

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2026**

hriccatholic.org

All Are Welcome

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

Isaiah 55:1a



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

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Immaculate Conception

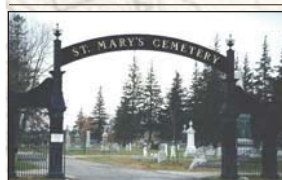
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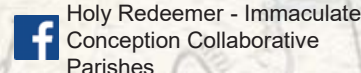
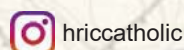
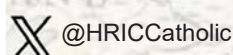
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

youthchoir@hriccatholic.org

Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/01)

4:00pm **IC** John Kearney Herlihy, Josephine Caliento, Raymond J. Haley, Henry Szymura (Fr. Stanley)

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

Sunday (8/02)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** Tammy Schreiber (Fr. Stanley)

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

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

Monday (8/03)

9:00am **St. Ann** Fr. Benjamin Okay Mado, For the Intentions of Seminarians Kennedy & Connor (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (8/04)

9:00am **St. Ann** Jeffrey Stone, Richard & Robert Ring (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (8/05)

9:00am **St. Ann** For the Niles, Keefe, Swochak & Macri Families (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (8/06)

9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)

Friday (8/07)

9:00am **St. Ann** Bill & Ann Graham (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (8/08)

4:00pm **IC** Patricia Donahue Gabriel, Christopher Michael Tobin (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (8/09)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC** Patricia Donahue Gabriel, Dianne Zerigian Lees (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

11:00am **IC** Leon Nelson Randall, Patricia Donahue Gabriel (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Deanna Ousler, Sarah Supple, Christopher Tobin, Lisa Cormier, Michael Juralewicz, 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.

Collaborative Faith Formation

K–8th grade Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation schedules and online registration forms are now posted on our website.

Go to www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation to find links to the schedule and forms.

Confirmation Preparation (8th grade) will begin with two options: September 15 or 16 at 6:15 p.m.

All other grades will begin on Sunday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Baptisms

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

IC Haiti Collection: August 1–2



Dear Parishioners: IC Haiti's Board of Directors is happy to inform you that it continues to offer hope to the school children of Puit Chacha, Haiti, and their families by funding both the entire school budget of the Father Marc Piché Elementary School and the tuition costs for those students who continue on to area secondary schools. In partnership with Health Equity International (formerly the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation), health services are also provided for these school children. Despite the ongoing crisis in Haiti, the school remains fully operational, and the children receive a hot meal daily along with their education.

HRIC's ministry to our brothers and sisters in Haiti over the past 17 years has been made possible by the grace of God and the generous response of parishioners. **On the weekend of August 1–2, the second collection at all Masses will be taken up for IC Haiti.** Trusting in Our Lord's ongoing call and the needs of our Haitian brothers and sisters, may we all be generous once more in our service to the people of Haiti.

Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."

Updated Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot Resurfacing Schedule

Please note the times when the IC Parking lot will be closed to all traffic. This schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions. **The High St. and the Green St. parking areas will be used for staff and priest parking only during the entire resurfacing project.**

Sat., Aug. 1–Sun., Aug. 2: parking lot is available for Masses

Mon., Aug 3–Fri., Aug. 7: parking lot is unavailable (Paving of parking lot and area between church and school—2 layers.)

Note: Daily Masses will be held at 9:00 a.m. at St. Ann on August 3–7.

No Daily Mass at IC on these days.

Note: There will be no lines in the parking lot yet. (We will be arranging a time when the parking lot lines will be painted and the jersey barriers can be brought back. These dates are TBD.)

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, August 3

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

DAR Mtg. 5:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, August 4

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

Study: Pope Leo's Encyclical 9:45am, St. Ann Hall

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

Wednesday, August 5

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Thursday, August 6

HR Prayer Shawl Meets 2:00pm, Nativity Hall

Study: Pope Leo's Encyclical 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, August 7

AA Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, August 8

Men's Cursillo Reunion Group 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Women's Cursillo Reunion Group 9:00am, IC Nazareth Library

HR Activities Committee Old Home Days Hot Dog Lunch

12:00pm, Donaghue Field, Merrimac

Confessions 3:00–3:30pm, 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.

