

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2024

All Are Welcome

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*In the morning a dew lay  
all about the camp, and when the  
dew evaporated, there  
on the surface of the desert were  
fine flakes like hoarfrost  
on the ground.*

*On seeing it, the Israelites  
asked one another, "What is this?"  
for they did not know what it was.  
But Moses told them,  
"This is the bread that the LORD  
has given you to eat."*

(Ex 16:12–15)



## 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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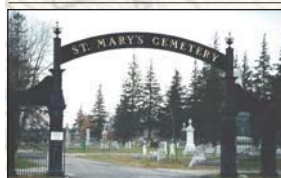
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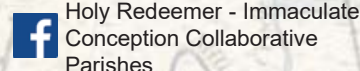
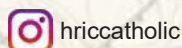
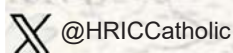
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#### Confessions

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



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (8/3)

4:00pm **IC** *Joseph Buonanduci* (Fr. Harrison)  
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

### Sunday (8/4)

8:30am **Nativity** *Edie Lavoie* (Fr. Morin)  
9:00am **IC** *Ted LoPreste, Josephine Katz, Irene Palaima, Gilda LaBarba* (Fr. Harrison)  
10:00am **St. Ann** *Jerry Mullen, Graham & O'Connor families* (Fr. McLaughlin)  
11:00am **IC** *Jeffrey Stone, Richard & Robert Ring* (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (8/5)

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

### Tuesday (8/6)

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

### Wednesday (8/7)

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

### Thursday (8/8)

9:00am **IC** *Dorothy Porter Burton* (Fr. Stanley)

### Friday (8/9)

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

### Saturday (8/10)

4:00pm **IC** *Marjorie Howard, Brady Mistretta* (Fr. Stanley)  
4:00pm **St. Ann** *Dan Driscoll, William Moore* (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (8/11)

8:30am **Nativity** *For the intentions of Dr. Dorothy Kardas & Carolyn Johnson* (Fr. McLaughlin)  
9:00am **IC** *Laura Giacchetti, Mary & Albert Salerno, Angelo & Eleanor Messina* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)  
10:00am **St. Ann** *Ann Fiore, Irene & Rene McCarthy* (Fr. Morin)  
11:00am **IC** *Elizabeth Ann Herlihy* (Fr. Harrison)

*In your prayers please remember Elizabeth Ann Herlihy and all of the faithful departed.*

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

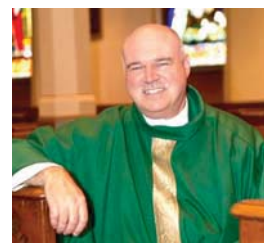
*St. Ann—West Newbury*

**Saturday Vigil Mass is live-streamed online** through our website: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) as well as our Facebook page.

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Personally, I would have been much more excited about the quail rather than the so-called "bread." The quail get quickly forgotten, but gathered together, they could be a tasty meal. Think Cornish game hens here. Not a lot of meat on any one bird, but a couple would begin to satiate. And there seemed to be plenty every evening, or so the Scriptures tell us.



But the "bread...?" On the bulletin cover I placed an image of hoarfrost to give an idea of what the Israelites encountered. As a child, I used to enjoy a breakfast cereal called, "Frosted Flakes." "*They're GREAT!*" (Or so, Tony the Tiger would say.) But I think this would have been rich fare compared to the so-called "bread that came down from heaven." Bread was a bit of a stretch here. Flaky crisps was more like it. While the Bible describes it as the remains of evaporated dew, some Scripture scholars muse that it was from the leftover secretions of insects that moved through the camp at night. Anybody losing their appetite yet? One can see why the Israelites might have grumbled a bit in their hunger.

And yet, through the centuries, we have instead marveled that the Lord fed them with bread from heaven. Ethereal in quality and yet substantial enough to be gathered and consumed, this manna from God remained etched in Israel's heart as a direct response from God to their hunger and need. God understood their inner longing and acted, miraculously to meet that craving with something that would sustain them until they entered the Promised Land.

