

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2026

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All Are Welcome



*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

Mt 16:24–25



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

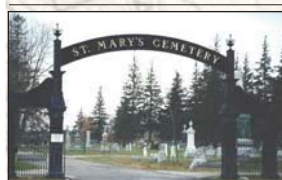
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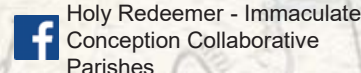
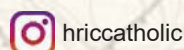
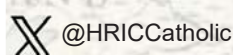
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/29)

4:00pm **IC Eugene Dorgiet** (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, For the Intentions of Ed Laverty** (Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Jude Friday & Deacon Dow)
11:00am **IC Deceased Members of the Lekarczyk Family** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (8/31)

9:00am **IC Cheryl, Doris, & Leo Walsh** (Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (9/01)

9:00am **IC Tadeusz Cimaszewski, Derek & Michael Hines** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (9/02)

9:00am **IC For the Niles, Keefe, Swochak, & Macri Families, For the Intentions of Peter & Mary D'Ambrosio and All Married Couples** (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (9/03)

9:00am **IC John J. Labo** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (9/04)

9:00am **IC Michael Stone, James Carew, Frederick J. Aloj and Family** (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (9/05)

4:00pm **IC Virginia Reardon** (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (9/06)

8:30am **Nativity Katherine & Mike Duda, Charles & Anita Johnson** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC For the Intentions of Ed Laverty** (Fr. Harrison)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)
11:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember 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.

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.hricatholic.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.

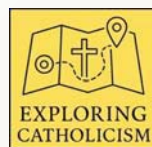
All other grades will begin on Sunday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Baptisms

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

20 Things Church Tour

This Weekend!



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 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

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

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

Catechist Mtg. 5:45pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, September 2

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

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

Thursday, September 3

HR Prayer Shawl Meets 2:00pm, Nativity Hall

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 4

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00 noon

Saturday, September 5

Confessions 3:00–3:30pm, IC Church

Sunday, September 6

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How do you manage life's difficulties in a faithful way?

Child: When do you find it hard to follow Jesus?

Labor Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 4 and be closed all day on Monday, September 7 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.



Adoration

Don't put off genuine prayer in the presence of God because it might change you. Expect that you will be changed: by grace, by attentive listening and by holy aspirations which His crazy love for you will set you free to love as He loves.

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)

Upcoming Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Workshops

All adult employees and volunteers in the Archdiocese of Boston must complete a **one-time** Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) class in addition to their yearly CORI. The training is an in-person, 3-hour training that is needed only once in your life.

If you have not taken the course yet, here is your chance to fulfill that requirement. The Collaborative will be sponsoring two Protecting God's Children workshops on:

- **Saturday, September 26, at Nativity Hall, Merrimac, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, September 30, at IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport, from 5:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.**

You can register online at <https://www.virtusonline.org/> (see registration steps below).

How to Register for a PGC Workshop

- Go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/>
- Click on "First-Time Registrant"
- Click on "Begin the Registration Process"
- From the pull-down menu, choose "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)," ONLY and click "Select"
- When asked, "Have you previously registered with VIRTUS Online?" Click "NO"
- Create a username and password when asked to do so and click "Continue"
- Fill in all the required fields for contact information on the next screen and click "Continue"
- From the pull-down menu for "Location," choose the name of your parish, church, or school
- When the roles appear, choose a primary role and an additional role
- In the box at the bottom, add a title (what you do for parish/school) and click "Continue"
- On the next page, you may choose YES or NO, depending on whether you want to associate your name with an additional parish, church, or school
- Answer the **four** YES/NO questions on the next page and click "Continue"
- When asked, "Have you already attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Session?" answer NO
- On the next page, choose a session entitled, "Protecting God's Children for Adults" (ONLY)
- Confirm, and you are done!

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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.

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.



This Week!

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!

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"

Bulletin Information

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



Kennedy, one of our 2025 summer seminarians, and some friends were recently spotted on a Newburyport Whale Watch!

