

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

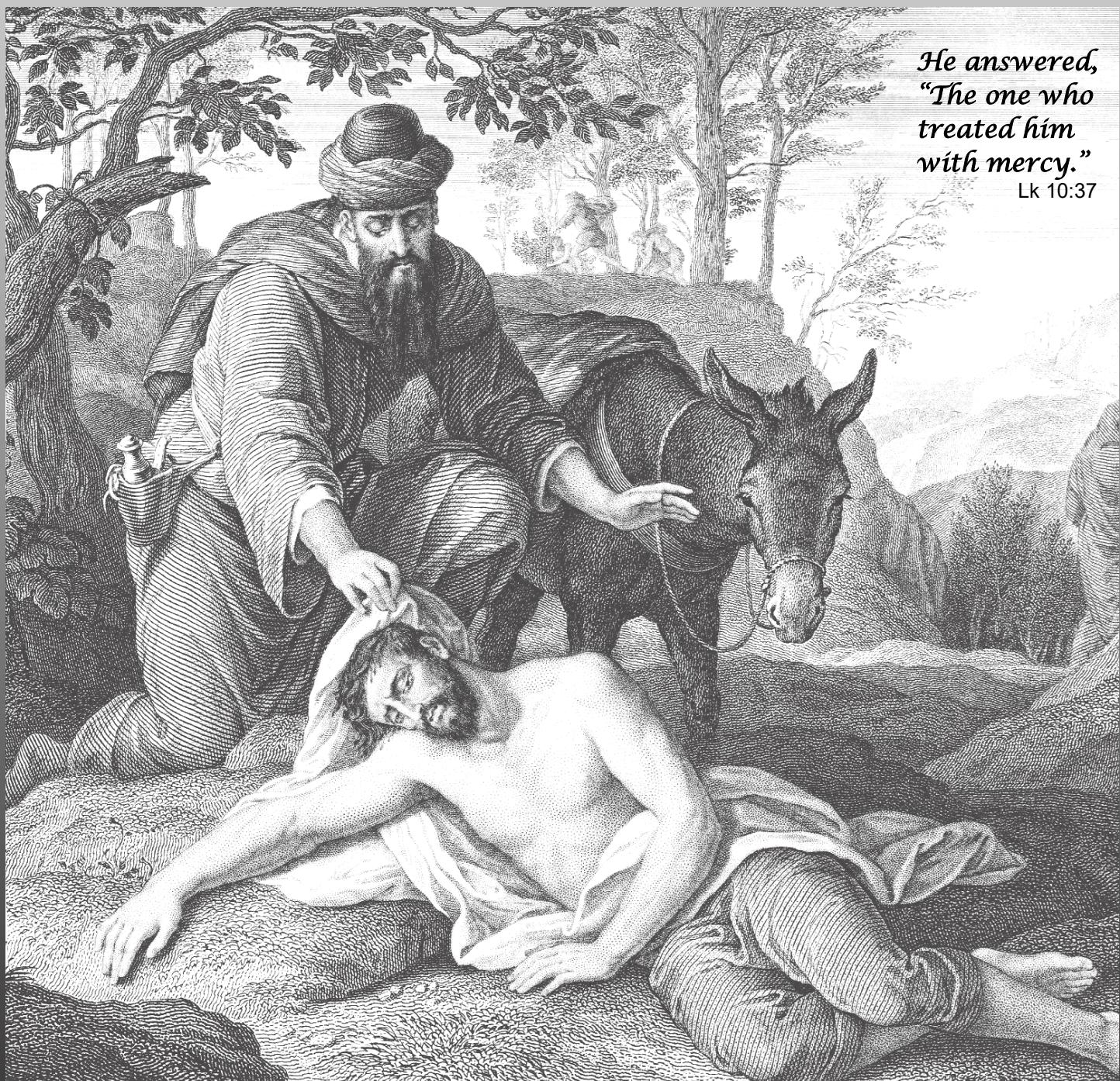
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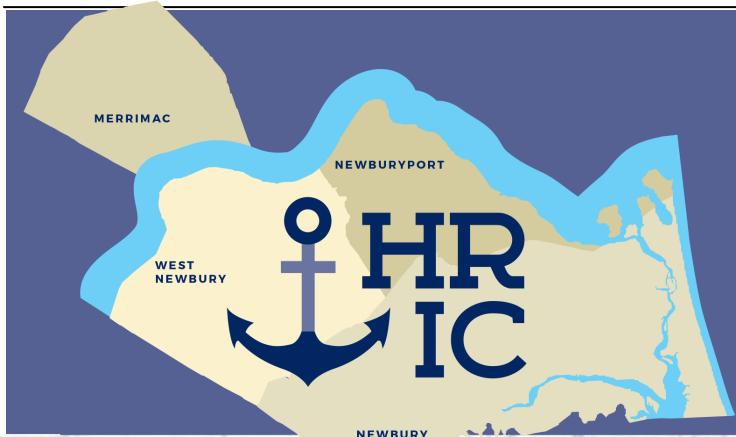
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

