

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

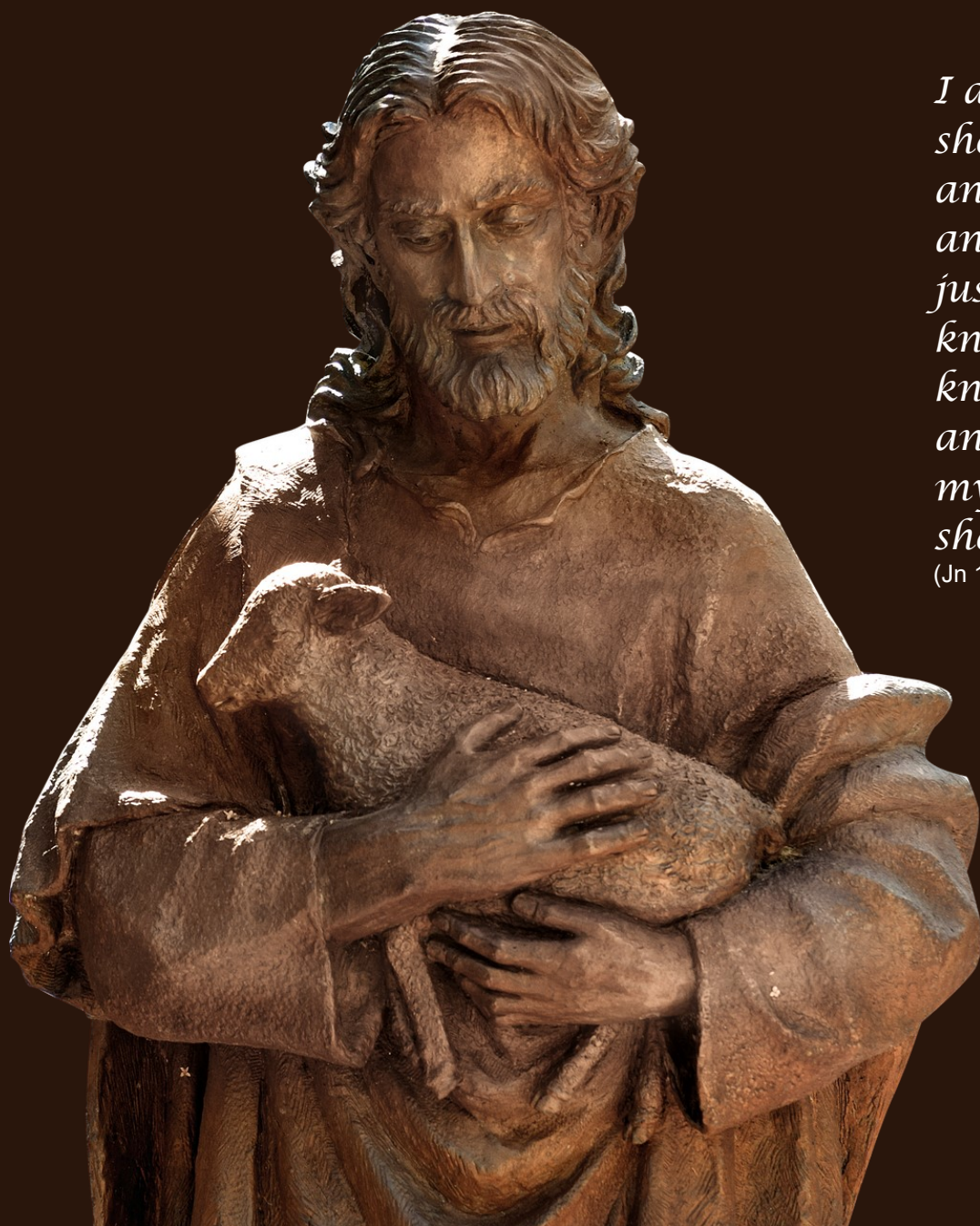
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