Pictured are Fr. Stan and Fr. Alex, and seminarians Kennedy, Samuel, and Crisantus from Saint John's Seminary.

Fr. Alex is a Missionary ordained just 2 months ago in Washington, DC and is now off to his first assignment in Houston Texas.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Updates from Vince along *The Way*

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

Final dates and miles for Vince's trip:

- Aug. 12:** Ponferrada to Villafranca del Bierzo, 14.7 mi
- Aug. 13:** Villafranca to Las Herrerías, 12.4 mi
- Aug. 14:** Herrerías to Triacastela, 17.9 mi
- Aug. 15:** Triacastela to Sarria, 10.5 mi
- Aug. 16:** Sarria to Portomarin, 13.7 mi
- Aug. 17:** Portomarin to Palas de Rei, 15.8 mi
- Aug. 18:** Palas to Melide, 9 mi
- Aug. 19:** Melide to Arzúa, 8.5 mi
- Aug. 20:** Arzúa to O Pedrouzo, 12.1 mi
- Aug. 21:** O Pedrouzo to Santiago de Compostela, 12.4 mi (END)
- Aug. 22:** A rest day in Santiago
- Aug. 23:** Travel day to Madrid
- Aug. 24:** Flight to the US



Pictured above: Vince's certificate for completing the Camino

Right: Vince standing in front of the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain (his destination)



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Women's Retreat



The Guest House of Saint Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, MA has been reserved for the exclusive use of the women of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes from Monday, November 30–Friday, December 4.

Spend a week in silent prayer and meditation joining the community of Monks at daily Mass and at various hours of the day and night as they sing the Divine Office. There is also a daily conference given by one of the Monks. The Guest House welcomes 11 guests (all private rooms with bath).

The cost for the mid-week retreat is \$500.00 per person with arrival Monday at 3:00 p.m. and departure on Friday after breakfast. Make your reservation with a check payable to Immaculate Conception Parish for \$500.00 (Memo line: Spencer Retreat). Act quickly—the space is limited. If you have questions or want more information, please see or leave a message in the offices for Fr. Morin.

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 both of our parishes 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.



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Aug. 22–23	\$6,579.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Aug. 21	\$1,612.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,264.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Aug. 22–23	\$11,455.00
Missionary Cooperative Appeal, Aug. 22–23	\$6,243.00
Catholic Appeal (Goal \$57,000)	\$55,711.00

No second this weekend (Aug. 30) or next weekend (Sept 6).

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Continuing to Serve Our Neighbors in Need

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul remains committed to bringing hope, compassion, and practical assistance to those in need within our parish and our wider community.

We are preparing for our Annual **“Neighbors Helping Neighbors” Walk** on **Saturday, October 3**. This event is not only an important fundraiser—it is also a chance to show our larger community who we are and that we are ready to serve. We invite you to walk with us and help spread the word. Sponsor sheets are available at the doors of the church.

We also need your help to let our neighbors know that **SVDP is here for them—no matter the amount of the need**. Whether someone requires a small food card or is facing a serious crisis, we want them to know they can reach out. All requests are handled with compassion and complete confidentiality.

☎ Helpline: 978-518-0728 Our volunteers respond to this line 24/7.

Your kindness and support make this ministry 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.

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.**

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

Ministry Committee



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

The 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. Ministry Committee members will speak at all of the Masses at IC next weekend. Please consider stopping in and learning more about our Collaborative ministries on the weekend of September 12/13.

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.

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" games, puzzles—need a volunteer to sell table items the day of fair. *(We will NOT be collecting and selling used toys at the fair. We will have children's crafts, face painting, and also vendors selling Barbie doll clothes and toy kits to assemble. It will be fun for the whole family!)*

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



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.

St. Vincent de Paul "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Annual Walk

Save the Date: Saturday, October 3



We are preparing for our annual "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" walk. This is approximately a 3-mile walk easy enough for all ages. The walk begins and ends in the IC Church parking lot.