It is no surprise, then, that the Church with its post-resurrection eyes of Faith has looked to this imagery to help us better understand the Eucharist and Jesus Christ Himself, who said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35) While Eucharistic Bread has never been particularly appetizing in and of itself, when prayed-over, blessed, and broken, it becomes for us the very best of bread, the finest of food...Christ Himself! It is God feeding us, not just physically but also spiritually, nourishing our whole selves—body and soul. While on this earthly journey, we are sustained by this "Bread come down from Heaven" until we one day reach the Promised Land ourselves and enter into our eternal home. This tiny piece of unleavened bread made from wheat, this tiny sip of wine made from grapes, whets our appetite for the Lord who promised to fulfill our every need and then some. The multiplication of the loaves, the references to the manna from Heaven all help us better appreciate the true gift that Jesus has made of Himself and our own call to participate in its richness: "Take and Eat, Take and Drink... Do this in memory of Me!" May our hearts be opened to the One who fulfills and sustains us always that we might offer Him in abundance to others.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## Adoration

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)

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org)

#### Monday, August 5

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

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

#### Tuesday, August 6

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

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

#### Wednesday, August 7

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

**Adoration** 3:00pm, Nativity Church

#### Thursday, August 8

**Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

#### Friday, August 9

**Adoration** 9:30am, IC Church

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

#### Saturday, August 10

**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

**Old Home Days Chicken BBQ** 5:00–7:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

### IC Haiti Second Collection

August 3 and 4, 2024

A second collection on the final weekend of Yankee Homecoming (August 3–4) will be taken up for IC Haiti. Established as a non-profit charitable organization in 2009, IC Haiti has been privileged to support the community of Puit Chacha, Haiti, with educational, medical, and emergency assistance thanks to the generosity of Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer parishioners.



Our primary focus has been on the educational needs of young children and teens. The Father Marc Piché Elementary school, named after a former IC Pastor, serves between 150 and 200 students annually, and an additional fifty students have

their tuition paid to attend a nearby high school.

We respectfully ask two things of you to support IC Haiti's ministry. First, please include the children of Haiti to your daily prayers. It's hard to pray about something without asking the Lord what He wants you to do about it. Second, please continue to support IC Haiti or please consider joining your fellow parishioners in supporting this ministry. Four second collections are taken up each year in the churches of our HRIC Collaborative to support IC Haiti. The need is great and the cost is high, but we have been called and blessed to serve the poor in Haiti.

**Please put your cash donations in an envelope marked "For IC Haiti." If you are writing a check, please make the check out to "IC Haiti." If you prefer to mail your donation, please address your envelope to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

### 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.

### 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](http://bible.usccb.org). 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.



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

### Celebrate Summer with the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, August 17 • Save the Date!



The Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with HRIC and sponsors, is hosting a picnic featuring pickleball and other games, to promote its brotherhood and the community of our faith. The day of fun and fellowship will be something to be enjoyed by all.

All of the games are "kid friendly" and no experience is needed. The event is from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the Newburyport Tennis Club, 178 Low Street, Newburyport 01950.

The funds collected for the day will help support the Newburyport Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Preregistration for the event is being held online at <https://kofcsummer24.eventbrite.com/> or scan the QR code.



The cost of admission is \$6.00 per person. For an additional charge, food, drinks, and some cool gear are available. There will also be a chance to win some free prizes.

We hope to see you there. Come and enjoy the day, be part of something fun, and support the community.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Dear parishioners,

From July 17–21, my family and I were privileged to attend the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, the first of these in 83 years. Together with 50,000+ other Catholics, we gathered together for prayer, music, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and to listen to various talks from well-known Catholic figures. All this came to its culmination in a giant Eucharistic Procession through downtown with tens of thousands of people. I hope this account blesses you with a glimpse of the hope and manifold grace poured out during this week.



The Congress began on Wednesday evening in Lucas Oil Stadium (where the Colts football team plays) with 50,000+ of the faithful from across the country. We welcomed the pilgrims who walked the four pilgrimage routes (North, East, South, West) over the last few months, then watched a stunning audio-visual presentation that culminated in the Eucharist being brought out in a HUGE monstrance. Seeing all those people fall to

their knees and begin singing familiar adoration hymns was deeply moving and inspiring. We were all there out of love for Jesus Christ and a conviction that He was really and truly present, desiring to revive His Church, healing and renewing us for mission into this dark and fragmented world. Adoration was the highlight of every day of the Congress.

Many of us are nervous about our vocations crisis. We don't see many priests and religious coming out of our towns and cities. We see few young people filling our pews consistently. However, this congress showed me that our Church in this country is clearly not without young vocations and youthful presence. Literal throngs of young women and men in religious habits and hundreds of young seminarians could be seen in the stadium, streets, and convention center throughout the week. Our Church is full of people, young and old, on fire with love for Jesus in the Eucharist! They are living the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience *joyfully, infectiously*. The Gospel is universally appealing and always has been. While our culture is more antagonistic or apathetic toward Christianity and religious commitment and devotion, when the Gospel is proclaimed boldly to the human heart, it is practically irresistible. We must always have hope in this conviction and live joyfully in that hope.