Bulletin Information

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



Note: a blue canvas lawn chair was left behind at the 250th anniversary event at the Elks on July 12.

Please call the offices if it is yours.

Offertory Commitment Program Envelopes Error

Please note that there was an error made during the distribution of our "Increased Offertory Commitment Program" information. The envelopes that were included were mistakenly printed as "Grand Annual" envelopes. All other literature is accurate.

When we receive these "Grand Annual" envelopes, we will ensure that they will be applied to the "Increased Offertory Campaign" as planned. Please feel free to use these envelopes for that purpose.

We thank you for participating in the Increased Offertory Campaign and hope this clears up any confusion.

Our Grand Annual campaign will be held later this year.

Summer Reading with Pope Leo XIV



Even if you missed the last time, join us this Tuesday morning or Thursday evening as we unpack Catholic social doctrine, as expounded upon by Pope Leo in Chapter 2 of *Magnifica Humanitas*.

Tuesday, 9:45–10:45 a.m.: St. Ann Hall

or

Thursdays, 6:00–7:00 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall

Men's Cursillo Reunion Group Opportunities

For those who have been to Cursillo, Reunion Group is an opportunity to meet in small groups to share your spiritual life, support others in their walk with Jesus, and to deepen your commitment to Christ.

There are two Men's Reunion Groups to join in our Collaborative.

1. "St. Ann Group": Meets on the first and third Saturday of each month from 8:00–9:00 a.m. at St. Ann Church in West Newbury.
2. "IC Group": This **new** group will meet on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8:00–9:00 a.m. at IC St. James Chapel.

You may choose to participate in either or both groups. Feel free to reach out with questions (Jonathan, 978-809-9337), and feel free to share this opportunity with other men who have been to Cursillo.

Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage



**Rome • Papal Audience • Monte Cassino •
San Giovanni Rotondo • Monte Sant' Angelo •
Lanciano • Loreto • Assisi • Sansepolcro • Bari***

Spiritual Director: **Fr. George Morin**

Group Leaders: **Paul & Christine Blanchette**

Dates: **October 26–November 4, 2026***

*Optional Post Tour to **Bari**: November 4–7

We still have a few spots left on this once-in-a-lifetime tour.

Visit www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/italy/ to learn more or to make your reservation.

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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 thirty minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God, surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God within and in silence over time we are healed and transformed. We remain open to God as we hear Sacred Scripture being read in group Lectio Divina.

For the next thirty minutes we listen to God's words; ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God.

For more information, call Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call

978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp	Chloe Hequet	Carol O'Neal
Paula Cullen	Loriann Herrick	Eleanora Paciulan
Barnhart	Matt Hershey	Jodi Paciulan
Marcia Beeman	Angela Holloran	Joseph Palumbo
Pattie Bombard	Tula Hunt	Carol Parks
Kathy P. Brodeur	Emma Hurley	Joanne Pesa
Michael Brenner	Young Jameson	Elizabeth Pettingell
Phyllis Collins	Derek Johnson	Lorraine Portalla
Autumn Rose	Gary Johnson	Angie Reddy
Coulombe	Steve Johnson	Regina Seely
Kristen D'Entremont	Denise Kenneson	Yvonne Sloban
Neal DesRoches	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
Ward Dilmore	Ed Laverty	Arlene Stoddard
Deb Downie	Michael Lichtenstein	Susan Sweeney
Dotty Duval	Donna Limone	Taylor
Ann-Margaret	Johannah Lord	Captain Bill Taplin
Ferrante	Patricia M.	Heather Thompson
John Flynn	Lisa MacDougall	Michael Tucker
Jeanine Ebacher	Monica Maguire	Maddie Villers
Fowler	Sia Mahalati	Laurent Vincent
Renee Fowler	Michael Marchese	Joseph Vonhandorf
Cheryl Gallo	Robert (Bob) Marks	Sandra Welch
John Gutshaw	Michael Martens	
Jon Haggerty	Ovidio Martinez	
Ed Hardy	Fr. Bill McLaughlin	
Jane Harney	William Murphy	

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

Youth Music News

IC High School Praise Singers

The IC Praise Singers is now forming! If you are in high school and would love to sing and/or play your instrument to glorify God, *please contact Paula Quann*: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.



