

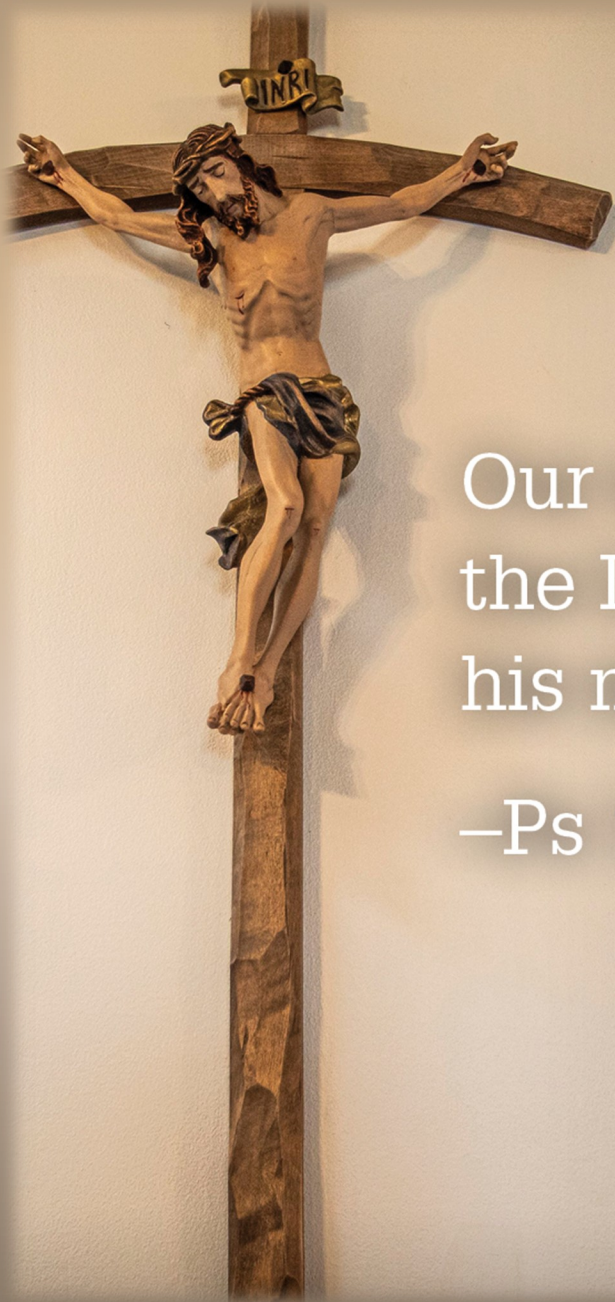
HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 7, 2024

All Are Welcome

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Our eyes are fixed on
the Lord, pleading for
his mercy.

—Ps 123:2cd



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Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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

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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/6)

4:00pm **IC** Alex Hasapis, Cynthia Lapre Colby, Matthew Eaton (Fr. Shea & Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (7/7)

8:30am **Nativity** Henry Duato (Fr. McLaughlin)

9:00am **IC** Irene Palaima, Gilda LaBarba, Sandy Lambert (Fr. Shea & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:00am **IC** Alex Hasapis, Caroline Doyle, John Larnard, Myriam Rodriguez (Fr. Shea & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (7/8)

9:00am **IC** Alton Tobey, Francis Tormey (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (7/9)

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

Wednesday (7/10)

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

Thursday (7/11)

9:00am **IC** Leo S. Burke (Fr. Morin)

Friday (7/12)

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

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** (Fr. Stanley)

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

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

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

In your prayers please remember William P. Spalding 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.

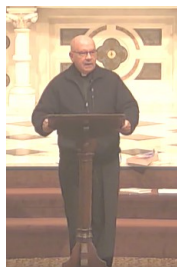
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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

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.



HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, July 10



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.

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 July 14, 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 later in the summer.

Live Rosary Update



Note: Facebook live recitation of the rosary on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be paused for the next month 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/hriccatholic/

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, July 8

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

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

Tuesday, July 9

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

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

IC SVdP Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Haiti Board Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, July 10

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Faith, Fun, & Fellowship Mtg. 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, July 11

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, July 12

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, July 13

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.

Please email any bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

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. There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

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. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICatholic.org and click on Lectio Divina.

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



Adoration: Eucharistic Presence is the Real Deal

Jesus' Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity is truly present in the consecrated Host and Wine.

We know this because He said so (John 6: 54-58).

Do not waver in belief that the Wafer that embodies His body—when consumed as Jesus commanded—transforms your own body. That you become a walking tabernacle is a too lofty mystery, but that's who Our Lord is: accessible by humility to you!

Rouse your belief in the One who humbles Himself to be food that He might impel you to bow, believe, and become Whom you eat. Commune with Jesus at Mass. Worship Him at Adoration.

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)



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.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Has there been a time when you placed your faith in God even though others around you did not?

Child: Is it easy or hard for you to put your faith in God?



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.

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.

We are taking a break from meeting in July. Our next meeting is Thursday, August 1 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

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

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.

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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

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.

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.



SCAN HERE to
make your gift



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.

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.

IC PARISH

Annual Berry Festival



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

Sunday, July 30, 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

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 Online Giving

To get started, register as a member of IC Parish (if you aren't already registered). 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, hricatholic.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.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

The second collection this weekend (July 7) is Missionary Cooperative Appeal. See below for details. The second collection next weekend (July 14) is the Monthly.

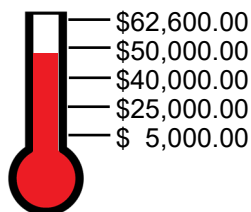
Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo. If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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: \$48,488.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



Missionary Cooperative Appeal Collection July 6-7



We welcome Father Leo Shea, a Maryknoll Missioner, who will speak at some of the IC Masses this weekend on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Maryknoll is the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. Maryknoll's task is to bring God's Word to foreign lands. Maryknollers share the Gospel, not in word alone, but in practical and concrete actions—by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving shelter to the homeless, and comforting the oppressed.



The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. Father Leo will share stories of the missions and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from ours. To learn more, visit www.propfaithboston.org.

While at IC, Father Shea will be happy to talk with any parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission work as a Maryknoll Priest, Sister, Brother, or Lay Missioner. For more info., visit www.maryknollsociety.org.

May our hearts and ears be opened by the Holy Spirit to support and pray for all missionaries and people they serve in the missions.

Collaborative Calendar



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

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.

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!

IC PARISH

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, July 7, 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



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.

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.**

Online Resources

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

HR PARISH

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:** hriccatholic.org/vbs-stellar.

Adoration at Nativity Church

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

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!

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

No second collection this weekend (July 7). The second collection next weekend (July 14) is the Monthly.

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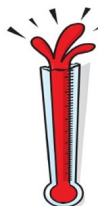
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HR Chicken BBQ

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
- 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.

Anyone Have Some Spare Time This Summer?



The Activities Committee is looking for some assistance with a woodworking project. The committee would like to have 6 wooden shelves made to sit on top of tables at our **Holiday Fair**. We would like the shelves to be about 6 feet long and rise up about 16 inches.

If you are able to help with this project, please call Cindy Quinn: 978-346-0072.

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.

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AUCTION

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

St. Ann Coffee Hour Update

*We Are Taking a **Summer Break** from Our Fun and Delicious Coffee Socials*

There will be no Coffee Social in July, August, or September. Watch the bulletin for the fall return of these happy gatherings.

Thank you to all who hosted, baked, and brought their good cheer to the St. Ann church hall. Enjoy the summer!



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