

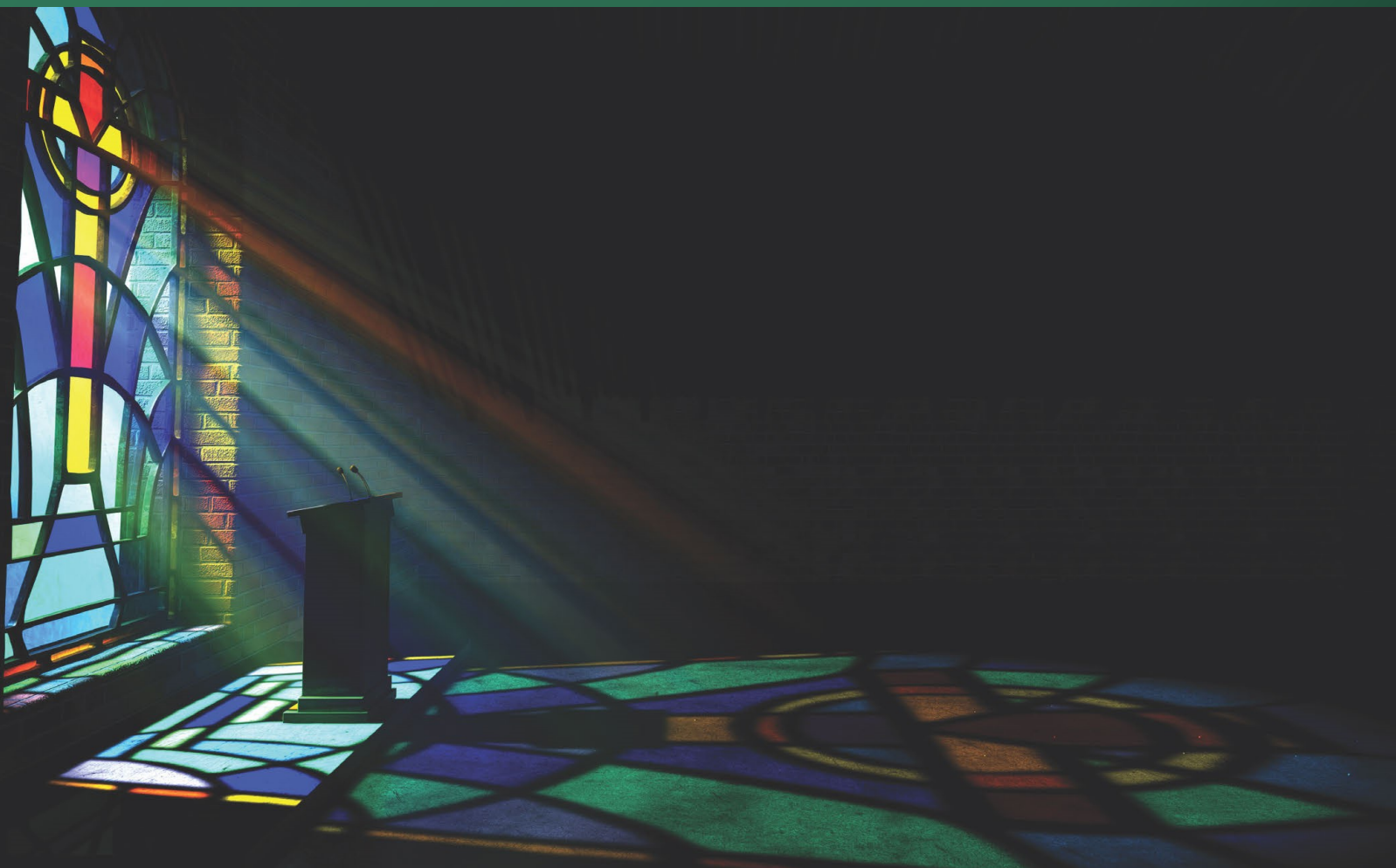
HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2024

