

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14, 2024

All Are Welcome

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*Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two
and gave them authority over unclean spirits.
He instructed them to take nothing for the journey
but a walking stick—
no food, no sack, no money in their belts.*

(Mk 6:7–8)



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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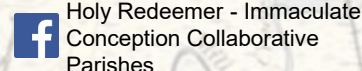
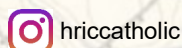
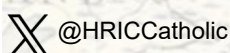
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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/13)

4:00pm **IC** Alex Hasapis, Joan Caswell
(Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm **Nativity** Charlotte Lay Soucy, Laura Soucy
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (7/14)

8:30am **Nativity** Theresa Duhamel (Fr. Stanley)

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

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

11:00am **IC** Kevin Hare (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (7/15)

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

Tuesday (7/16)

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

Wednesday (7/17)

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

Thursday (7/18)

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

Friday (7/19)

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

Saturday (7/20)

4:00pm **IC** Marjorie Howard, Donna Lee Aronowitz,
Peter Kelly (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (7/21)

8:30am **Nativity** For the intentions of Dr. Dorothy
Kardas & Carolyn Johnson (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

11:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers please remember Claire Mills, John Vander Sande, Joanne Ault, 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 as well as our Facebook page.

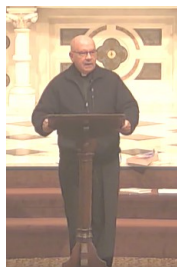
Bulletin Information

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

Evening of Reflection

Save the Date

The Collaborative Ministry Committee is sponsoring an Evening of Reflection, led by Fr. George Morin, on **Wednesday, September 25 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.** at IC Church. Any Collaborative member who is involved in any ministry, committee, or involved in any other way is invited to attend. More information will be provided as the day gets closer.



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

A few times a year, I have the opportunity to spend some time with old friends who have a beautiful, vivacious yellow lab. Full of energy and zeal, it will spend hours with you chasing frisbees, chew toys and tennis balls. (What is it, BTW with labs and tennis balls?! They seem like catnip for dogs, or whatever...!) But one of its most prized possessions which it will wrestle with you for all its worth, is a stick. Any old stick will do, really. But some sticks are without doubt favored above others. Once one has been found, this dog will prance happily across the yard over and over again, parading its newfound treasure for all to see, daring you to try and take it away from her. Good luck with that! Dogs and sticks...stereotype, meme, and icon all in one.



It is with curiosity, then, that we encounter the words of Jesus to His disciples as He was about to send them forth on a missionary journey to prepare His way: take only a stick with you. No food, no sack, no money belt...just a walking stick. They could wear sandals, but could not bring any extra clothing, accessories, luggage, carry-on, or extra personal items. Now if this were just for a brief afternoon stroll through the woods or along a paved bike path or such, this would be no big deal. You could even skip the stick and hope that you might not encounter any attack terriers along the way. But this was first-century Palestine... an arid and hostile environment if there ever was one. Water was scarce and found only in a few running streams or the dug wells of a village. Food was difficult to obtain unless offered in charity by cautious townsfolk. Inns or hotels were practically nonexistent. A bed (roll) was either carried by a traveler or given in hospitality by those they were visiting. Maybe you can see where Jesus was going with all of this: the reliance on strangers for the basics of survival as a radical sign that God was working in and among them in spreading the Good News.

No one travelled this way in ancient times! It would have been lunacy to do so. While villages were obligated by custom to offer basic hospitality to strangers, they might not do so if they thought there was a threat. While food and water might be offered upon the arrival to a village, there was no guarantee that a traveler would actually be able to reach their intended destination. The roads were crude and the dangers many. No one in their right mind would set out on a journey without enough food and water to last them several days—not to mention protective clothing to ward off the midday heat and bring comfort during the frigid desert nights. So, the disciples traveling thusly would have evoked both ridicule and empathy and hopefully some compassion from those they visited. Perhaps opening people's hearts to hear the amazing news about Jesus and the Coming of God's Kingdom? Sneaky one, that Jesus, eh?! And effective!

Now back to the stick. Along with the wearing of sandals (to traverse the rocky, jagged ground), the stick was a

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, July 15

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

Portugal/Spain Info. Night 6:00pm IC St. James Chapel/ IC St. Louis Hall

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

Tuesday, July 16

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

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

Wednesday, July 17

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

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

Thursday, July 18

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, July 19

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, July 20

Holy Quilters 8:30am, Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

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

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necessity. Used even by hikers today to help find balance on uneven ground, it was also a means of self-defense against the many wild animals that lurked in remote regions as well as the occasional bandit or robber they might encounter. The stick enabled the disciples to find a steady stride and keep a (hopefully) safe distance from danger. That they were sent in pairs, two-by-two, side-by-side certainly more than doubled their odds of success. Smart one, that Jesus, eh?! And thorough, too.