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All Are Welcome





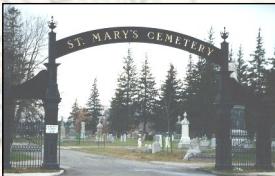
Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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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St. Mary's Cemetery

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Newburyport 01950

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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Office Hours: By appointment
Phone: 978-346-8604
Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Immaculate Conception

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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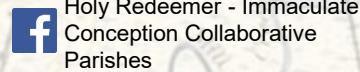
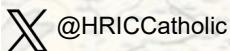
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

609-519-3236

Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/12)

4:00pm **IC** Alex Hasapis, Jane Teresa Power
(Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm **Nativity** Bob Molvar (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (7/13)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC** Mary Ann Crockett (Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
11:00am **IC** Miriam Rodriguez, James LaRaia,
Buddy Baker, Mary Ann Crockett (Fr. Harrison &
Deacon Dow)

Monday (7/14)

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

Tuesday (7/15)

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

Wednesday (7/16)

9:00am **IC** Mary White, Mary Vallee, Joseph A.
Buonomo (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (7/17)

9:00am **IC** John Davies, Patricia McMahon
(Fr. Morin)

Friday (7/18)

9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Chloe Samaha
(Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (7/19)

4:00pm **Nativity** Gary & Roberta Furth
(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (7/20)

8:30am **Nativity** For the intentions of Dr. Dorothy
Kardas & Carolyn Johnson (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** Peter Kelley (Fr. Morin & Deacon
Moranski)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)
11:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

*In your prayers please remember Michael Boyle, Juleen
Bashaw, and all of the faithful departed.*

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is live-streamed online through our
website: hriccatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

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/



Questions of the Week



Adult: When did you welcome Jesus into your
home through the presence of a stranger or a
neighbor?

Child: Name a time when you shared what you
had with a friend or a classmate.

Celebrating Fr. Tim with a Summer BBQ



Toast Fr. Harrison and his
upcoming (milestone) birthday
with a summer BBQ!

Date: July 20

Time: 12:00 noon

Where: IC school gym

RSVP to Collaborative
offices by July 14.



Join the celebration as we toast Fr. Tim and his
upcoming (milestone) birthday with a summer BBQ on
July 20 at the IC School gym.

Burgers and dogs will be served along with all the
trimmings following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Don't miss the opportunity to offer our gratitude to Fr.
Tim for all he has done for the Collaborative over the
last 13 years as we wish him many years filled with joy.

Please, no gifts. Donations are always appreciated and
may be made to St. Vincent de Paul, IC Haiti, the
Pelican Intervention Fund and/or the Pastor's Charity
fund.

**Please RSVP to Melinda at the Collaborative offices no
later than Monday, July 14 if you plan to attend: 978-
462-2724 or 978-346-8604.**

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

If you, or anyone you know, are thinking about becoming
Catholic, we always welcome new inquirers at any point in
their 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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, July 14

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

Tuesday, July 15

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

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

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Haiti Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, July 16

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Workshop 5:30pm, Nativity Hall

Thursday, July 17

Mysteries of the Rosary Video Series 9:45am, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, July 18

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Workshop 9:45am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Saturday, July 19

Quilters Mtg. 8:30am, Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, July 20

Fr. Harrison's Birthday BBQ 12:00pm, IC School Gym

Scuba Vacation Bible School

Diving into Friendship with God

Register online now: www.hriccatholic.org.



Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer

July 21–25, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Nativity Church hall

Sign up on our website: hriccatholic.org

Dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where participants experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. We will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

Dates: Monday–Friday, July 21–25

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. 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: www.hriccatholic.org/vacation-bible-school-2025.

Volunteers needed! Contact Jen: 978-697-1082 or Donielle: 413-668-6181 to help out.

Beautiful Day on the Merrimac

John and Lori Kelley on their boat, *Parker* with Fr. Charlie relaxing at the bow and Kennedy at the helm!



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We have completed our fifth 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 18 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 call the Collaborative office at **978-462-2724 by August 15, 2025**. 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 later in the summer.