The IC Praise Singers will sing contemporary hymns at the 9:00 Mass once a month. Rehearsals begin in September.

Youth Choir

Does your child love to sing? Join the IC Youth Choir!

The IC Youth Choir is for young people in the 3rd–8th grade. If your child loves to sing, it is the perfect way for them to use their gifts to glorify God and serve our church.



Youth Choir rehearsals:

Wednesdays, beginning September 16 from 4:00–5:15.

For more information, please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"

Collaborative Calendar



Check out our 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.

The Sacrament of the Sick

The **Anointing of the Sick** is one of the seven Sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament, therefore it is strongly recommended that you request the Anointing of the Sick **before going in for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care.** Please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

Shawls and Lapghans



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

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Thursday, August 6**. All are welcome! **Come join us.** Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Adoration: Be there Because Jesus is There!



Enter the mystery of Jesus truly present in the Monstrance. You needn't understand. Just come. Be. Because He is there. Let Jesus lead. Be changed by His presence.

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 or no Mass is scheduled)

Online Giving

Both HR and IC offer Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of one of our parish communities. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the Collaborative offices.

Once registered, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org, and click the “Links” tab to get to the Online Giving page. Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724.

Deaconate Ordination: Save the Date

Aaron Giard, our Collaborative's Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, along with five other men of the Archdiocese, has been called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders and will be ordained as a permanent deacon through the Imposition of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by Archbishop Richard G. Henning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Everyone is welcome to join Aaron, Diana, and their family at this beautiful and solemn Mass.

The Collaborative has hired a bus to attend the Mass. The bus will depart from IC Church (42 Green Street, Newburyport) on Saturday, September 12 at 9:15 a.m., and will return to Newburyport at approximately 1:30 pm.

The following day, Sunday, September 13, there will be a **Mass of Thanksgiving** at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, celebrating the newly ordained. All are welcome.



Questions of the Week



Adult: What does this reading teach us about hospitality and outreach?

Child: Why do you think the disciples wanted to send the people away? How did Jesus react?

Newburyport Chamber Music Festival

HRIC is proud to host two concerts in August performed as part of the 25th anniversary of the Newburyport Chamber Music Festival. This milestone season features a distinguished roster of guest artists, including Grammy Award-winning Miró String Quartet, legendary Metropolitan Opera soprano Lucy Shelton, and classical pianist Kenny Broberg, laureate of both the Tchaikovsky and Van Cliburn international competitions. See Newburyportchambermusic.org for tickets and info.

 Newburyport Chamber Music Festival David Yang, Artistic Director August, 2026 25th Summer Festival Calendar Tickets and event info at newburyportchambermusic.org		WED 5 Storytelling & Music 11am Theater in the Open 1 Spring Lane Maudslay State Park FREE 4pm Salisbury Library 17 Elm, Salisbury FREE	FRI 7 Hausmusik #1 7pm \$50 advance ticket required	SAT 8 Opening Night Concert Piano Recital* 7pm St Paul's Church 166 High St. Pay-as-you-can \$40 suggested *Pre-Concert Talk with Kenny Broberg and David Yang begins at 6:15pm	
SUN 9 Works in Progress/Meet the Artists 3pm – 4:30pm First Religious Society Unitarian Church 26 Pleasant St. FREE Hausmusik #2 7pm \$50 advance ticket required	TUE 11 Open Rehearsal 10am – 1pm Illume Books 10 Market Sq. FREE Open Rehearsal 3pm – 6pm Jabberwocky Bookshop Tannery Marketplace FREE	WED 12 Open Rehearsal 10am – 1pm Native Sun 20 Pleasant St. FREE NCMF Salon 7pm Venue disclosed upon ticket purchase, \$250 advance ticket required	THU 13 Concert: The Return of Jon Deak Music for Soprano and Strings 7pm Immaculate Conception 42 Green St. Pay-as-you-can \$40 suggested	FRI 14 Open Rehearsal with Jon Deak 10am – 1pm NBPT Art Association 65 Water St. FREE Nachtmusik 8pm St Anna's Chapel at St Paul's Church 166 High St. \$50	SAT 15 Concert: Twenty Five Years of NCMF 8pm Immaculate Conception 42 Green St. Pay-as-you-can \$40 suggested *Pre-Concert Talk with Jon Deak begins at 7:15pm