All Are Welcome

hricatholic.org



*I am the good
shepherd,
and I know mine
and mine know me,
just as the Father
knows me and I
know the Father;
and I will lay down
my life for the
sheep.*

(Jn 10:14–15)



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

Phone: 978-346-8604

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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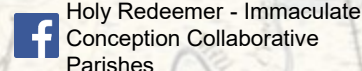
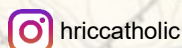
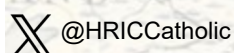
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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (4/20)

4:00pm **IC** Alex Hasapis, Fran Cundari, Maddie Corbett, Richard Barron, Jessica Gill (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

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

Sunday (4/21)

8:30am **Nativity** Helen & Joseph Duda and Family (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am **IC** Tom & Helen O'Donnell, Al Smith (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** David McLaughlin (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (4/22)

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

Tuesday (4/23)

9:00 am **IC** Nicola, Angelina, and Francesco Maiello (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (4/24)

No Daily Mass

Thursday (4/25)

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

Friday (4/26)

9:00am **IC** For the needs of all Families, Robert Parks (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (4/27)

4:00pm **IC** Alex Hasapis, Elizabeth J. Hanlon, Dr. Vincent Russo (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** Leonard Desmarais, Frederick Jones & Helen Burke Jones (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (4/28)

8:30am **Nativity** Joyce Nevins (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am **IC** Natalie Ann Niehaus (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC 175th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Joan Caswell, Beverly Doyle, 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.

No Daily Mass on Wednesday

Please note that there is no daily Mass scheduled for Wednesday, April 24 at IC Church.

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council 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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, just about everyone I know took at least a few minutes to wander outside and catch a glimpse of the Solar Eclipse. Whether you packed an overnight bag and travelled north to Vermont or New Hampshire where the totality would cast that part of the world into total darkness for a few precious moments, or maybe you just enjoyed the very strange and unique local dimming...the eclipse brought many of us together to be part of something special, "a celestial bonding moment," if you will.



This weekend in Christian churches across the world, we celebrate what has become known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Using the common cycle of lectionary readings, the Fourth Sunday of Easter always features a Gospel reading that speaks of Christ, our Good Shepherd. Contrasts are often drawn in these passages between earthly hirelings who work for pay and are not invested in the flock they guide to Christ, who is always faithful to those entrusted to His care. The hireling will run at the first sign of trouble, will seek to save his own life rather than fight off the wolves, and sees the flock as a source of food and income, to be harvested and exploited as needed for economic gain. Christ, on the other hand, is emphasized as being in a deep, trusting relationship with His sheep—caring for them, leading them to pasture and clean, running water. He protects them from the wild beasts and brings the flock to a place of shelter at night, where He uses His own body as a protective gate ("I am the sheep gate") against the terrors of the night so that the flock can rest secured from all harm. Christ, the Good Shepherd, knows His sheep, and the flock knows Him, responding instinctually to His voice, knowing and trusting that He will never lead them astray.

Sometimes, for better or worse, we priests and clergy are cast in the role of being a shepherd (hopefully a good one!) Language is often used where we "lead our flock" or "shepherd the souls" entrusted to our care. We are tasked with "feeding the flock" with Word and Sacrament, guiding them to spiritual places of nourishment. We sometimes find ourselves working hard to protect them from a whole variety of harms that swirl around our society that often are just waiting for a moment to pounce and prey on wounded, vulnerable souls. Our "sheep" sometimes get lost and need to be found. Some are very needy and demand constant attention. Others get stuck in the rocks or among the brush and need some rescuing. A few will offer an occasional head-butt if they feel slighted by our pastoral care, or if we happen to be in their way when it is time to move forward. Just as their woolly counterparts, parishioners have a wide variety of personalities that go to make up the diverse flock that we call a parish and our wider, universal Church. It is an interesting analogy that can be mined for many riches and treasured insights.

