaborative effort of Catholic evangelization and spirituality in the digital landscape, and is the founder of *The God Minute*, a daily podcast focused on Scripture, reflection, and music. A published author, Fr. Ron travels the country leading missions and leadership renewal.

Join us each evening at 7:00 p.m. to share in faith, fellowship, music, and laughter with this energetic speaker as we continue our Lenten journey.



## 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.

### All Care Packs should contain travel-size:

Shampoo  
Deodorant  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Liquid body wash

### Then you can add any of the following:

Razor  
Shave cream  
Socks  
Cough drops  
Rain poncho  
Chapstick  
Hand sanitizer

Body lotion  
Face and/or body wipes  
Kleenex  
Life Savers/protein bars  
Feminine hygiene products  
**No mouthwash or cash**

## 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.

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.*

My  
father's  
Father

## Confessions for Lent 2025

*Additional Confession times during Lent:*

IC Church, **Saturdays** 3:00–3:30 p.m.

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

Nativity Church, **Wednesday** 3:00–4:00 p.m. on April 2

Saint Ann Church, **Wednesdays** 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 28, April 4, 11, and 18 (Good Friday)



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

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

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

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, March 15–16	\$4,730.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending March 14	\$1,660.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,250.84
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, March 15–16</b>	<b>\$9,640.84</b>
Ongoing Church Maintenance, March 15–16	\$1,847.00
IC Grand Annual, <b>Goal Reached!</b>	<b>\$100,306.00</b>

The second collection this weekend (March 23) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."** See page 4 for more details. No second collection next weekend (March 30).

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](http://hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving).

## Immaculate Conception School

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Limited Openings Remain for 2024/25

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



IC Ambassadors

## 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).

Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed to the Trustees no later than **Tuesday, April 15, 2025.**

## IC St. Vincent de Paul

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

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



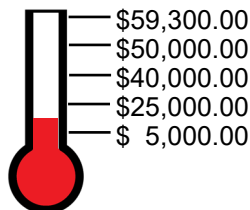
### Breaking Bread Meal

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!



**IC Catholic Appeal**  
**Goal: \$59,300.00**  
**To Date: \$14,190.00**

Visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to learn more or to donate.



## 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.

## Bakers Needed

If you can bake some cookies or a dessert for Fr. Stanley's 80th birthday celebration on March 29, please text or call Kathie at 978-992.6450 with what you are making. Thank you.



### Newburyport Choral Society to Perform at IC

On **Friday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m.** and **Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m.** the **Newburyport Choral Society (NCS)**, will perform contemporary composer Dan Forrest's *Jubilate Deo*, and other celebratory music to mark the 90th anniversary of NCS. Both performances will be held at Immaculate Conception Church.

Directed by Dr. Minji Kim, the program will feature the 110-voice chorus, a 17-piece orchestra, organ and piano. Please join in the celebration! For information, visit [www.newburyportchoralsociety.org/events](http://www.newburyportchoralsociety.org/events).



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## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, March 15–16	\$2,584.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending March 14	\$ 325.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 451.25
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, March 15–16</b>	<b>\$3,360.25</b>
Ongoing Church Maintenance, March 15–16	\$ 685.00
HR Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000	\$26,540.00

The second collection this weekend (March 23) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."** See page 4 for more details. No second collection next weekend (March 30).

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to **Holy Redeemer Parish** with the second collection noted in the memo.

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

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

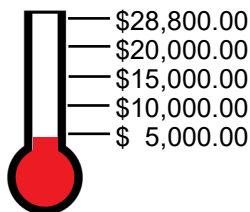


### HR Catholic Appeal

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Visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to learn more or to donate.



## 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 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).

## 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. We will follow the Scriptural Way of the Cross introduced by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday 1991. Note that Stations on a given Friday may be cancelled if there is a funeral at St. Ann.

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

**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 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.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

### Neighbors in Need

Your generosity with recent fundraisers and donations has allowed our conference to help three neighbors:

- Trisha and Mike were overdue on their utilities due to a sudden need for car repairs. You were able to pay the overdue balances for electricity and water for this family of five.
- Nancy was homeless but has moved into public housing. She had nothing. You were able to provide a bed and linens for her first night in her new home.
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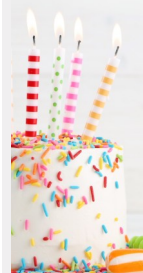
*It's not too late to pick up your Mite Box from the tables near the entrance to the church. Try to add a few coins each day to your Mite Box. Simply return your Mite Box during Holy Week. Thank you!*

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**.



## 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!

## HR Cookbook Corner: Faith & Food

### Simple Friday Suppers for Lent Series

Friday March 28, 2025

In the gospel for Friday of the Third Week of Lent, Jesus answers the question: Which is the first of all commandments? The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

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

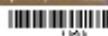
**Simple Friday Supper Menu** Blessing Before Meals (Cookbook page PP-5)  
Minestrone Soup (page 23)  
Blueberry Muffins (page 101)

*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!*

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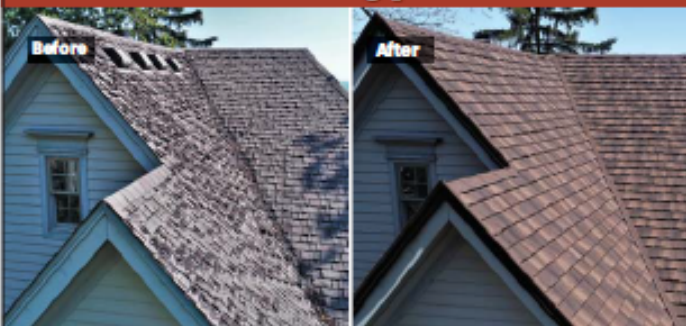
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