The ten day festival includes puppetry for the family, intimate Hausmusik settings, open rehearsals and the haunting Nachtmusik.

The two concerts that will be performed at Immaculate Conception Church are on Thursday, August 13 and Saturday, August 15.

Berry
Festival
at Yankee Homecoming
2026

Our summer seminarian, Vince Barcinas, is walking the Camino de Santiago.



A white scallop shell with a red cross and a red string.

More updates to come!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, July 25–26	\$5,634.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 24	\$ 697.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,366.00
Total Weekly Offertory, July 25–26	\$9,697.00
Electrical Cooling Costs, July 25–26	\$1,338.00

The second collection this weekend (Aug. 1–2) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.** The second collection next weekend (Aug. 8–9) is the special 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: hricatholic.org/ic-online-giving.



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: **\$57,000.00**
To Date: **\$55,336.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



\$57,000.00
\$50,000.00
\$40,000.00
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\$10,000.00

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hricatholic.org.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul: Continuing to Serve Our Neighbors in Need.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues its mission of bringing hope and assistance to those in need within our parish and community. Through your generous donations and prayers, we are able to make a real difference in people's lives.

This summer, during the months of June and July we responded to 35 calls to our Help Line. We were able to assist single mothers with auto repairs, a senior woman with emergency dental needs along with several gas and electric bills and rent.

If you or someone you know is facing hardship, please reach out to us. All requests are handled with compassion and confidentiality.

📞 Helpline: 978-518-0728 (Volunteers respond to this line 24/7)

Your kindness and support make this work possible. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community.

Tuesdays Breaking Bread Meal: Free, hot, three-course meal served 4:45–5:30 p.m. in the IC St. Louis Hall dining room. Take-out meals available at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Thank you for helping us serve our community with compassion and dignity.

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ICS Admissions Open House

Pelican Intervention Fund



We have placed 173 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.

Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org.



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Stations of the Cross Lighting at IC

We are installing new, improved lighting for the Stations of the Cross at IC Church. After an exhaustive search, the aging lamps from about 30 years ago will be replaced with new, focused LED lights that will better illuminate these treasured images and help bring them to life.

Several parishioners have made donations for memorial plaques by the Stations to help offset the cost of the new lighting. Memorial plaques with each Station number will be installed below each image when the project is completed.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support!

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, July 25–26	\$1,874.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 24	\$2,520.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 587.00
Total Weekly Offertory, July 25–26	\$4,981.00
Electrical Cooling Costs, July 25–26	\$ 479.00

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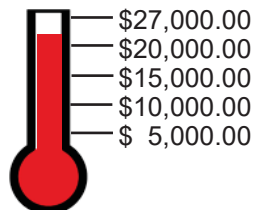
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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



HR Catholic Appeal
Goal \$27,000.00
To Date \$21,710.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



Weekday Masses at St. Ann

Note: **Daily Masses** will be held at **9:00 a.m. at St. Ann on August 3–7** due to the paving at IC.



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Collaborative Parishes

Piano for Nativity Hall

We have been given a chance to purchase a very nice, slightly used piano for Nativity Hall at a greatly reduced price.

This beautiful Kawai upright is being offered to us for only \$5,000, and I think it is an opportunity too good to pass up. Retailing new for more than \$12,000, this instrument has been lovingly cared for and beautifully maintained over the years. It comes with its own humidification system, to help keep it in-tune during the drier months of the year. Any parishioner interested in making a donation to help offset this cost is invited to contact our office in the weeks ahead. Any donation checks, no matter the amount, can be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish. Many thanks for your generosity in helping our parish to be all that it can be!