All Are Welcome

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*“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of
eternal life. We have come to believe and are
convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”*

(Jn 6:68–69)



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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Office Hours: By appointment

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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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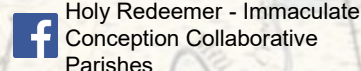
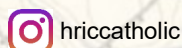
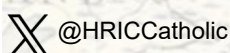
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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/24)

4:00pm **IC** *Marjorie Howard* (Fr. Stanley)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (8/25)

8:30am **Nativity** *Edie Lavoie* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** *Frederick Faulkner* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)
11:00am **IC** *Ralph Filomia* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (8/26)

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

Tuesday (8/27)

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

Wednesday (8/28)

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

Thursday (8/29)

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

Friday (8/30)

9:00am **IC** *Lillian M. Foley, for the needs of families* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (8/31)

4:00pm **IC** *Virginia Reardon, Derek & Michael Hines* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (9/1)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** *Irene Palaima, Gilda LaBarba* (Fr. Morin)
10:00am **St. Ann** *Jerry Mullen* (Fr. McLaughlin)
11:00am **IC** *Derek & Michael Hines* (Fr. Richard & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Samuel Blunt Jr., Catherine Doyle, 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.

Adoration Requires Presence



God's "tiny whispering voice" (1 Kings 19:11–13) can be heard by your ear of the heart. Your reply? Words are optional. It is your presence with Him in the Monstrance that attains to the spiritual dialogue.

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)

San Marcos Coffee

Next Sale: August 24–25

Note: Price Increase

Father Ray Richard is here visiting from Honduras and staying at the IC rectory. He is a Newburyport native who has spent nearly 50 years as a Franciscan Capuchin missionary in Honduras. "Padre Ramon" was the originator of the San Marcos Coffee Project over 20 years ago to bring a fair wage to the people of his former parish so that their hard work and top quality coffee could bring them a better standard of living.

On August 24–25 you can buy this specialty "certified organic" Honduran dark-roasted coffee for **\$13** per pound (whole bean or ground) at all Collaborative Masses. Please note the long-overdue price increase from \$10 to \$13.

The farmers of San Marcos say "Muchas Gracias and Paz de Cristo!"

Collaborative Ministry Fair



The Collaborative Ministry Committee will sponsor a Ministry Fair after all Masses and at all churches on the weekend of September 7/8. On that weekend we will have tables set up after all of the Masses where representatives of all of our Collaborative Ministries will be present to explain what they do to serve our parish and local communities and to encourage new volunteers. We invite you to please stop by the respective parish halls to enjoy some refreshments and to learn more about what parish members are doing in the community and how you might become part of one or more of them.

It's CORI Time

2025 CORI forms are now available. You can pick up a form in the back of each of the churches and have a priest or deacon verify it with your ID or stop by the IC parish center offices and fill one out there. CORI forms are also available on our website so you can download one and fill it out ahead of time.

Remember that the Archdiocese of Boston requires all volunteers in the church who are 18 years of age and older to fill out a CORI form every year. We appreciate the cooperation of all those required to complete the CORI and we particularly thank you for keeping the pledge to protect those among us who are most vulnerable.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

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

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, August 28

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Thursday, August 29

New Eucharistic Minister Training 5:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, August 30

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00noon

Saturday, August 31

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, September 1

KofC 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.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, August 28



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. **If you have abundant garden produce or are able to pick up a few extras at the supermarket, fresh peppers, onions, carrots, and corn are most welcome!** 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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Who helps you to find answers or meaning to life's questions?

Child: Who or what helps you to believe in Jesus?

2025 Pilgrimages Announced

The HRIC Pilgrimage Ministry is excited to announce two Pilgrimages for 2025.

Back by popular demand after a wonderful experience last year.

