

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2026

hriccatholic.org

All Are Welcome



THOU ART PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I'LL BUILD MY CHURCH
MATTHEW 16:18



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

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Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: 978-346-8604

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Immaculate Conception

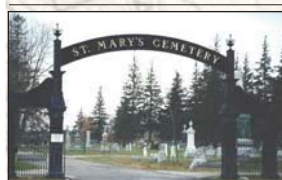
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Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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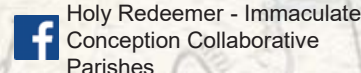
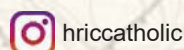
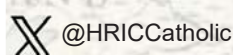
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/22)

4:00pm **IC** Richard Johnson, Eugene Dorgiet
(Fr. Jude Friday & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (8/23)

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

9:00am **IC** William Palle, Christine Gaudin,
Deceased Members of the Lekarcyk Family
(Fr. Jude Friday & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:00am **IC** Frances Ashe, Eddie Mehrmann
(Fr. Jude Friday & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (8/24)

9:00am **IC** Attilio Matticoli (Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (8/25)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Jude Friday)

Wednesday (8/26)

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

Thursday (8/27)

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

Friday (8/28)

9:00am **IC** Cheryl, Doris, & Leo Walsh, For the
Needs of Families (Fr. Jude Friday)

Saturday (8/29)

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

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

Sunday (8/30)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Jude Friday & Deacon Dow)

9:00am **IC** Michael & Derek Hines (Fr. Stanley)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Jude Friday & Deacon Dow)

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

*In your prayers please remember Dorothy DiVola, Mary Neelon,
and all of the faithful departed.*

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimack

St. Ann—West Newbury

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

Confessions:

Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church

Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative offices to schedule.)

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.hrccatholic.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.

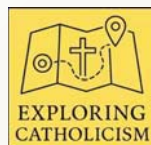
All other grades will begin on Sunday, September 20 at
9:00 a.m. Mass.

Baptisms

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

20 Things Church Tour

Save the Date



Are you new to Catholic worship?

Are you aware that **20 things** worldwide
distinguish a church as Catholic?

See them all, learn their Jewish roots,
marvel at why Catholic Christianity liturgically

presents:

- Closed doors to intentionally divide Narthex from Nave
- Holy Oils in the Ambry
- Jesus in the Tabernacle
- Incense in the Pascal Candle
- Holy Water in the Stoup
- Relics in the Altar Stone plus 14 more!

Open to all. Invite a friend. It's free!

PLACE: IC Church (meet at the piano)

DATE: Sunday, August 30

TIME: 12:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m.
(optional Q&A 1:45 p.m.–2:30 p.m.)

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church

Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative offices to schedule.)

Diaconate 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 **8:30 a.m.**, and
will return to Newburyport at approximately 1:30 p.m.
Please contact the offices to reserve your seat. We ask for
a donation of \$10 each person for the bus to help defray
the cost. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served
basis.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

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

Study: Pope Leo's Encyclical 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, August 26

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Thursday, August 27

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

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, August 28

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, August 29

Men's Cursillo Reunion Group 8:00am, St. Ann Church

Confessions 3:00–3:30pm, IC Church

Sunday, August 30

IC Church Tour 12:00noon, IC Church (Meet by the piano)

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

Summer Reading with Pope Leo XIV



Join us Tuesday morning or Thursday evening as we unpack Catholic social doctrine, as expounded upon by Pope Leo in *Magnifica Humanitas*.

Tuesdays, 9:45–10:45 a.m.: in IC Charity Dining Room

or

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

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.

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: In what way do you help others grow in their faith?

Child: How do you show what it means to be a follower of Jesus?

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 Baptisms

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

Jack Jeffrey Anzo

Allison Elaine Carroll, Lucy Staszak Carroll

Aria Rose DiPinto, Blaire Bonnie Fanelli

Benjamin Edward Kirpas, Callahan Thomas Murphy

Colin Patrick Nealon, James Michael Nealon

Rex Joseph Ruby, Robert John Ruby IV

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

The tour is now sold out. If you would like to join the waitlist, please visit the link below.