Collaborative Faith Formation

School Year Programs (K-8, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Registration forms and schedules for 2025-26 are now available on our website: hriccatholic.com/FaithFormation.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information regarding this sacrament.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is now celebrated with students currently in Grade 8 rather than 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 change.

New! Youth Ministry

—youth— We are hoping to start Youth Ministry for high school students in the fall, now that 8th grade Confirmation draws a close to formal faith formation in middle school. If parents believe their son or daughter would be interested in something like this (small groups, games/activities, service projects, etc.) once a week or every other week at the Collaborative, please contact Aaron at 978-462-2724 x405. More details to follow in September.

Upcoming Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Workshops

All adult employees and volunteers in the Archdiocese of Boston must complete a one-time Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) class in addition to their yearly CORI. The training is an in-person, 3-hour training that is needed only once in your life.

If you have not taken the course yet, here is your chance to fulfill that requirement. The Collaborative will be sponsoring two Protecting God's Children workshops on:

- **Wednesday, July 16 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac, from 5:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, July 18, at IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport, from 9:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**

You can register online at <https://www.virtusonline.org/> (see registration steps below).

How to Register for a PGC Workshop

- Go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/>
- Click on “First-Time Registrant”
- Click on “Begin the Registration Process”
- From the pull-down menu, choose “Boston, MA (Archdiocese),” ONLY and click “Select”
- When asked, “Have you previously registered with VIRTUS Online?” Click “NO”
- Create a username and password when asked to do so and click “Continue”
- Fill in all the required fields for contact information on the next screen and click “Continue”
- From the pull-down menu for “Location,” choose the name of your parish, church, or school
- When the roles appear, choose a primary role and an additional role
- In the box at the bottom, add a title (what you do for parish/school) and click “Continue”
- On the next page, you may choose YES or NO, depending on whether you want to associate your name with an additional parish, church, or school
- Answer the **four** YES/NO questions on the next page and click “Continue”
- When asked, “Have you already attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Session?” answer NO
- On the next page, choose a session entitled, “Protecting God's Children for Adults” (ONLY)
- Confirm, and you are done!

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Ministry Fair



The Collaborative Ministry Committee will sponsor a Ministry Fair after all Masses at IC on the weekend of September 6/7 and at HR September 13/14. On those weekends we will have tables set up after the Masses where representatives of all of our Collaborative Ministries will be present to explain what they do to serve our parish and local communities and to encourage new volunteers. We invite you to please stop by the respective parish halls to enjoy some refreshments and to learn more about what parish members are doing in the community and how you might become part of one or more of them. If you have any questions, please call Jim Williamson at 603-491-9916

Adoration: The Game Changer



When pain or loss sear your soul from self-sufficiency, experience the salve of sacred silence at Adoration that can re-purpose your vulnerability. Jesus hears a beggar's cry! Allow Him to realign your spiritual poverty with the world's poor until your prayer of petition becomes prayer of praise.

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)

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Boxes



Immaculate Conception SVdP 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.

Holy Redeemer SVdP offers St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop boxes at two locations. One is located in the Nativity church parking lot and another is located at the West Newbury Food Mart lot (Main St.).

IC Haiti

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview at our website: ichaiti.org.

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	Patricia Carey
John Bourque	Chloe Hequet	McCarthy
Kathy P. Brodeur	Loriann Herrick	Carol O'Neal
Michael Brenner	Emma Hurley	Eleanora Paciulan
Priscilla Brown	Armand Hyatt	Joseph Palumbo
Autumn Rose	Carol Johnson	Joanne Pesa
Coulombe	Derek Johnson	Nancy Rose
Kristen D'Entremont	Steve Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Ward Dilmore	Michael Juralewicz	Regina Seely
Deb Downie	Arthur LaPointe	Yvonne Sloban
Dotty Duval	Michael Lichtenstein	Gary Smith
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Donna Limone	Arlene Stoddard
John Flynn	Johannah Lord	Susan Sweeney
Jeanine Ebacher	Monica Maguire	Taylor
Fowler	Sia Mahalati	Captain Bill Taplin
Renee Fowler	Michael Martens	Michael Tucker
John Gutshaw	Ovidio Martinez	Maddie Villers
Ed Hardy	Marjorie	Laurent Vincent
	O'Callaghan	Sandra Welch

Contact Collaborative offices to remove 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, August 7 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Despite the intense heat, this year's Summer Faith Formation Week was a success as kids learned more about our Catholic faith, participated in skits, song time, games, and prayer. Throughout the week children were able to participate in sacraments, rituals, and traditions of our Church. The theme of the large group gatherings was the Mysteries of the Rosary. Three times a day we gathered to learn about a mystery of Christ's life through skit, song, and story time, then pray along with Mary a decade of the Rosary.