So this Gospel passage challenges us modern disciples along the way of our mission to spread the Good News in several ways. First, it invites us to consider what we drag with us as we journey through life. Certainly there is all the physical stuff that we acquire, store, keep, and even hoard. We can spend our entire waking hours shopping, upgrading, sorting, and storing things, if we wish and as our bank account allows. It would be a life filled with busyness and clutter, but wholly incompatible with the Gospel. While everyone's needs differ, the life of a disciple is imbued with a fundamental call to simplicity and an ultimate detachment from earthly treasures. So, a question from this passage lingers with us: where do "things" and their importance lie in my life? How much "stuff" do I carry with me wherever I go? What gets in the way or weighs me down in my attempt to spread the Gospel to others? What might inflate my pride or give me the sense of self-reliance...or tempt me to think (even for a moment) that I do not need God's Grace in my life?

Second, how well do I keep the evils of the world at bay? How well do I wield a defensive stick at those things that might keep me from completing my mission? Am I wearing the right kind of sandals that allow me to move freely through the rocky and uneven ground of this world? Or am I trying to do it barefoot or perhaps while donning clunky ski boots? Comfortable shoes and plenty of prudence can go a long way to enabling us to arrive at our journey's destination unharmed and ready to give witness to our love for and dependence on God for all things. In our poverty there can be a wealth of testimony.

So, I have given up trying to wrest the drool-soaked branch from my friend's dog. There is just too much pleasure to be found in watching her gallop around the yard, joyful as can be, her great prize on display for all to see. Have at it, poochie, its all yours!

But this summer is a good time for us all to assess, once again, that which we treasure in life, how we use the things of this world for the greater glory of God, how we respond to Christ's call in our Baptism to go and spread the Good News to others, and what we carry while we are along that essential path of discipleship. In all things, the Lord's words ring true in our hearts today as they did many centuries ago. Wise one, that Jesus, eh?! And so much more!

Summer blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor

Live Rosary Update



Note: Facebook live recitation of the rosary on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be paused from June 25 to July 23. Join us on Tuesday, July 23 at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hricatholic/.

IC Haiti

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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. 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."

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.



(The free App "Laudate" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Shawls and Lapghans



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

Come join us. 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 1 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us!

Looking for Yarn Donations

We are always looking for **yarn donations**. Do you have some leftover yarn from an old project? Maybe a family member who no longer knits or crochets? Any amount is welcome. Contact Helen at 978-771-4673 and she will arrange to pick it up.



Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Rosemarie Anderson	Renee Fowler	Eleanora Paciulan
Patricia Baikewicz	Raymond Gibbons	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P. Brodeur	Ed Hardy	Joanne Pesa
Priscilla Brown	Jane Harney	Elizabeth Pettingell
Vasfije Buhali	Chloe Hequet	Donika Pulake
Autumn Rose	Linda Hofferty	Rose Raimo
Coulombe	Armand Hyatt	Maureen Russell
Bill Crounse	Justin Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Drew Daubach	Michael Juralewicz	Yvonne Sloban
Kristen D'Entremont	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	Michael	Arlene Stoddard
Ann-Margaret	Lichtenstein	Taylor
Ferrante	Johannah Lord	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Sia Mahalati	Tom Tribble
Jeanine Ebacher	Patricia Carey	Michael Tucker
Fowler	McCarthy	Maddie Villers
	Carol O'Neal	Laurent Vincent

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.

View our weekly bulletin online on our website:
hricCatholic.org.

Celebrate Summer with the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, August 17 • Save the Date!

The Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with HRIC and sponsors, is hosting a picnic featuring pickleball and other games, to promote it's brotherhood and the community of our faith. The day of fun and fellowship will be something to enjoyed by all.

All of the games are "kid friendly" and no experience is needed. The event is from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the Newburyport Tennis Club, 178 Low Street, Newburyport 01950.

The funds collected for the day will help support the Newburyport Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Preregistration for the event is being held online at <https://kofcsummer24.eventbrite.com/>.

The cost of admission is \$6.00 per person. For an additional charge, food, drinks, and some cool gear are available. There will also be a chance to win some free prizes.