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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
Kathy P. Brodeur	Tula Hunt	Carol Parks
Michael Brenner	Emma Hurley	Joanne Pesa
Phyllis Collins	Young Jameson	Elizabeth Pettingell
Autumn Rose	Derek Johnson	Polly Pirri
Coulombe	Gary Johnson	Lorraine Portalla
Kristen D'Entremont	Steve Johnson	Angie Reddy
Neal DesRoches	Denise Kenneson	Regina Seely
Ward Dilmore	Arthur LaPointe	Yvonne Sloban
Jim Dolan	Ed Laverty	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	Michael Lichtenstein	Arlene Stoddard
Dotty Duval	Donna Limone	Susan Sweeney
Ann-Margaret	Johannah Lord	Taylor
Ferrante	Patricia M.	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Lisa MacDougall	Heather Thompson
Jeanine Ebacher	Monica Maguire	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Sia Mahalati	Maddie Villers
Renee Fowler	Michael Marchese	Laurent Vincent
Cheryl Gallo	Robert (Bob) Marks	Joseph Vonhandorf
John Gutshaw	Michael Martens	Sandra Welch
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.

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.



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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, September 3**. All are welcome! **Come join us.** Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, August 26



This program delivers soup, sandwiches, and casseroles to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month.

Sandwiches: Popular sandwich choices are peanut butter & jelly or cold cuts with cheese. Please do not use condiments. 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 inside.

Soups and Casseroles: Make your specialty soup or casserole! One-gallon soup containers as well as foil casserole pans are available in the St. Ann Church Hall on Wednesday mornings during sandwich drop off. Please label your soup or casserole donation and include any heating instructions.

Also welcome: any other goodies you can donate: cookies, powdered drink mixes, chips, granola bars, fresh fruit, etc.

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, scan the QR code.



Bulletin Information

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

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 NEWS

Updates from Vince along *The Way*

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

I am doing much better now. I had to book albergues in advance now because of the increase of pilgrims but at least I'm not worried about finding a bed now. (*Albergue is the pilgrim name for the hostels where pilgrims stay. Albergues are reserved specifically for pilgrims and you must show your pilgrim credentials book in order to stay in one.*)

I have acquired 2 charging cords and a European power brick so now I should have access to charging. (My phone charging cable got fried.)



Credentials book



August 12: Eclipse day! I witnessed the solar eclipse from a café today. Although you can't tell much from the photo, it got very dark. You can see how the outdoor lighting turned on.

August 16: I'm finally in Sarria, the checkpoint for the minimum 100 km to get a Compostela certificate. It's never been about the certificate for me, but I have to admit it's good to know I'm in the home stretch for it.

My original plan was to do a short 5k into Santiago on the 22nd but I've since changed that to arrive on the 21st, do the "administrative" part of the Camino, rest and celebrate with some local food, then have the 22nd to spiritually celebrate at the Pilgrim's Mass.



Collaborative Pastoral Council Seeks New Members

We are starting a new term for the Pastoral Council and are looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving in this capacity.

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 our parishes.

At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the Collaborative in this way. If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. You can also list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 with the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate. Please let us know **by September 18.**

Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Collaborative Ministry Fairs



The Collaborative Ministry Committee is again sponsoring Ministry Fairs in both parishes.

The Ministry Fair at **IC** will be on **September 12/13** after all the Masses and at **HR** on **September 19/20** after all of the weekend Masses.

These fairs will give the opportunity for all Collaborative Ministries to show all who attend, who they are and what they do, and where they need new volunteers. We will reach out to all ministry leaders over the next few weeks to give them more details about the events. If you are a Ministry leader, please make sure you reach out to Jim Williamson at 603-491-9916 to make sure we have your correct contact information. Stay tuned for more details.

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, September 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Aug. 15–16	\$5,697.06
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Aug. 14	\$1,732.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,264.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Aug. 15–16	\$10,693.06
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Aug. 15–16	\$1,389.00

The second collection this weekend (Aug. 23) is Missionary Cooperative Appeal (See article below). No second collection next weekend (Aug 30)

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.

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.

Immaculate Conception School



REGISTER NOW!