From a priest's perspective, it is a joy to walk a long journey

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, April 22

Bible Study 9:45am, IC Conference Room 209

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

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

Tuesday, April 23

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm, IC Church

Wednesday, April 24

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program 7-9am, St Ann Hall

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:15pm, IC Church

Thursday, April 25

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, April 26

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, April 27

Pastoral Council Mtg. 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, April 28

First Communion Retreat 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

175th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving 11:30am, IC Church

Crowning of Mary 12:30pm, IC Church Grounds

IC Confirmation Prep., Year 1 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep., Year 1 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Boston Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Cardinal Seán's invitation! As Catholics, each of us shares the responsibility of the Church community—both directly within our Collaborative and to the greater Church. Thank you for responding in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Appeal. We are stronger together and your generous participation is greatly appreciated! To make a gift online, visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.



Questions of the Week



Adult: What qualities of God does the image of the Good Shepherd call to mind for you?

Child: What do you think Jesus means when He says He is the Good Shepherd?

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with a specific group of people, in a particular place. Over the time we spend together in worship, celebrating life's most joyful and sorrowful moments, encountering one another in places of work, school, shopping, and play; we get to know each other in a way that is truly blessed. Sharing Sacraments and meals, conversations and chance encounters, our faith is exchanged and strengthened. Together, we learn to recognize the voice of our Good Shepherd, living among us. Together, we follow His lead, expressed through our common prayer and constant discernment to follow a path of holiness that is written both in our hearts and among our shared concerns.

In a way that goes far beyond a mere planetary event, I hope that our common relationship with our Good Shepherd brings us together not only to seek the things we need here on earth, but ultimately one day, to our heavenly home where we can find true rest and lasting peace.

Wishing you all continued Easter Blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

San Marcos Coffee Sale

April 20-21



Finally the coffee is coming! I know many of you have been waiting patiently to get your hands on more of this specialty Honduran coffee. We will be selling at all Collaborative Masses on **Saturday and Sunday April 20 and 21. \$10 per pound** for

whole bean or ground. Your purchase helps the poor farmers earn a fair wage for their hard work.

Gracias from Honduras!

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



Knights of Columbus
Massachusetts
State Council

For more information visit:
kofc.org/join



Pelican Intervention Fund



To date we have placed 135 local men and women into 12-step residential sober living. 12-step recovery programs receive no federal/state funding and insurance won't cover costs due to its faith-based nature. So, your support is more important than ever.

The Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes can be dropped in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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
Marjorie Barr	Jane Harney	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P. Brodeur	Chloe Hequet	Joanne Pesa
Priscilla Brown	Rosemarie Hines	Donika Pulake
Vasfije Buhali	Linda Hofferty	Rose Raimo
Autumn Rose	Armand Hyatt	Maureen Russell
Coulombe	Justin Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Bill Crouse	Michael Juralewicz	Frank Siderio
Drew Daubach	Karen L.	Yvonne Sloban
Kristen	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
D'Entremont	Johannah Lord	Arlene Stoddard
Deb Downie	Sia Mahalati	Captain Bill Taplin
Ann-Margaret	Patricia Carey	Tom Tribble
Ferrante	McCarthy	Michael Tucker
Jeanine Ebacher	Maryann Mikson	Maddie Villers
Fowler	Ann Murphy	Laurent Vincent
John Flynn	Carol O'Neal	

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.

Shawls and Lapghans



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673.

Come join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! All are welcome.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 2 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

Adoration:

This is Jesus' Real Self



Eucharistic Adoration is the most conspicuous demonstration of taking Jesus at His word when He pronounced at the Last Supper: "This is My Body."

Come & worship the Real Presence of the Lord at Adoration. The Adorer groups gather:

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)

New time and location:

Wednesdays 3:00–4:00 p.m. (no Benediction), Nativity Church

Hope Rising: IC Haiti

Despite the almost daily disconcerting news we see on TV, online, and in the newspapers about the situation in Haiti, the Board of Directors for IC Haiti want to assure parishioners of both Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception that our mission to Haiti is alive and well. The Father Marc Piché Elementary School is open every school day, educating 169 children and providing them with hot meals. The same is true for the 89 older students we provide tuition for to attend the nearest secondary schools. And student attendance at all levels has been exemplary. We know this to be true because our partner organization in Haiti, Health Equity International (formerly known as St. Boniface Haiti Foundation), serves as our "eyes on the ground," and they provided us with this reassuring information in a face-to-face conference via Zoom earlier this month.