We hope to see you there. Come and enjoy the day, be part of something fun, and support the community.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What part of today's Gospel impresses you the most?

Child: What could you do to make a new child at school or in your neighborhood feel welcome?

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 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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Pelican Intervention Fund

Are you ready to join the Pelican Intervention Fund marchers this year?



We wanted to provide a heads up and an invitation to everyone to march with us in the Newburyport Yankee Homecoming parade on **Sunday, August 4**. Last year we had over 100 marchers join us in representing the Pelican Intervention Fund and this year we hope for even more.

This will be our 7th year marching in the parade, which wraps up a weeklong summer celebration of Newburyport. This is a great opportunity to share the promise of 12-step recovery. A special highlight to this year's parade will feature our own Tom Welch playing the bagpipes as he marches with us. Here are some other key details:

- Meet us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 4.
- We gather at the 3 roads intersection (near Famous Pizza) on High Street, Newburyport
- The parade route starts on High Street to Bartlett Mall (about 1.5 miles)
- Wear your IC 175th anniversary T-shirt or we will have P.I.F orange T-shirts available for those that don't have IC T-shirts.
- You are invited to a P.I.F post parade picnic at the Bartlett Mall for pizza, soft drinks, and snacks
- Bring candy (individually wrapped hard candies: smarties, lollipops, gum, etc.) to throw out to the kids along the parade route

We'll provide more information as we get it. **If you have questions, please reach out to Kim Keene at 978-430-1408.**

Looking forward to seeing many of you there!

Adoration: Choose Rest

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

Be renewed. Be choosy. The rest will follow.

Wednesdays (Beginning July 24) 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)



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.

HR PARISH

Vacation Bible School



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:** hriccatholic.org/vbs-stellar.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

You have been so generous in the past. You probably have noted that this request for support is never-ending. In fact, the *need* is never-ending. Please give what you can.



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!

Adoration at Nativity Church

Note: Eucharistic Adoration at Nativity will be paused for the next few weeks. Please join us again on July 24.

Hearing Aid Found

Are you missing a hearing aid? One was found by the side of the road at St. Ann on Sunday morning, June 16. Call Jim at (978) 914-1869 to retrieve it.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, June 29–30	\$1,995.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending June 28	\$1,170.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 398.75
Total Weekly Offertory, June 29–30	\$3,563.75
Missionary Cooperative Appeal, June 29–30	\$1,172.00
HR Offertory, July 6–7	\$1,924.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 398.75
Total Weekly Offertory, July 6–7	\$2,322.75
HR Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000	\$21,905.00

The second collection this weekend (July 14) is the monthly. The second collection next weekend (July 21) is ongoing church maintenance.

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

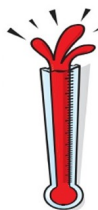
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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



HR Catholic Appeal
Goal **\$25,000.00**
To Date **\$29,358.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



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-\$10,000.00
-\$ 5,000.00

Holiday Fair

The Activities Committee is working hard for our Parish. Planning in advance makes our Holiday Fair very successful. Summertime weather is a great time to paint



baskets. When cleaning and organizing your home, check if you have any baskets to donate. Leave the baskets in the back of either church. We will pick them up and get them cleaned and painted for our **basket table.** If you have questions, please call

Jackie: 978-270-4325.

Since you are cleaning and organizing your home, (or thinking you should!), if you come across any “treasures” that you don’t need anymore, perhaps set them aside for our **Nearly New Table.**

The **Silent Auction** Table is also looking for donations. If you have pieces of art, collectables, sport tickets, a weekend getaway, **new** small appliances, etc., consider donating it to the Silent Auction. Most any donation is fun to display on the table and watch the bidding. If you have questions, please call Carole: 978-346-9031.

silent AUCTION

Save the Date. The Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair is Saturday, November 23.

HR Chicken BBQ

The Activities Committee has taken on a **HUGE** project. Holy Redeemer is participating in Merrimac’s Old Home Days on Saturday, August 10. We are serving the **Saturday Night Supper** (300 people).

MERRIMAC
- OLD HOME DAYS -

The supper was put on by the Boy Scouts for many years at the fire station. The Scouts are no longer able to do it. The Activities Committee thought this would be a great opportunity for Holy Redeemer Parish to be visible in the town as an active Parish. Perhaps finding new Catholic families or sparking up lapsed Catholics.

We will be serving our supper from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in Nativity’s **newly air conditioned** hall. We will need **help** from more than just our committee members. Please consider helping. It will make the load easy for everyone.