Each evening, we all gathered in the stadium for "Revival Nights" of notable speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. Each night had a different feel, a different theme. However, the common theme that was woven throughout was the need for repentance in each of us in order to spark true renewal in the



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Congress**

Church. Each of us are wounded by sin, whether originating in our personal act or that of another. Jesus began His ministry calling all to "repent and believe in the Good News." Without repentance, our hearts become too cramped for the Good News to radiate forth in profound ways that can

transform the world. Without repentance, our egos and our vices get in the way of people seeing Christ's Eucharistic Presence within us, healing us. We must all repent and, therefore, have the deeper capacity to receive God's mercy and share it.

Connected to this, we reflected on the need to allow our faith to be fanned into a bonfire by our closeness and vital relationship with Jesus. One talk highlighted that we must not be "channels" or "canals" of Christ's love, his grace flowing through us and immediately out into others. Instead, we must be "reservoirs" of Christ's love. We must first let that love build up in us through prayer, through reception of His personal love for us moment by moment. Once we have a full reservoir, the people around us receive the overflow from our relationship with Christ. God is so generous that this overflow will be abundant! We will have much more to give than if we constantly gave of ourselves in service without filling ourselves first and living from that abundance.

One speaker used the simple analogy of breathing. We must inhale, i.e., take in the grace of Christ through prayer and contemplation, before we exhale, i.e., spread the grace of Christ in loving actions to others. We cannot say "I am an exhaler only" or "I am an inhaler. I don't like exhaling" when talking about our literal breathing. In the same way, we cannot say "prayer is not for me, I don't have time for that, I am too busy giving to others" or "I want to just spend time with Jesus in silent prayer, other people can tend to the poor and to service." No, we must do both to spiritually live.



The mandate from the Congress was articulated strongly in the last two days: we must now enter a new phase of the Eucharistic Revival: the *season of Mission*. We must all be keenly aware of being sent by Christ to renew His Church and the country by living a Eucharistic faith boldly and radically. We must draw on the graces received at Mass and Adoration in order to set the world on fire with Christ's love.

I will close by sharing a quote from Cardinal Luis Tagle's homily at the Congress' closing Mass that sums up this mandate more beautifully than I can:

Those who choose to stay with Jesus will be sent by Jesus, the gift of His presence and love for us will be our gift to people. We should not keep Jesus to ourselves. That is not discipleship. That is selfishness. The gift we have received we should give as a gift.... Go and share Jesus' tender love with the weary, the hungry and suffering. Go and share Jesus' shepherd's caress to the lost, confused and weak. Go and share Jesus' gift of reconciliation and peace to those who are divided. A Eucharistic people is a missionary and evangelizing people. Let us proclaim Jesus joyfully and zealously for the life of the world!

In Christ,

Aaron Giard, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Pelican Intervention Fund

**Are you ready to join the Pelican Intervention Fund marchers this year?**



We wanted to provide a heads up and an invitation to everyone to march with us in the Newburyport Yankee Homecoming parade on **Sunday, August 4**. Last year we had over 100 marchers join us in representing the Pelican Intervention Fund and this year we hope for even more.

This will be our 7th year marching in the parade, which wraps up a weeklong summer celebration of Newburyport. This is a great opportunity to share the promise of 12-step recovery. A special highlight to this year's parade will feature our own Tom Welch playing the bagpipes as he marches with us. Here are some other key details:

- Meet us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 4.
- We gather at the 3 roads intersection (near Famous Pizza) on High Street, Newburyport.
- The parade route starts on High Street to Bartlett Mall (about 1.5 miles).
- Wear your IC 175th anniversary T-shirt or we will have P.I.F. orange T-shirts available for those that don't have IC T-shirts.
- You are invited to a P.I.F. post-parade picnic at the Bartlett Mall for pizza, soft drinks, and snacks.
- Bring candy (individually wrapped hard candies: smarties, lollipops, gum, etc.) to throw out to the kids along the parade route.

**If you have questions, please reach out to Kim Keene at 978-430-1408.**

**Looking forward to seeing many of you there!**

### 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.

### Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What nourishes your life? What does "living bread" mean to you?