1. April 28, 2025 - 7 nights in Medjugorje with optional extension to Dubrovnik, and Split in Croatia and an excursion to "Our Lady of the Rocks" in Montenegro. This is sure to be a phenomenal Pilgrimage journey in our faith to one of the most peaceful, prayerful places on earth.

2. October 13, 2025 - 11 nights Great Saints and Shrines of France, featuring 3 nights in Lourdes, 2 each in Paris and Lisieux including Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Notre Dame, Sacre Coeur, and St. Therese and Normandy. Then it's on to Nevers and St. Bernadette, and much more, ultimately finishing with 3 nights in Lyon. This is a trip for a lifetime.

Website registration is open NOW for both of these fantastic itineraries (links below). Space is limited, claim yours while we have the rooms.

<https://www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/>

<https://www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/>

Food Pantry Benefit Concert

A concert to benefit First Parish Newbury Food Pantry in their mission to end food insecurity in the region will be held on **Sunday, August 25, 6–8 p.m.** at Maudslay Arts Center, 95 Cruzon Mill Road, Newburyport.

The Essex Ensemble, directed by Andrew Price, will feature musicians from Boston's best-loved orchestras.

Tickets:

Table Seating: \$50, Lawn Seating: \$30. Patrons are encouraged to bring a picnic. There will be non-alcoholic beverages and desserts available.

To purchase tickets or to find more information, visit newburyfoodpantry.org, scan the QR code, or visit Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/benefit-concert-for-the-first-parish-newbury-food-pantry-tickets-966478702817>



The First Parish Newbury Food Pantry is the largest all-volunteer food pantry in the greater Newburyport area serving the communities of Newbury, Newburyport, Byfield, West Newbury, Salisbury, Amesbury, Rowley, Ipswich, and Georgetown. They fulfill orders for over 700 people each Friday. They also manage pantries in local schools to reduce hunger and improve success in the classroom.



Labor Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, August 30 and will be closed all day on Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Evening of Reflection for All in Ministry

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. We held a similar event last September which was very well received. Please join us again or come for the first time.

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 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.

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/.



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.

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, September 5 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.



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.

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	Rob Schweizer
Bill Crounse	Justin Johnson	Yvonne Sloban
Drew Daubach	Michael Juralewicz	Gary Smith
Kristen D'Entremont	Arthur LaPointe	Arlene Stoddard
Deb Downie	Michael	Taylor
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Lichtenstein	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Johannah Lord	Tom Tribble
Jeanine Ebacher	Sia Mahalati	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Patricia Carey	Maddie Villers
	McCarthy	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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

A Retreat for Ordinary Time

The Further Journey

Finding the Narrow Road to Spiritual Maturity

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few." Mt 7:13-14

Spiritual maturity is the fruit of taking the further journey on the narrow road. This retreat in Ordinary Time mirrors the church's focus on spiritual maturation by coming to know Christ more deeply, hearing and answering his call to follow him. Ordinary Time is called ordinary as its weeks are numbered, or ordered. Ordinary Time focuses on the life of Christ. Mass readings take us through the life of Christ to learn how he lived in his Father. It is a time for spiritual growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. This is the time of personal conversion and commitment to follow Christ and a fitting time to explore your own relationship with Christ and your spiritual maturation.

In *Falling Upward*, Richard Rohr notes that on the Further Journey our true self, the deeper self, may slowly be revealed over time by choices made in accumulated moments of life, if we are ready and open to see and recognize God is calling us, perfecting us. The Further Journey is a time of transformation, growing, and awakening to our life which is hidden in God.

Scripture cautions us that few find the narrow gate and enter to walk the constricted road that leads to life. Our retreat will focus on how you can find this gateway in your life and identify your roadblocks to this path, as well as what attracts you to the broad road. Jesus walked the constricted road and is calling you to come and follow him on this path to life in God. During retreat as you pray, read, and reflect on Christ's words and works you may develop ears that hear his call and eyes that find the narrow gate and with a trusting heart of faith enter the narrow gate and begin the further journey. We will explore how the constricted road is one that leads to the freedom and peace of spiritual maturity as we walk humbly living in Christ, hidden in God.