Next up this summer is Vacation Bible School "SCUBA" at Church of the Nativity in Merrimac from July 21–25 (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.). For more and to register, go to <https://www.hriccatholic.org/vacation-bible-school-2025>.

VBS is for children 5-11 as attendees and kids 12 and up as junior counselors.

Congratulations to Knights of Columbus Council #231!

Newburyport Council #231 of the Knights of Columbus was recently honored with the 100% Membership Gain Award



for the 2025 Fraternal Year. This recognition reflects our growing commitment to faith, service, and charity within the Collaborative and local community.

Catholic men 18 and older are invited to join us in our mission of brotherhood and service. To learn more, contact Joe Fernandez, Council Financial Secretary, at kofc231@outlook.com

women at the well

Seeking community, connection, and a way to grow closer to Christ this summer?

Women at the Well invites you to join us for a summer book discussion on *Sincerely, Stoneheart* by Emily Wilson (available in paperback, Kindle, and audiobook).

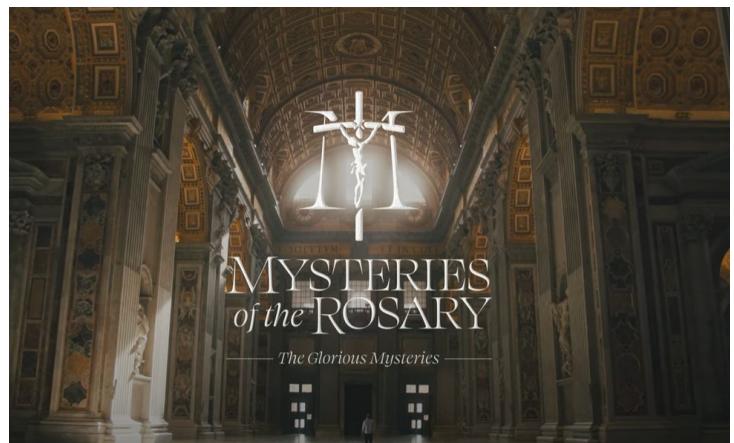
Meetings: July 24 at 7:30 p.m. and August 28 at 7:30 p.m.

ALL are welcome! Summer is the perfect time to join us.



Please email HRICWomenattheWell@gmail.com to join the email list and get more details.

Mysteries of the Rosary Series



The Glorious Mysteries

Thursdays (July 17–August 28)
9:45–11:15 a.m., IC St. Louis Hall
Food and drink will be served.

Join us on Thursdays at IC St. Louis Hall for a beautiful 7-part video series from Paradisus Dei on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

Each episode takes us to beautiful pilgrimage sites throughout Europe (Rome, Lourdes, Fatima, etc.). We will be taken on a spiritual journey to meditate more fully on these powerful mysteries of our faith: Jesus' resurrection, Ascension, Sending of the Spirit, Assumption, and Coronation of Mary.

Learn more or sign up on our website: [hriccatholic.org/adult-faith-formation](https://www.hriccatholic.org/adult-faith-formation).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, July 5–6	\$6,943.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 4	\$ 970.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,609.09
Total Weekly Offertory, July 5–6	\$11,522.09

The second collection this weekend (July 13) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (July 20) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

*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: \$59,300.00

To Date: \$44,841.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



IC St. Vincent de Paul

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

You can now make online donations on our website: www.svdpnewburyport.org 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!



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes



Berry Festival

Save the Date

This year's Berry Festival is **Sunday, July 27**, the first day of Yankee Homecoming Week, from 12:00 noon–4:00 p.m. at IC Church (corner of Green and High Streets)

Come and enjoy delicious homemade strawberry/blueberry shortcakes topped with fresh whipped cream.

Immaculate Conception School

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

7th Annual ICS Newburyport GOLF OUTING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

Registration at 8:00 AM

Shotgun at 9:00 AM

Bradford Country Club

Haverhill, MA



2025 ICS Golf Outing

Become a Sponsor

scan the QR code or

email golf@icsnewburyport.com

Become a Proud Sponsor of IC!

Join us in making a lasting impact! When you become a sponsor of Immaculate Conception School, your business will shine throughout the 2025–2026 school year at our events:

- The 7th Annual Golf Outing—a fun-filled day drawing community and alumni support
- Our magical IC North Pole Express—a December favorite for families near and far
- A dynamic Spring Community Event

Your business will also be featured on our school website, promoted across our social media platforms, and recognized as a valued partner in the success and growth of our students.