**Child:** Why do we need to eat? What do you think Jesus means when He says He is "living bread"?

### 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.

### Bulletin Information

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

### Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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

View our weekly bulletin online on our website: hricCatholic.org.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

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| IC Offertory, July 27–28                    | \$4,906.00        |
| IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 26 | \$ 550.00         |
| IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving           | <u>\$3,340.09</u> |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, July 20–21</b>   | <b>\$8,796.09</b> |

Electrical Cooling Costs, July 27–28 \$1,230.00

The second collection this weekend (August 4) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."** The second collection next weekend (August 11) is the monthly.

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

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving](http://hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving).

## IC Online Giving

To get started, register as a member of IC Parish (if you aren't already registered). Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. You can also register online.

To learn more visit our website, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402.

## 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.

## Chicken BBQ Tickets

Holy Redeemer Parish is hosting a chicken BBQ during Merrimac Old Home Days festival. The supper is on **August 10 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in Nativity hall.**

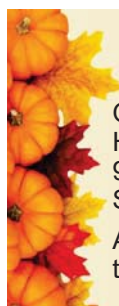
The Saturday night supper menu: BBQ chicken sandwich, homemade potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, cookie, and a drink for \$12.00. Children 12 years old and younger: \$8.00. Limited tickets. Takeout available.

Tickets for the supper will be on sale after IC Masses this weekend at IC Church.

## Harvest Fair 2024

Our next planning meeting for the October 19 Harvest Fair is **Wednesday, August 14**, after the 9:00 Mass at IC in the IC Charity dining room at St. Louis Hall.

All are welcome. Many hands are needed to make this a success. If you can help, please join us.



## Immaculate Conception School

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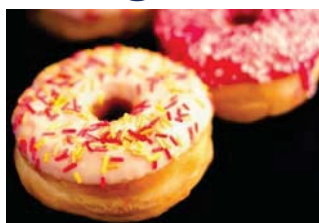
### Car Donation Still Needed

**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!

## Knights Hospitality Sunday



Join us **Sunday, August 4, 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.

## IC PARISH



### Strawberry/Blueberry Festival

What a success! We had beautiful weather and DELICIOUS food. A "berry" big thank you to all the helpers!

## HR PARISH

### Vacation Bible School

We had a great week at VBS! A big thank you to all of our "stellar" volunteers!



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

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| HR Offertory, July 27–28                    | \$1,772.00        |
| HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 26 | \$ 245.00         |
| HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving           | \$ 398.75         |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, July 27–28</b>   | <b>\$2,415.75</b> |
| Electrical Cooling Costs, July 27–28        | \$ 502.05         |

The second collection this weekend (August 4) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."** The second collection next weekend (August 11) is the monthly.

*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](http://hrccatholic.org/hr-online-giving).

## 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.

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

## Adoration at Nativity Church

Eucharistic Adoration is offered on Wednesdays from 3:00–4:00 p.m. at Church of the Nativity. Join us weekly for one hour of Sacred Silence.



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## HR Chicken BBQ

The Activities Committee has taken on a **HUGE** project. Holy Redeemer is participating in Merrimac's Old Home Days on **Saturday, August 10 from 5:00–7:00 p.m.** We are serving the **Saturday Night Supper** (300 people).

**MERRIMAC  
-OLD HOME DAYS-**

The supper was put on by the Boy Scouts for many years at the fire station. The Scouts are no longer able to do it. The Activities Committee thought this would be a great opportunity for Holy Redeemer Parish to be visible in the town as an active Parish. Perhaps finding new Catholic families or sparking up lapsed Catholics.

**We will be serving our supper from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in Nativity's newly air conditioned hall.**

Our Saturday Night Supper menu: BBQ chicken sandwich, homemade potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, cookie, and a drink for \$12.00. Children 12 years old and younger: \$8.00. Limited tickets. Takeout available.

**Get your tickets after all Masses this weekend or see a committee member for tickets. You can also purchase them at Towne Cafe or at our booth on the day of the event.**

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Thank you for your kind and generous donations. Your constant support allows us to help with the ongoing needs of our neighbors. We offer this summertime blessing:

*May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go. Walking with God means walking with honesty and courage and walking with love, respect, and concern for the needs of others. May you talk to God this summer—every day and In every situation. Amen.*



**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.

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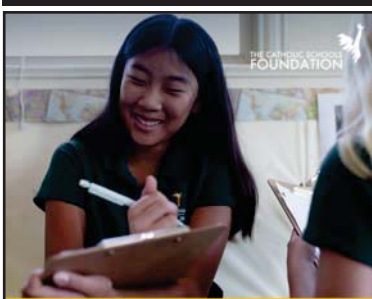
  

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