This is the major fundraiser for us. We need **walkers and sponsors** to make this event a success. Join your fellow parishioners and/or make a pledge for one of our walkers.

As they have in the past, our priests will be walking and are looking for sponsors. **If you'd like to would like to sponsor one (or all) of our priests, you can do that as well as simply making a donation to SVdP.**

HR PARISH

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Difficult Statistics

The US Census has reported that approximately 9% of the population is below the poverty level in Essex County. Obviously, this varies town by town but for the populations of Merrimac and West Newbury, this would mean over 1100 neighbors make less than \$22,000 to support a two-person household. These are the people that you help. We are not alone: federal, state, and local programs work together to address the need. Our work is unique among these agencies in that assistance is delivered in the spirit of Jesus Christ and all of his teachings.



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**.

Altar Linen Ministry at HR

HR is looking for volunteers for Altar linen care. If this is a ministry that you are interested in and can help with, please contact the offices for more details. 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

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 19 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

HR Offertory, Aug. 22–23	\$2,395.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Aug. 21	\$ 450.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 660.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Aug 22–23	\$3,505.00
Catholic Appeal (Goal \$27,000)	\$22,230.00

The second collection this weekend (Aug. 30) is Missionary Cooperative Appeal (See article below.) No second collection next weekend (Sept. 6).

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: hrccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to Nativity, Merrimac for the month of September.

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.**



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.

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The Holy Redeemer Activities Committee would like to send festive Christmas care packages to active-duty members of the US Military.

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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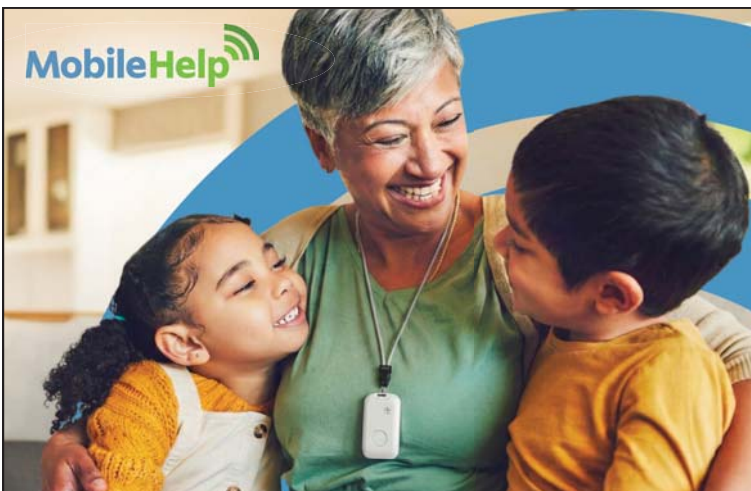
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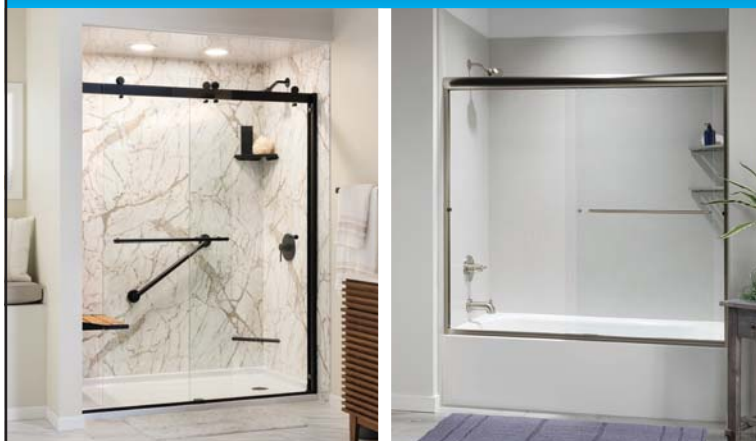
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