I will provide appropriate material for reading and reflection and meet with you for four spiritual direction sessions. As we open ourselves to the wisdom of Holy Spirit, I will listen deeply as you share and, together, we allow the Holy Spirit to move us and bless and guide our sharing.

You may schedule direction sessions throughout the retreat as desired. We will meet in person or Zoom at a time convenient for you. This offering is designed to provide an affordable, convenient, safe retreat and create an intimate space for you to share yourself deeply with the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Retreat opens September 15 and closes October 12.

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience. Suggested donation: \$90.00

Spiritual director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling

Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information.

Pelican Intervention Fund

Dear Collaborative members,

We can't thank you enough for all your support this year both financially and through active engagement.

The 2024 Yankee Homecoming Parade was a great success and a prime example of your willingness to support our efforts. This was our 7th year marching and it felt like the community really appreciated the work and benefit of 12-step recovery programs.

The Collaborative was well represented, braving the suspect weather and marching with us while others cheered us on from the parade route.

Many highlights: it was a beautiful day (cloud cover and the rain held off), nice breakfast, fellowship, and a great opening blessing by Aaron Giard. We had close to 85 marchers, the crowd along the parade route was one of the largest in years, and we finished the parade with a fun pizza picnic for all the marchers and friends.

So many people to thank, you all made it another successful event by sharing the message of hope and promise that 12-step recovery offers. We wanted to send out a special "thank you" to the following friends:

•**Aaron Giard** gave a beautiful and thoughtful pre-parade blessing; it was amazing, and you could hear a pin drop during his delivery. Very inspiring — thank you Aaron.



•**Tom Grella and Marcia Cece** led the parade in style riding in the Can Am motorcycle with pelican flags and balloons, so cool. Check out the picture. Thank you Tom and Marcia.

•**Jonathan Temple** was our "official photographer" taking so many pictures including the one (not sure how he did it) of the entire group. Thank you Jonathan.

•**Tom Welch** rocked; we mean ROCKED, the day by playing the Bagpipes **all along the parade route**. His rendition of "Amazing Grace" brought tears of gratitude from Sober House marchers that we have supported. All along the parade route, folks stood and cheered as Tom led our marchers the entire 1.8 miles, he set the tone for our marchers and was truly inspiring. Thank you Tom.



With gratitude and love to the entire Collaborative,
Steve & Kim Keene
The Pelican Intervention Fund
978-836-9532



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, August 17–18	\$4,665.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending August 16	\$3,727.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$2,972.59</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, August 17–18	\$11,364.59
Assumption (August 15)	\$1,562.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, August 17–18	\$1,219.00
No second collection this weekend or next weekend (August 25, September 1).	

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 Online Giving

To get started, you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish. 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, 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 x 402.

Harvest Fair 2024

Mark Your Calendar

This year's Harvest Fair will be held on **Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

It will include a bake sale, artisan/craft tables, the popular Wall of Wine, scratch ticket tree raffle, Grandma's Attic table, an all-holiday table, a raffle table and door prizes. Oh, and lest we forget Jan's famous fish chowda!

Donations are wanted for the all-holiday table, Grandma's Attic table and raffle table. Collection date(s) will be announced soon.

You can help!

Do you have any "once loved" items from any past holiday that could be donated to our **holiday table**? (No Christmas trees, please.)

Do you have "gently used" items for the **Grandma's Attic table**?

Perhaps you could donate a gift card to a local restaurant, tickets to a sports game or musical event or a weekend at a summer cottage or ski resort for our **raffle table**?

If you have any questions, please contact Betty: 978-595-7776.

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School is all shined up and ready to welcome students for the first day of school. Teachers, new and veteran, have been busy preparing welcoming spaces for their students.

