

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024

All Are Welcome

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*Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat."
For thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and there shall be some left over."
And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.*

(2 Kg 4:44)



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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Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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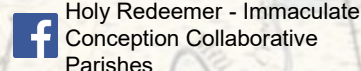
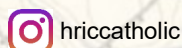
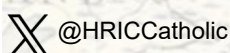
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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/27)

4:00pm **IC** John K. Herlihy, Marjorie Howard, Irene Zibell, Henry Szymura, Jean Basque
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (7/28)

8:30am **Nativity** Edie Lavoie (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am **IC** Katherine Doyle Kelley & John E. Kelley
(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (7/29)

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

Tuesday (7/30)

9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Mary E.

D'Ambrosio (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (7/31)

9:00am **IC** Kevin D. Mahoney (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (8/1)

9:00am **IC** Raymond Haley (Fr. Morin)

Friday (8/2)

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

Saturday (8/3)

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (8/4)

8:30am **Nativity** Edie Lavoie (Fr. Morin)

9:00am **IC** Irene Palaima, Gilda LaBarba
(Fr. Harrison)

10:00am **St. Ann** Jerry Mullen, The Graham and O'Connor Families (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:00am **IC** Jeffrey Stone, Richard & Robert Ring
(Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Robert Campbell, Dorothy McDonald, 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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I don't know about you, but I love leftovers. Coming from a mix of Italian and Hungarian backgrounds, an abundance of food was always a hallmark of our family gatherings. We cooked for thirty even if only ten were present. And then everyone was sent home with enough wrapped-up goodies to enjoy at least one or two more meals later that week. I think my family single-handedly kept Tupperware in business! And it usually tasted even better the second time around. Maybe it was because there was no effort involved—just unwrap (microwave if needed) and enjoy!

The "Multiplication of Loaves," as this Gospel story is often known as, is perhaps Jesus' best-known miracle. It appears in all four Gospels with various amended details, but with the core story intact. Faced with an overwhelming crowd of many thousands, Jesus somehow feeds them with just a few loaves and a couple of fish. The fish quickly get lost as the story gets more dramatic (who, after all, would want leftover fish!) Yet the remains are more than what was started with, and everyone gets to eat as much as they wanted which goes far beyond mere sustenance. In a peasant society that lived day to day, never knowing when their next meal would happen, this was a big deal! And word spread quickly! Too quickly, even, as people started showing up not so much to hear Jesus, but to get their hands on free bread.

As the Gospels were being composed and refined in the decades that would follow Jesus' earthly mission, this miracle in particular captured the heart of not only what Jesus came to accomplish, but also gave us an inestimable insight into Jesus' lasting gift to the Church—the Eucharist.

Jesus came that we might have life and have it in abundance. For first century peasants, bread was life. They were used to getting small scraps of it, maybe enough to assimilate into a meal, sometimes not enough. On a good day, everyone in the family had enough, on a not-so-good day, not everyone ate. That was just the way that life was. So to have free bread, bread that they didn't have to work all day in the hot sun for, was a luxury all by itself. And that they could eat freely as much as they wanted, without

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Bulletin Information

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

Collaborative Calendar



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

Berry Festival



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

See page 7 for more details.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, July 29

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

Ministry Mtg., New Collectors 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Tuesday, July 30

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

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

Wednesday, July 31

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Thursday, August 1

HRIC Prayer Shawl Mtg. 2:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, August 2

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, August 3

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, August 4

K of C Hospitality Sunday 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.

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worrying about family members going without, well...that was just Heaven on earth! Exactly! This was a powerful gift on many levels.

The early Church also saw many insights from this miracle story as they sought to understand better the Eucharist that Jesus told them to celebrate in His memory. The meager offerings of human beings will be transformed into the most abundant feast by God. Though our hunger and needs seem so great, God will completely satiate our deepest longings in Christ, blessed and broken for us...Christ who is our true food, true drink. Jesus promises, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink." (Jn 6:54-55) So, it is not simply a temporary nourishment that is being offered, but rather one that leads to something eternal and complete. Our sharing in the Eucharist points to the promise of everlasting life.

Ever consistent with the Hebrew Scriptures, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves echoes Elisha's from the Second Book of Kings, but on steroids! Elisha, a prophet, multiplies 20 loaves to feed one hundred. Jesus, the Son of God, multiplies 5 loaves to feed five thousand! With Elisha, there was "some" left over. With Jesus, there were twelve wicker baskets full of leftovers! God will not be outdone in generosity or abundance.

For us today, this miracle story continues to remind us that we will not be abandoned, even if for a moment we may find ourselves hungry and in a lonely place. God can and will multiply the tiniest of blessings to become an overabundance of grace and nourishment that will satisfy not only the gut, but the heart, mind and soul as well. In the Eucharist, the most meager of food and drink is beautifully transformed into the richest and most lavish of fare, nurturing us unto eternal life. This promise in Christ is renewed for each of us every time we follow the Lord's command to: Eat and Drink.... Do this in Memory of Me!

And there will be leftovers!

Continued summer blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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 be 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/> or scan the QR code.



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.

Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in the month of **June**:

Kelsey Gina Fisco • James Mauro Hedlund • Riley Beth Lynch • Alexander Joseph Motsis • Declan Francis O'Brien • Landon Murphy O'Brien • Daniel David Scally • Jacob Robert Theriault • Welsey Arthur Theriault • Jackson Boyd Tierney • Sloane Britton Tierney • Elena Jayne Turner

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/.



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 Juralawicz	Yvonne Sloban
Kristen D'Entremont	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	Michael	Arlene Stoddard
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Lichtenstein	Taylor
John Flynn	Johannah Lord	Captain Bill Taplin
Jeanine Ebacher	Sia Mahalati	Tom Tribble
Fowler	Patricia Carey	Michael Tucker
	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.

IC Haiti Second Collection

August 3 and 4, 2024

A second collection on the final weekend of Yankee Homecoming (August 3–4) will be taken up for IC Haiti. Established as a non-profit charitable organization in 2009, IC Haiti has been privileged to support the community of Puit Chacha, Haiti, with educational, medical, and emergency assistance thanks to the generosity of Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer parishioners. Our primary focus has been on the educational needs of young children and teens. The Father Marc Piché Elementary school, named after a former IC Pastor, serves between 150 and 200 students annually, and an additional fifty students have their tuition paid to attend a nearby high school.

We respectfully ask two things of you to support IC Haiti's ministry. First, please include the children of Haiti to your daily prayers. It's hard to pray about something without asking the Lord what He wants you to do about it. Second, please continue to support IC Haiti or please consider joining your fellow parishioners in supporting this ministry. Four second collections are taken up each year in the churches of our HRIC Collaborative to support IC Haiti. The need is great and the cost is high, but we have been called and blessed to serve the poor in Haiti.

Please put your cash donations in an envelope marked "For IC Haiti." If you are writing a check, please make the check out to **"IC Haiti."** If you prefer to mail your donation, please address your envelope to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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.

The God Minute

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

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

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!

Portugal Night Dinner

In preparation for the upcoming pilgrimage to Portugal in October, the pilgrims met last week for a themed fabulous dinner with an intimate Mass, table sharing, slide show, with a side of Q&A. It's clear to see that we are anxious to begin the journey!

Continue to watch the bulletin for upcoming pilgrimages.



Adoration:

This is Jesus' Real Self

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



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

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)

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.

women at the well

Are you seeking a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social, or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: In what ways do you generously provide for the needs of others who have little or nothing?

Child: How do you share what you have with others?



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Immaculate Conception

Berry Festival

Sunday, July 28

12:00-4:00
IC Church
Lawn

THIS WEEKEND



Delicious homemade
strawberry/blueberry shortcakes
topped with fresh whipped cream
\$8.00 each

Gluten-free biscuits available
Bottled water \$1.00

Come and enjoy!

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.svdnewburyport.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!

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, August 4, 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.



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



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

For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

Chicken BBQ Tickets

Holy Redeemer Parish is hosting a chicken BBQ during Merrimac Old Home Days festival. The supper is on August 10 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Nativity hall.

The 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.

Tickets for the supper will be on sale at IC Masses next weekend (August 3-4) at IC Church.

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholicTV.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, July 20–21	\$4,813.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 19	\$1,607.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,340.09
Total Weekly Offertory, July 20–21	\$9,760.09

Ongoing Church Maintenance, July 20–21 \$1,162.50
The second collection this weekend (July 28) is electrical cooling costs. The second collection next weekend (August 4) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."**

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 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, hricatholic.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.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box

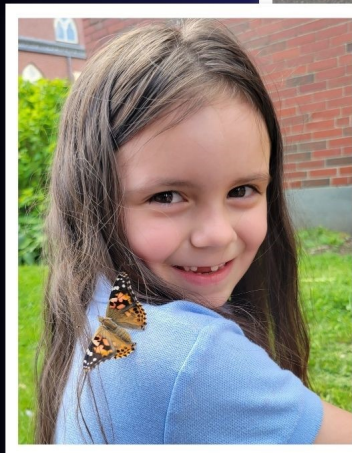


Immaculate Conception now offers a St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop box. We are accepting **clothing and shoes only** in the drop box.

The box is located behind the IC Parish Center, nearest Green Street.

Immaculate Conception School

LEARNING
THROUGH
DISCOVERY



Limited Openings in
Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and
Kindergarten

Contact our Admissions Team
for more information.

WWW.ICNEWBURYPORT.COM (978) 465-7780

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.**

Harvest Fair 2024

Our next planning meeting for the October 19 Harvest Fair is **Wednesday, August 14**, 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.

*Touched by your hand our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share your blessings with our brothers and sisters, and to experience the joy of life in your presence. * Roman Rite*

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, July 20–21	\$2,177.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 19	\$ 645.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 398.75
Total Weekly Offertory, July 20–21	\$3,220.75
Ongoing Church Maintenance, July 20–21	\$ 618.00

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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: hrccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

Holiday Fair News



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.

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

Adoration at Nativity Church

Eucharistic Adoration is offered on Wednesdays from 3:00–4:00 p.m. at Church of the Nativity. Join us weekly for one hour of Sacred Silence.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** for the month of **August**.

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. If you would like to help out at the event, 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.

See a committee member for tickets or purchase them the day of the event.

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