

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

All Are Welcome

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*Then Peter proceeded to speak and said,
“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him
and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.”*

(Acts 10:34–35)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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Nativity

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Immaculate Conception

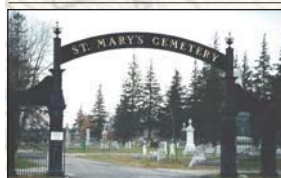
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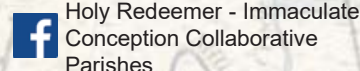
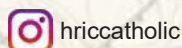
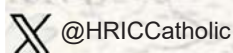
Tim Richard, IC organist

Steve Swochak, IC Music Coordinator

978-270-4924

Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/4)

4:00pm **IC** *Nancy Young, Cynthia Colby*
(Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (5/5)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)
9:00am **IC** *Irene Palaima* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
10:00am **St. Ann** *Jerry Mullen* (Fr. Morin)
11:30am **IC** *Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Luke Picillo*
(Fr. Harrison)

Monday (5/6)

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

Tuesday (5/7)

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

Wednesday (5/8)

9:00am **IC** *For the Intentions of Peter G. L. D'Ambrosio* (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (5/9) Feast of the Ascension

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)
7:00 **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
7:00 **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Friday (5/10)

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

Saturday (5/11)

4:00pm **IC** *Mary Larnard, Cynthia Colby, Gail Mauro* (Fr. Stanley)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (5/12) Mother's Day

8:30am **Nativity** *The Duda & Kaczor Families*
(Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC** *Eileen Coughlin Packard, Mary Connolly Packard, Roxie Zerigian, Elise Parker* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
11:30am **IC** *Robert Filomia, Nelson & Grace Tsai, Joan Laplante, Anna Frances Robinson*
(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers please remember Joan Malone, Lillian Duncan, Irene Crisham, 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.

Ascension Thursday

Thursday, May 9, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation.

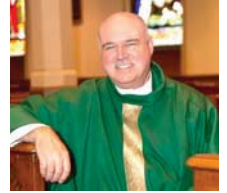
Collaborative Mass schedule for the Holy Day:

9:00 a.m. **IC**
9:00 a.m. **St. Ann**
7:00 p.m. **IC**
7:00 p.m. **Nativity**

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In my life, I have been blessed with many wonderful friends. A precious few of these have been from childhood and it is a great grace to remain connected with them to this day. Still others, I have collected along the way, from various encounters, from my seminary years, and among the parishes that I have served throughout my time in ministry. They bring such joy to my life!



I, too, have been blessed with a wonderful family, who have walked life's long and varied journeys with me, in thick and thin. Aging photos and their digital-equivalents chronicle the many family events and time spent together, marking life's many significant moments. I love them all!

In the Gospels, Jesus uses these two profound human relationships to describe the quality and manner with which we are to see ourselves connected to Him and the Father. This weekend we hear: "You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father." (Jn 15:14–15). While a slave or servant is fully devoted to doing everything that the "master" commands, they do not pretend to understand the "why" behind these commands. They simply do what is asked. And while we can live well in God's presence in this manner, Jesus invites us to something more: genuine friendship, a higher level of intimacy and commitment.

When we stop and think about it, we do many things out of obligation. We go to work, clean the dishes, put out the trash, pay the bills, and attend to the never-ending pile of laundry that beckons to us from every corner of our homes. While not exactly locked in servitude, we attend to these obligations more or less well from the framework of our larger relationships and commitments. Jesus also tells us in the Gospel, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, He said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother." (Mt 12:48–50). Thus the simple and faithful act of doing God's will opens us to an even deeper level of relationship that is akin to a blood relationship, carrying with it all of the emotional and sacrificial ties that we commonly associate with our own relatives.