Pictured, new fourth grade teacher Mrs. Andrea Roe, takes a breather on the comfy couch in the reading corner. Soft lighting and the class fish create a welcoming space for her incoming students.



Photo by J. Sullivan

Class of '22 graduate Matthew Nazarro was on the maintenance staff as summer help and put a lot of elbow grease into preparing the school for the school year. As he stood 6 ft up on a ladder cleaning the windows over the entrance to the school lobby he commented that he had no idea the effort it took to prepare a school for September opening. Immaculate Conception welcomes back 18 teachers as well as two new educators. For the first time, the Pelicans Nest Pre-K program will have a class devoted to children 3 years of age.

We wish all IC Parish and school and area families the best as their children and extended family go back to school for the 2024–2025 school year!

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."

Harvest Fair Wall of Wine

I.C. Harvest Fair on October 19 is fast approaching.

It's time to begin filling up the Wall of Wine.

Last year the Wall of Wine was a tremendous hit, emptying the wine rack in only 2 hours.

We need everyone's help.

Simply donate some wine to fill this year's rack. Bring a bottle of white, rose, or red wine valued at \$15 or more to church with you and put it in the "wine bin" in the Green Street entrance.

We are hoping to have some premium wines (\$40+) donated to enhance everyone's choices.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Family Resource Table



We will provide different printables, activities, crafts, recipes, displays, and more to help celebrate feasts, seasons, and saints to take home.

Please remember that the **Mass rings/ prayer rings and books should be returned to the table after Mass.**

IC 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!

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.

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, September 1, 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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 10 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 I Parish Center



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kofc.org/join



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.)



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.

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

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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, August 17–18	\$1,773.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending August 16	\$ 820.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 372.50
Total Weekly Offertory, August 17–18	\$2,965.50
Assumption (August 15)	\$ 429.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, August 17–18	\$ 470.00

No second collection this weekend or next weekend (August 25, September 1).

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

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

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

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Back to School Needs

As we get closer to “back-to-school” time our thoughts turn to clothing and school supply insecurities among our neighbors. We ask that you consider donating Walmart gift cards of any amount to address this annual need.



Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. 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.

Please keep us and our neighbors-in-need in your prayers.

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.

Our next **fair meeting is September 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in Nativity Hall. Please join us and help plan for the fair.

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

Fleece Blankets for Veterans

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are having a volunteer event on **Sunday, September 8 at Nativity hall**. We will be making fleece blankets for veterans from **9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

We would like to open this volunteer event to our fellow parishioners to come help us make blankets. Maybe there’s a teen who needs service hours or someone with a stash of fleece? We are asking anyone interested in joining us to bring the following supplies:

- 2 yards of America-themed fleece
- 2 yards of coordinating color fleece
- Scissors that are sharp
- A ruler



This is a no-sew blanket—we just cut the edges into fringe and double knot it. Easy and fun! We will have coffee on as well. If you are interested in helping call 978-346-9448 so that we can set up enough tables for participants.

The Cookbooks Are Here!

Thank you to all who contributed recipes and worked so hard to make our parish cookbook a success. If you would like to purchase a copy, they will be for sale (\$15 each) after the 4:00, 8:30, and 10:00 Masses at both St. Ann and Nativity for the next three weekends: August 31/September 1, September 7/8, and September 14/15.

They make great gifts too!



Communion to the Homebound

If you are a Holy Redeemer parishioner who is homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis, we would like to offer you the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. Please let us know. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-346-8604 to schedule a visit.



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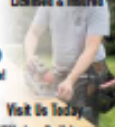
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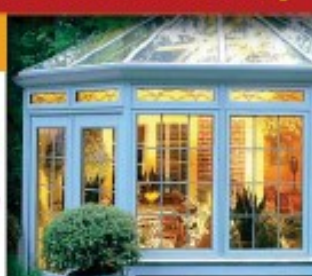
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