How you can help:

- baking cookies for our dessert
- selling tickets around town
- selling tickets Saturday morning (Aug. 10) in our booth
- help setting up Nativity hall on Friday, August 9, at 10:00 a.m.
- volunteering your pickup truck to cart tables
- helping to serve and clean up at the supper

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, July 17, at 6:00 p.m.** at Nativity Hall. If you cannot come to our meeting but are willing to help, please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

Our Saturday Night Supper menu: BBQ chicken sandwich, homemade potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, cookie, and a drink for \$12.00. Children 12 years old and younger: \$8.00. Limited tickets. Takeout available.

We have a volunteer for the woodworking project for shelves for the **Holiday Fair** tables. Thank you Michael Jean for volunteering your time and talent!



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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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, June 29–30	\$4,005.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending June 28	\$ 800.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$3,340.09</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, June 29–30	\$8,145.09
IC Offertory, July 6–7	\$5,055.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 5	\$ 982.50
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$3,340.09</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, July 6–7	\$9,377.59
Missionary Cooperative Appeal, July 6–7	\$5,169.00
IC Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$87,200.00

The second collection this weekend (July 14) is the monthly. The second collection next weekend (July 21) 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: hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: **\$62,600.00**
To Date: **\$49,358.00**

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 St. Vincent de Paul

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

You can now make online donations on our website: **www.svdpnnewburyport.org**. 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 Still Needed

We are still 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!

Visit our **Website**, www.hricatholic.org for up-to-date information in the Collaborative. Find links to our y bulletins, our live stream Masses, and our social media pages.

Immaculate Conception School

Employment Opportunity—Pre-K

The Immaculate Conception School Pelican's Nest Pre-K program is growing! In September we will have a 3-year-old class as well as a 4-year-old class. This was the goal of our program when we reopened two years after the pandemic. For the last two years the IC has had a combined 3–4-year-old class. Adding 3-year-olds was in support of the community's needs, especially in consideration for the many daycares that have closed since 2020. The Pelican's Nest has an extended day option, when combined with After Care, supports the needs of working families.



The two Pre-K classrooms are being modified so that the children can move from one classroom to the other during free-choice activities. This will foster relationships between students in both classes, and offer a variety of play spaces for children to experience hands-on learning and sharing. The Pre-K 3 children will attend Spanish, art, music, and gym once a week, and join the Kindergarten and Pre-K 4 children for lunch each day. The entire student body

starts each day in common prayer in the gym, where the Pre-K children sit with the 8th graders to pray together and hear the day's announcements. The Pre-K children are absolutely adored by the older students!

Immaculate Conception School is looking for a loving, caring Lead Teacher for the 3-year-old class. Interested applicants should submit their resume to Principal Joan Sullivan at jsullivan@icsnewburyport.com.

Annual Berry Festival



Sunday, July 28
12:00–4:00
IC Church Lawn

Sunday, July 28, 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 \$8.00 each
Gluten-free biscuits available
Bottled water \$1.00

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Memorial Mass for Fr. Kelly

Fr. James T. Kelly, who some of you may remember as the Parochial Vicar at IC from 2003–2011, has passed away less than a year after being granted senior priest/retirement status. Father James T. Kelly died on May 16, 2024, at Regina Cleri.



We will hold a Memorial Mass for Fr. Kelly at the 9:00 Mass at IC Church on **Tuesday, July 16**. All are welcome to attend.

St. Mary's Cemetery Trash Removal Policy

From time to time, we get inquiries about trash removal at St Mary's Cemetery. In order to avoid very costly trash removal fees and to discourage people from littering and leaving trash throughout the cemetery, we have posted signs that read:

**Please respect our consecrated grounds.
Remove any trash or discarded items
when you leave.**

As we did last year, we will continue the practice of not placing trash barrels throughout the cemetery as the cost of regular trash removal would be prohibitive.

We ask that visitors to St Mary's Cemetery please take any trash with you when you leave and dispose of it at home.

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.**

IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish offers Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation.

Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

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

Knights of Columbus

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 about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804, email kofc231@outlook.com.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

Also, all are welcome to join us for **Hospitality Sunday** on the first Sunday of every month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the IC Parish Center for free coffee and donuts.

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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.

Harvest Fair 2024

Our next planning meeting for the October 19 Harvest Fair is **Wednesday, August 7**, after the 9:00 Mass at IC in the IC Charity dining room at St. Louis Hall.

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

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.