Both friendship and family life require commitment and sacrifice. They also demand an intentionality and attentiveness to make these life-giving and foundational relationships thrive and prosper. So, too, our relationship with Christ. While having the Lord in our lives certainly brings joy and peace, we also know that He sometimes asks and demands things of us that are hard, difficult, and inconvenient. While hopefully rare, we all know that we can get that dreaded phone call in the middle of the night telling us of some tragedy or emergency that requires us to forgo sleep and act. Whether the Lord will ring our phone or send

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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, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

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

Breaking Bread Meal 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm, IC Church

Wednesday, May 8

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

IC Fall Fair Committee Mtg. 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:15pm, IC Church

Faith, Fun, & Fellowship Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, May 9, Ascension

First Eucharist Rehearsal 3:45pm, Nativity Church

Friday, May 10

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, May 11

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day

Family Ministry Activity 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, May 8



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.

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us a midnight text message to get our attention, He often will connect with us through the special people that He has placed in our lives, tugging at our hearts through the love that we share with them. While sometimes painful, these are graced moments that lay bare our souls and open us to a newer, deeper level of understanding how God works in and through us.

Transcending the various intricacies of the Law of Moses, or rather, fulfilling it in every way, Christ's New Commandment of love immerses us fully into the fullness of the God who has loved us into existence, redeemed us through Christ, and who calls us to eternal life in His name.

As our Easter season continues to unfold the mystery of Christ's Resurrection in our midst, may we cherish the many ways that God loves us: through our families, among our friends, in the sacrifices we make for others, and, indeed, in the very depths of our hearts!

Congratulations to all who will be celebrating the First Holy Communion this weekend and beyond!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Bulletin Information

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

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We have almost completed our fourth full year and are seeking the names of people you think might be good candidates for this Council. We are now looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving in this capacity. At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this way. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they fully understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the parish.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 16 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please send the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate and email this information to jimwilliamson35@gmail.com **by June 30, 2024**. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen by lot during the summer.

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 Crounse	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
John Flynn	Maryann Mikson	Maddie Villers
Jeanine Ebacher	Ann Murphy	Laurent Vincent
Fowler	Carol O'Neal	

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

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, June 6 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.



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Questions of the Week



Adult: How can you show love to someone you find offensive?

Child: To love means to care for another as Jesus cares for us. Have you ever shown love to someone you didn't like?

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.

Adoration

The Supernatural Food for Human Nature

All organic life—plants, animals and humans—requires nourishment. All spiritual life—souls—require supernatural food to satisfy a more *profound hunger*. Adoration offers the way to holy satiety intellectually, emotionally, and relationally. The Source is Jesus—who hungered for souls and died for yours. Meet Him in gratitude at Adoration.

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**



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

women at the well

We invite all women to come join us, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The group meets **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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.



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/hricatholic/.



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.

Free Choir Concert

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Adult Choir

Sunday, May 19, 2:30–4:00 p.m., IC Church



Join us for this final celebration of the 175th anniversary of IC parish and be inspired by the transformative power of music.

Enjoy a program of sacred music, hymns, spirituals, and instrumentals performed by the Collaborative Adult Choirs and musicians, and

some audience participation!

Led by Immaculate Conception Music Director Donna Postle, the choir will perform a variety of music from choral to contemporary accompanied by Immaculate Conception organist, Tim Richard and flautist Judy Manning.

A drawing for various raffle items will be held immediately following the concert. A free-will offering will be graciously accepted in support of the Music Ministry.

Boston Pops Concert



Get your tickets for a special Boston Pops Concert: Gospel Night with *Take 6*.

Saturday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., Symphony Hall, Boston.

Save 25% off your order by using promo code GOSPEL 25.

Tickets at bostonpops.org.

For any questions, call 617-266-1200



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.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, April 27–28	\$3,353.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending April 26	\$1,595.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$2,815.59
Total Weekly Offertory, April 27–28	\$7,763.59
Monthly, April 27–28	\$2,148.00
IC Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$85,745.00

The second collection this weekend (May 5) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (May 12) is the Monthly.

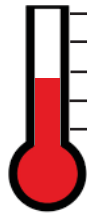
Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo. If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: **\$62,600.00**
To Date: **\$38,703.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



\$62,600.00
\$50,000.00
\$40,000.00
\$25,000.00
\$ 5,000.00

IC Online Giving

To get started, you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. You can also register online.

To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org, and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402.