**8th Annual
ICS Newburyport
GOLF OUTING**

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

REGISTRATION AT 8:00 AM
SHOTGUN START AT 9:00 AM

BRADFORD COUNTRY CLUB
201 CHADWICK ROAD
HAVERHILL, MA 01835

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

REGISTER NOW

Scan to Register or Sponsor

Farewell

It is with great sadness that we will be saying farewell to Immaculate Conception's Music Director, Donna Postle, who will be retiring at the end of September. Donna has been the Music Director here at IC since 1992 and has been instrumental in developing and expanding our music program over the past quarter century to bring it to the excellence that we experience each week. We will miss her deeply, but wish her well in her future plans!

Please join us for a **farewell Mass and reception to follow on Sunday September 27 at 11:30 a.m.**

Welcome Missionary Priest Fr. Jude Tadeo Friday

Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Jude Tadeo Friday, a missionary priest who will be visiting our Collaborative from August 22–August 30. **The weekend of August 22–23 he will be at IC.** He will also attend the daily Masses at IC on August 25 and August 28.



I am Fr. Jude Tadeo Friday. Born on August 27, 1993. Ordained a priest in 2023 in Uganda for the Archdiocese of Tororo. I serve as an Assistant Secretary to the Archbishop and also as a parochial vicar in a parish, in Tororo Uganda. I studied my Theology from Notre Dame Seminary and was ordained a deacon from St. Louis King France Cathedral in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

I am grateful for this opportunity to visit and do the mission in this great country.

IC PARISH

IC Harvest Fair

The Harvest Fair is Saturday, October 10

We Need Your Help!

Needed:

- ⇒Day of fair—one or two volunteers to greet fairgoers and give out raffle tickets for the hourly door prize drawing.
- ⇒Balloons—need a volunteer to purchase 12 balloons to be attached to signs, tables day of fair.
- ⇒Ticket sellers needed for Basket Raffle on day of fair.
- ⇒New Table—"Gently used" toys games, puzzles—need a volunteer to sell table items the day of fair.

If you would like more information or can fill any of these positions, please call Betty Harrington at 978-595-7776.



IC Online Giving

It's convenient and safe. To learn more about online giving (one-time or recurring donation options available), visit our website, hriccatholic.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 with questions.

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is 978-998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years and she is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

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.)



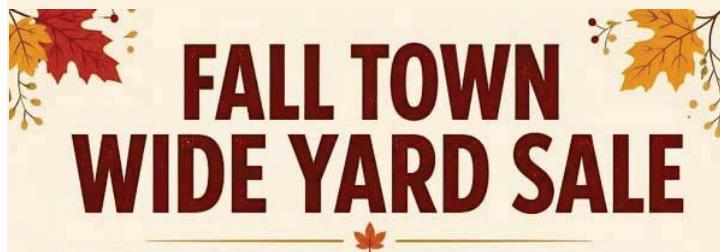
HR PARISH

Merrimac Senior Center Drivers Needed

Merrimac's Senior Center is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to local Merrimac residents Monday and/or Friday from approximately 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Brienne Walsh, Executive Director, at 978-346-9549.



HR Activities Committee News



Saturday, September 19 & Sunday, September 20

We will participate in the **Merrimac Town-Wide Yard Sale** on September 19 with our own yard sale in Nativity hall. Please consider helping out at the yard sale. We will need workers on Friday, September 18 starting at 10:00 a.m. On Saturday, September 20 we will need workers starting at 7:30 a.m. (The Town Wide Yard Sale runs from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) We will also be selling hot dogs during the yard sale.

Next Activities Committee Meeting: September 8

Our next meeting is at **St. Ann Hall** on **Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m.** We will be discussing Merrimac's Town Wide Yard Sale **and** our Holiday Fair (on Saturday, November 21).

Please, join us for our meeting on September 8 and bring your ideas!

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

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HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Aug. 14	\$ 695.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 660.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Aug 15–16	\$4,007.50
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Aug. 15–16	\$ 730.00

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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.**

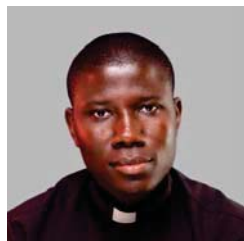
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Welcome Missionary Priest Fr. Jude Tadeo Friday

Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Jude Tadeo Friday, a missionary priest who will be visiting our Collaborative from August 22–August 30. **The weekend of August 29–30 he will be at HR.** He will also attend the daily Masses at IC on August 25 and August 28.