In this Easter season, we choose to see hope rising when we look at our mission in Haiti. When IC Haiti was first formed back in 2009, we adopted the motto "IC Haiti: I see Hope." Now that our mission has become a collaborative effort of IC parishioners and Holy Redeemer parishioners, we've chosen to adopt a new motto: **"Hope Rising: IC Haiti."**

Let us not lose hope. Let us not waver in our commitment to the people whom we have been blessed by God to serve. Rather let us rejoice in this mission, and with the eyes of faith let us truly see hope rising. Thanks to all you hopeful people who continue to support IC Haiti.

Bulletin Information

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

Collaborative Calendar



Did you know we have an online Collaborative calendar? It lists Mass times and all Collaborative events and activities. Access it through the calendar tab on our website: hriccatholic.org or you can scan the QR code.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, April 24



This program delivers soup and sandwiches to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.

PLEASE NOTE: We are suspending the delivery of soups until the fall. Casseroles are still welcome!

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 and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. Please do not use condiments. Also welcome are party-sized powdered drink mixes such as iced tea and Kool-Aid, along with fresh fruits and goodies!

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

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.



Collaborative Faith Formation Summer Program

Summer Faith Formation program dates for grades 3–8 are June 24–28. Registration forms are available online: hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Baptism

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

Confirmation

In January, Cardinal Seán announced his decision to move the Sacrament of Confirmation from 10th grade to 8th grade. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation process will be changing. While we are working on how this change will be rolled out, please help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not yet be aware. Program updates will be made available as they occur.

Newburyport Choral Society Spring Concert

Resilience and Hope

Please join us on Saturday May 4 at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 p.m. at Pentucket Regional High School's new auditorium in West Newbury for an inspiring concert of some of the most passionate choral music ever written. The performance features Maurice Duruflé's glorious and ethereal *Requiem*, and music of 20th and 21st Century female composers, and will be accompanied by an 18-piece orchestra, strings, trumpets, timpani, harp, piano, and organ. For details and tickets, go to newburyportchoralsociety.org.

Mission Sox Sock Drive

Mission Sox is an organization that began last year to raise awareness for clothing insecurity, beginning with the most overlooked clothing necessity: socks! We collected and donated over 1500 pairs of new socks last spring. This year, our goal is to gather over 2000 pairs of socks and we need your help! Look for sox boxes and flyers at Immaculate Conception Church (Pastoral Center). We want donating to be accessible to everyone so the whole city can take part in making a difference by helping people struggling with clothing insecurity and/or homelessness.

Collections will start on April 9, the Red Sox home opener, and finish on May 9. Keep an eye out and spread the word!

Follow us on Instagram: @missionsox.

Charitable Sewing Day

Little Dresses for Africa is an organization that delivers dresses to girls who need appropriate clothing to wear to school. These dresses not only provide a practical use, they are a message of hope and love for God's vulnerable children.



In addition to dresses, if we have time, we will be making reusable, washable menstrual pads to give young women the opportunity to still attend school while on their period.

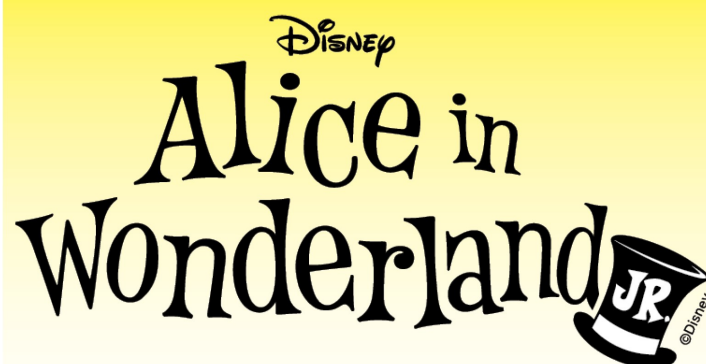
When: Saturday, April 27, 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Instructions and fabric will be provided

Where: St. Mary's, Georgetown Parish Hall
94 Andover St., Georgetown, MA

If you do not have a sewing machine, we have a limited number available for use. First come, first served by pre-registration. Pre-registration is required for everyone. To register, contact Annie Rhodes by text at 978-884-1804.