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.svdpnwburyport.org**. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**SVdP of Newburyport**" and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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 IC 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

Planning events that foster a sense of community is a constant focus at Immaculate Conception School. Out of necessity, annual traditions and yearly events were transformed during the pandemic to include the children. We have not reverted back—as we have come to enjoy the "whole family" approach to many activities. This past weekend was chocked full of school events that embraced this sense of family. The spring musical includes students as young as Kindergarten in the chorus. It's a valued opportunity for our youngest students to observe the work ethic of older students and perform with them on stage.



*Pictured, several Pre-K students sit in the center aisle for a birds-eye-view of their schoolmates as they perform *Alice in Wonderland*.*

Several other school events throughout the year involve the middle school students leading games and activities for the younger students. The

September Fun Run, our Halloween party, and our Spring Festival are three events when we rely on the "big sister, big brother" dynamic that enhances the school experience. Eighth grader Carolyn and her mom offered face painting at the Spring Festival, which attracted a long line of kids of all ages who were eager to be transformed! Immaculate Conception School works hard to foster relationships across grade levels. Developing a sense of belonging is a powerfully positive foundation for every child!



Jude (8th grade) lowers his head and rabbit ears to see if Bryan (1st grade) can successfully throw the ring onto an ear to win a prize!

6th graders Giuliana and Elianna love their new look!



St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box



Immaculate Conception 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 NEWS

Knights Hospitality Sunday

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

All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



St. Mary's Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

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 Harvest 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.



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.

HR St. Vincent de Paul



April showers bring May flowers! Yes, but the start of April also brings the authority of utility companies to shut off service for those with overdue balances. Many of our neighbors contacting us now are faced with shut off notices and we're helping as best as we can.

We ask you to put your faith into action this Easter season in Christ's holy name! Please give generously.

Please use 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!

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, hricatholic.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.

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.

Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, hricatholic.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.

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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, April 27–28	\$2,154.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending April 26	\$ 765.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 310.00
Total Weekly Offertory, April 27–28	\$3,229.00
Monthly, April 27–28	\$1,591.00
HR Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000	\$21,785.00

The second collection this weekend (May 5) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (May 12) is the Monthly.

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

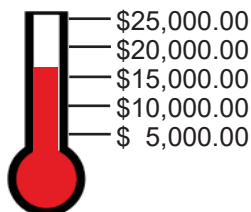
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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



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Vacation Bible School at HR



Vacation Bible School is **back** at Holy Redeemer Parish with **STELLAR: "Shine Jesus' Light!"**

Dates: Monday–Friday, July 22–26

Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. each day

Location: Church of the Nativity Hall; 4 Green St., Merrimac

This week of faith and fun is open to **all children** of our region ages 5–11.

The week will be packed with out-of-this-world fun activities, songs, and Bible-learning experiences.

The program capitalizes on the innate imaginations in our children and immerses them in the Bible and the life of faith in a unique way—with an *outer space* theme.

We also invite 12–14 year olds to attend as Junior Counselors and 15–17 year olds to attend as Counselors (both free of charge).

Fee (for children 5–11): \$50 for one child; \$80 for two children; \$100 for 3+ children. To register, go to: hricatholic.org/vbs-stellar.

St. Ann Coffee Hour

St. Ann's "Coffee And..."



We welcome all to join us on the first Sunday of every month for St. Ann's "Coffee And..." coffee social. We will meet on **Sunday, May 5**, after the 10:00 Mass. We hope you will join us in the church hall for coffee and baked goods, to visit with old friends, and to make new ones. For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.

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.)

Spring Awakening Raffle

Holy Redeemer Parish Announces its Spring Awakening Raffle.

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and we are picking 3 winners. Each winner will receive one restaurant gift card worth \$100 to either:

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Proceeds will help to purchase mulch and outdoor flowers for St. Ann and Nativity this summer.

Tickets on sale after all HR weekend Masses or see a member of the HR Activities Committee to purchase your tickets.



We Are Making a Cookbook

Get your recipes ready! We are making a cookbook and are looking for your contributions.

Look for the recipe cards in the back of both churches, take one home, fill out your recipe, and return the cards to the baskets no later than **June 2**.

Recipes must be submitted on supplied recipe cards, must be filled out completely and must be written in ink: no pencil, markers, or crayons. Watch for more info. to follow.



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