Why sponsor?

Your partnership helps us blend tradition with innovation—delivering a faith-based, 21st-century education that empowers our students to thrive. As a sponsor, you're not just supporting events—you're investing in the future of our children and our community.

Let's build something special together!

For more information on Sponsorship Opportunities, scan the QR code or contact us at: golf@icsnewburyport.com.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, July 5–6	\$2,232.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 4	\$ 220.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$1,961.25
Total Weekly Offertory, July 5–6	\$4,413.25

The second collection this weekend (July 13) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (July 20) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

*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 \$28,800.00
To Date \$20,235.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your kind and generous donations. Your constant support allows us to help with the ongoing needs of our neighbors. We offer this summertime blessing:

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go. Walking with God means walking with honesty and courage and walking with love, respect, and concern for the needs of others. May you talk to God this summer—every day and in every situation. Amen.



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.**

We are also renewing our request for **new members**. You will find our work to be both heartrending and spiritually rewarding. Just a few hours of your time each month brings so much in return. Call 978-346-8604 and leave a message on our voicemail. We can help you to help others.

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

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 Activities Committee News

Next Activities Committee Meeting

All are welcome to join us for our next Activities Committee meeting on **Tuesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m.** in Nativity Hall. We will be making **candles** for the **craft fair** at Merrimac's Old Home Days. Candle making will be a first time experience/experiment for most of us. Please collect "small size" **mason jars** and bring them along with you to the meeting. We will also be discussing the Chicken BBQ dinner for Merrimac's Old Home Days on August 9.

Volunteers for Our Gardens

Our church yards are coming into bloom! The Activities Committee has filled the church yards with beautiful budding pots and flowers. We think it makes Nativity and St. Ann churches look so beautiful—a Parish family that is alive and welcoming! Perhaps a place where someone would like to attend. **Please, take a moment and sign up in the back of the church**, to help for ONE week this summer with watering and a little weeding. Our Parish family needs your help. Please lend a hand and volunteer for your Parish family. Thank you.

Mary Statue at St. Ann Update

The Activities Committee is glad to announce the completion of the repairs to the stone work, repointing, wall caps, and patio area supporting the statue of Mary outside St. Ann Church. The repairs were funded by all those who support the Parish Fair. **Thank you!**

Planning for Veterans Day in November

Veterans Day is November 11. The Activities Committee wants to celebrate our Veterans! We are planning a celebration after each Mass on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**. Please, write your name and email (or a veteran you know) on the paper in the back of the church so we can personally invite you.

Save Your Baskets for the 2025 Holiday Fair

We are looking for baskets for the "Basket Table," for next year's Holiday Fair. Please leave any baskets in the back of either church and we will recycle them for next year's fair.

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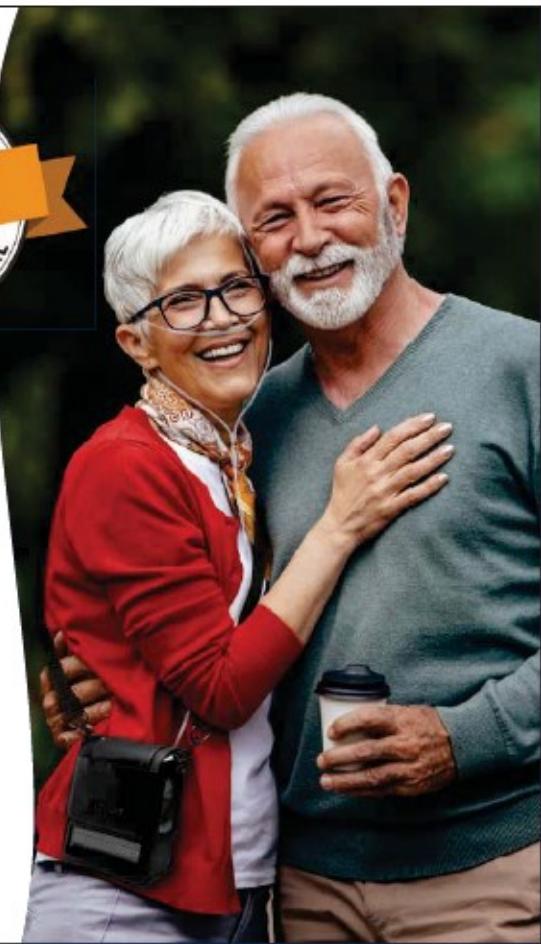
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