Immaculate Conception School Presents:



**Thursday, April 25 & Friday 26, 2024 at
6:30pm**

Immaculate Conception School Stage

Free Admission - Donations Accepted at the Door

Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY
212-541-4684 mtishows.com

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, April 13–14	\$1,800.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending April 12	\$ 600.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 310.00
Total Weekly Offertory, April 13–14	\$2,710.00
HR Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000	\$21,785.00

The second collection this weekend (April 21) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (April 28) is the Monthly.

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

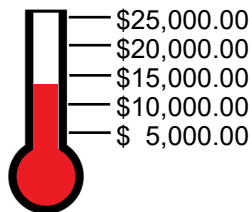
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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



HR Catholic Appeal
Goal **\$25,000.00**
To Date **\$14,035.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



IC Haiti's Gratitude to Holy Redeemer Parish

The Board Members of IC Haiti are most grateful to the parishioners of Holy Redeemer Parish for your continuing support for the school community in Puit Chacha, Haiti. The parishioners of Immaculate Conception began this mission fifteen years ago, and in recent years you have added your financial and spiritual support. In recognition of your invaluable contribution to the IC Haiti mission, the Board has decided to add the following words to the IC Haiti logo: **HOPE RISING**. Although this is a seemingly minor change, it is one that signals the unity of our collaborative effort. "Hope Rising: IC Haiti."

(The official name for IC Haiti will remain the same due to our legal non-profit organization status both with the State of Massachusetts and the Federal Internal Revenue Service. All donation checks should be made out to **IC Haiti** only.)

Vacation Bible School at HR



Mark your calendars for July 22–26 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon for a *Stellar* week of VBS at Nativity hall. Registration forms are available on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/vbs-stellar.

Nativity Coffee after Mass

All are invited to the Holy Redeemer Coffee Hour after the 8:30 Mass at Nativity on Sunday, April 21.



HR St. Vincent de Paul

More than 2,000 years ago, a perfect sacrifice made on a cross forever changed the future for all humankind. The Easter season challenges us to follow Christ's example by making small acts of sacrificial love. Beyond addressing urgent needs, these acts serve as a witness to the Gospel in the lives of those less fortunate.



When we give to address hunger and hardship, we help families regain their hope for the future. Families are given the ability to overcome the challenges in their lives and to embrace the joy of Christ's Easter promise. We encourage you to put your faith into action this Easter season in Christ's holy name!

We always appreciate your use of the envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or **placed in the poor boxes**. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to **HR St. Vincent de Paul**.

As always, anything that you can give is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Spring Awakening Raffle



Watch for our raffle coming in May, sponsored by the HR Activities Committee.

\$5.00 a chance to win 1 of three \$100.00 gift certificates to either Michael's Harborside-Newburyport, Loretta's-Newburyport or Texas Roadhouse.

Watch for tickets on sale after Masses starting in May and we will draw the winners on May 19: Pentecost Sunday. The Activities Committee is planning on using the money raised to buy flowers and mulch for the outside of both churches.



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HR NEWS

Adoration at Nativity Church



Beginning on April 17, Eucharistic Adoration (without Benediction) will be offered on Wednesdays from 3:00– 4:00 p.m. at Church of the Nativity. Join us weekly for one hour of Sacred Silence.

Communion to the Homebound

If you are a Holy Redeemer parishioner who is homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis, we would like to offer you the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. Please let us know. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-346-8604 to schedule a visit.

HR Online Giving

To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402.