HR St. Vincent de Paul

Your Neighbors

This week we're sharing the brief stories of those that you have helped recently:

"Wendell" lives alone after his live-in father passed away. He's unable to work full-time and now struggles with staying current with his utility bills. You were able to pay a past due amount.

"Robin" lives with her husband and young children. They are unable to pay their expenses on a single income, so Robin has enrolled in a vocational training program that will lead to employment. You are helping with these training costs.

"Suzanne" lives in West Newbury and has been unable to pay an overdue propane bill. You were able to pay a partial amount to avoid a shut-off.

"Mike and Polly" live with their two young children in Merrimac and needed help with their rent while Polly finds a job. You helped pay their rent.

Your kind donations in any form to help our neighbors are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes that can be found on tables at the main entrances of 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.**

Activities Committee News

Upcoming Meeting



Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall for an **"angel decorating" craft night** to make angels for our November fair.

Merrimac Old Home Days: August 7–9

The Old Home Days committee has been struggling the past few years to get volunteers to help with this community event and the Activities Committee wants to support them. Here's how you can join Holy Redeemer by lending a hand to our community. Any type of help is appreciated.

- Set up on Friday, August 7, 10 a.m. Nativity parking lot. *Moving tables and chairs to the Donaghue School Field. Setting up a huge tent on the school's field.*
- Friday night, August 7, 5–8 p.m. at the Donaghue Field. *Making and selling popcorn for the outdoor movie: ET.*
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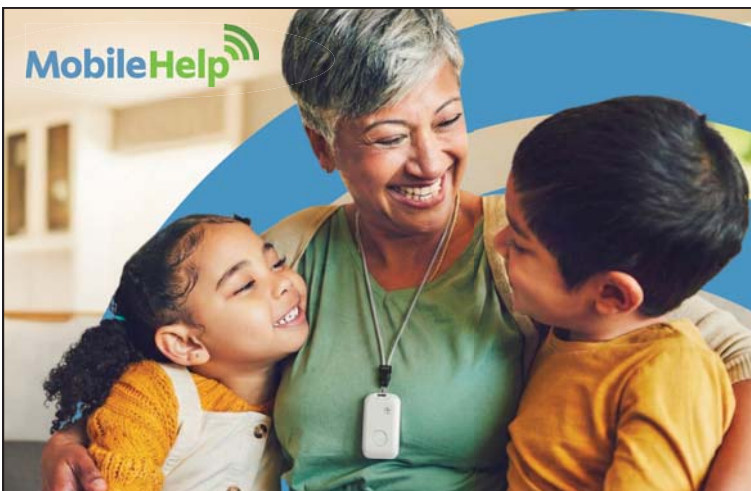
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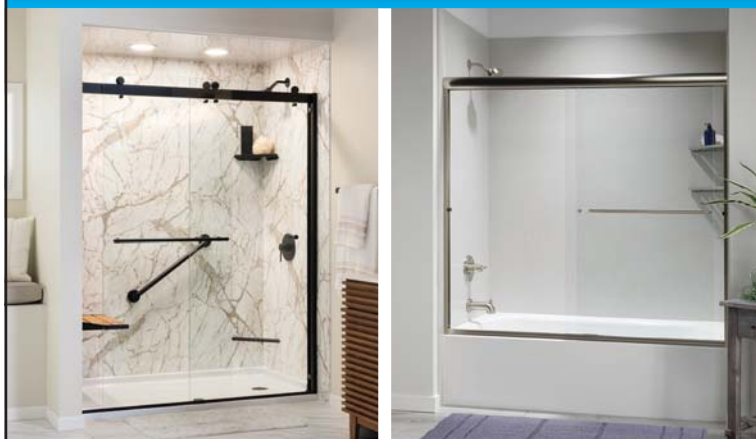
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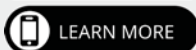
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