I am Fr. Jude Tadeo Friday. Born on August 27, 1993. Ordained a priest in 2023 in Uganda for the Archdiocese of Tororo. I serve as an Assistant Secretary to the Archbishop and also as a parochial vicar in a parish, in Tororo Uganda. I studied my Theology from Notre Dame Seminary and was ordained a deacon from St. Louis King France Cathedral in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

I am grateful for this opportunity to visit and do the mission in this great country.



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

Back to School Needs

It's that time of year and families with children are trying to budget for new clothes and school supplies. We'll be using your kind donations to address these needs with gift cards from Walmart. Anything that you can give is greatly appreciated.



Remember from scripture:

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 9:7)

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.**



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Christmas Care Packages

For Our Active-Duty Service Members from Holy Redeemer Parish

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If you have a family member or neighbor who is currently serving, we would like to send them some yuletide love and support on behalf of Holy Redeemer Parish.

Please provide us with your name, phone number, and/or email address along with the name of the active-duty service member. You may enter the information on the sign-up sheets at St. Ann and Nativity or contact Nancy Jean at (978) 363-5416 (land-line). A member of the HR Activities Committee will contact you to obtain more information about the service member including their military mailing address. We will be collecting names until the end of September.



Note: Active-duty members of the military, as well as veterans, are a protected class. Name, branch of service, address, etc. are kept confidential thus the HR Activities committee cannot obtain this information without your help! Be assured that the HR Activities Committee will also keep the information confidential.

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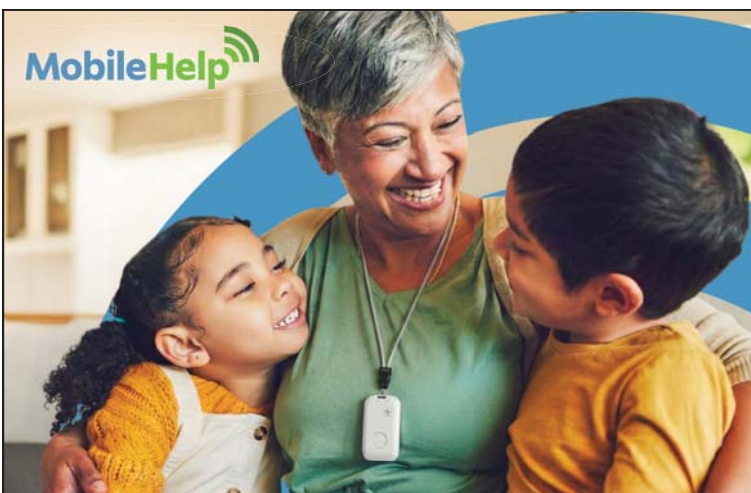
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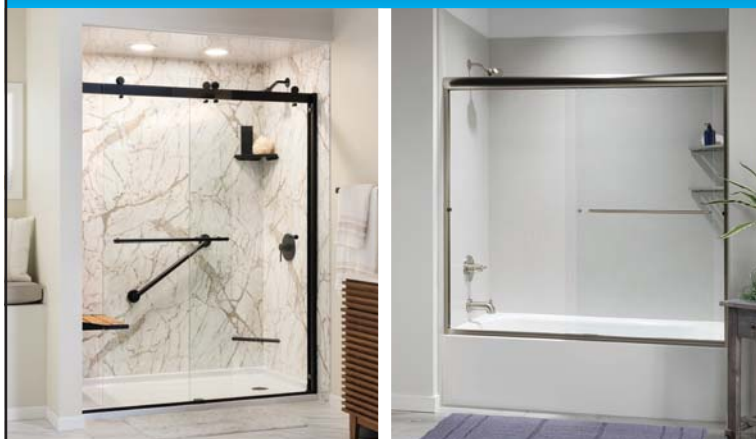
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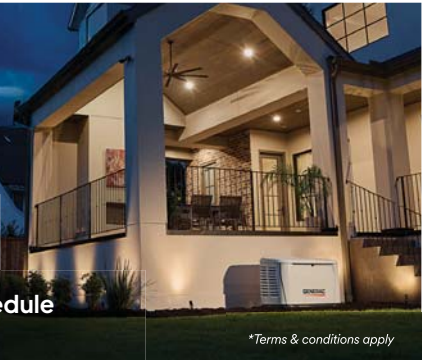
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