The God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called *The God Minute*. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free.



Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. www.thegodminute.org.

Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, hriccatholic.org for information on groups, meetings, faith formation, Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our **calendar**, **Twitter**, **Instagram**, and **Facebook** pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, check out the photos tab, or see our Get Involved tab to see how your talents can be utilized.

IC NEWS

IC Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving

April 28, 2024, 11:30 a.m.



Our 175th anniversary year is coming to an official close on May 15. It is hard to believe the year has passed so quickly! It has been an exciting, energizing, and sacred communal time.

In celebration of the past 12 months of shared events, a special concluding Mass will be celebrated on April 28 at 11:30 a.m. followed by the crowning of Mary on Green Street.

Join us in this Liturgy of Thanksgiving as we recall the many blessings of the last twelve months, the people who shared in our celebration, the bonds which have been formed, and the promise of the future of our Parish, our Collaborative, and our community.

A souvenir program book will be distributed to all parishioners as a reminder of this year of faith, fun, and fellowship.

With blessings, Fr. Tim, Pat Temple (Chair)
Patty and David Olds (Co-Chairs)



Harvest Fair 2024

Our first planning meeting for the October 19 Harvest Fair is Wednesday, May 8, at 9:45 in the IC Charity dining room at St. Louis Hall

Many hands are needed to make this a success. If you can help, please join us.

Betty Harrington, Chairman, IC Fair Committee

Raffle Items Wanted

Do you have any items that were given to you for Christmas that you don't want or can't use? Why not put them away for our Fall Fair on October 19. They would be a welcome addition on our raffle table. We will be calling for donations in the bulletin beginning in September.

Thanks from the IC 2024 Fall Fair Committee.

Family Resource Table

We will provide different printables, activities, crafts, recipes, displays, and more to help celebrate feasts, seasons, and saints to take home.

Please remember that the **Mass rings/prayer rings and books should be returned to the table after Mass**. Families, please look around to see if you mistakenly took any home and return them to the table. Thank you.

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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, April 13–14	\$5,035.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending April 12	\$2,737.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$2,815.59
Total Weekly Offertory, April 13–14	\$10,587.59
IC Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$85,605.00

The second collection this weekend (April 21) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

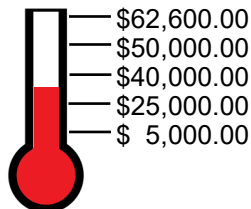
Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo. If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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



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Car Donation Needed

We are seeking the donation of a car in good running order for a Newburyport single mom. Her current car's engine is no longer repairable. If you, or someone you know, has a vehicle that they would like to donate to this deserving family, please call the SVdP hotline or see any one of the I.C. Vincentians.

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 annual Immaculate Conception School Spanish Fair was held on March 27 in the school gym. The fair featured exhibits created by 7th and 8th grade students. The in-depth projects included research, presentations and the design and creation of display booths and digital books. Parents and schoolmates visited the fair, which is a valuable service learning opportunity for the middle school students.

The 7th graders researched a Spanish speaking country and created a dynamic display that included pictures, information, symbolic artifacts, country flags, and currency. Colorful posters and digital slideshows helped visitors to understand the topography, local markets, tourism, architecture, and economics. The students had a variety of handouts for their younger schoolmates who visited each table, using bags to carry all the swag they collected.

The 8th grade students researched an influential Spanish speaking person. Selected personalities from all walks of business, government, entertainment, the arts, sciences, and Catholic saints were represented in the student exhibits. The older students enjoyed talking with their younger schoolmates about the people they admire.

Service learning opportunities are purposefully integrated into the student experience at Immaculate Conception School to foster community connections. The presentation component extends the learning experience and gives students an opportunity to learn from one another.



Carolyn, Reece, and Ailsa posed proudly by the exhibit for St. Teresa de Avila.



Addie's presentation on Venezuela left visitors with a lasting impression of the country's flag.



Anthony shared his love of basketball through his exhibit on the life accomplishments of Paul Gastol.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box



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