

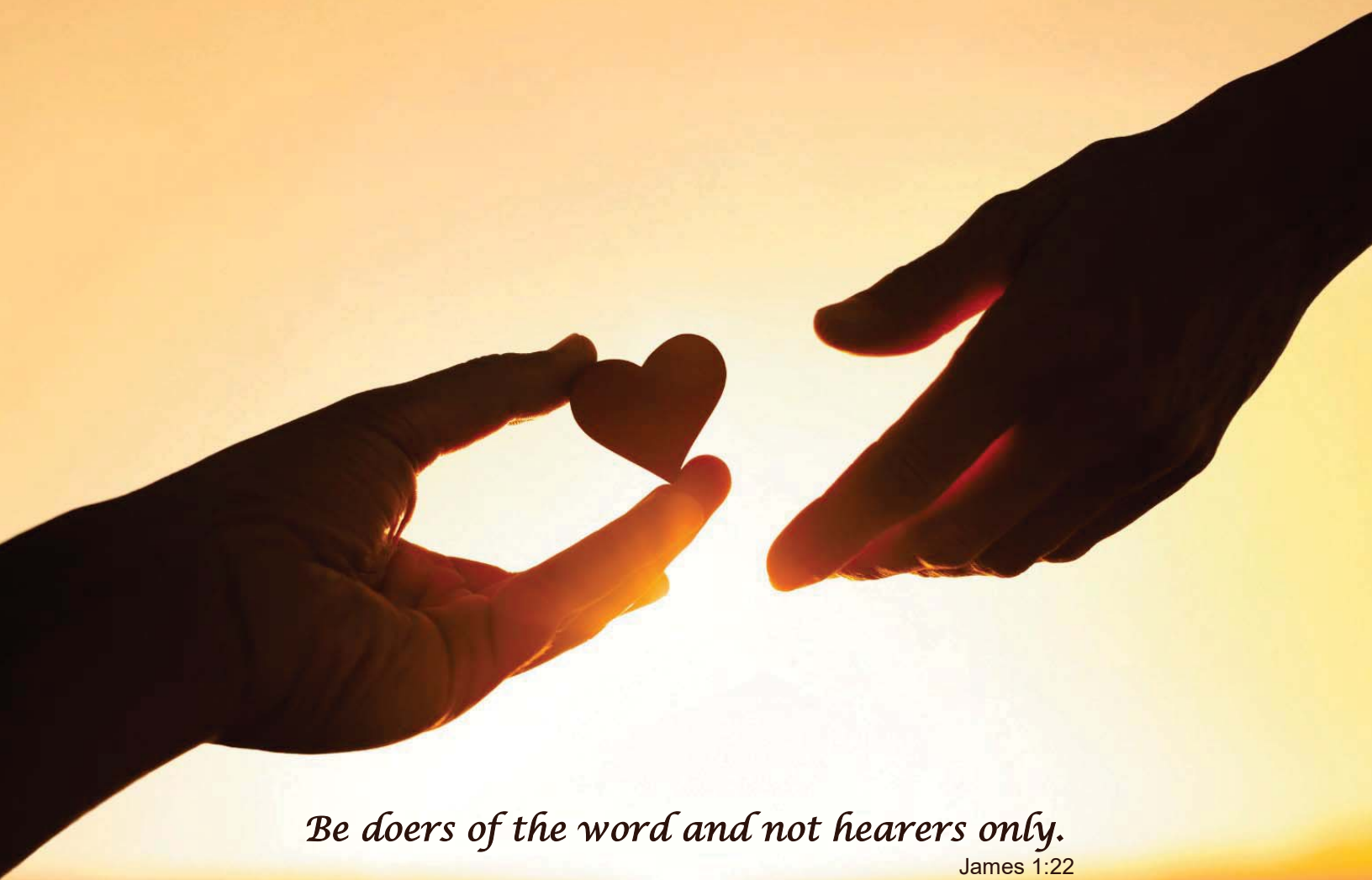
# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 1, 2024**

**All Are Welcome**

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*Be doers of the word and not hearers only.*

James 1:22



## 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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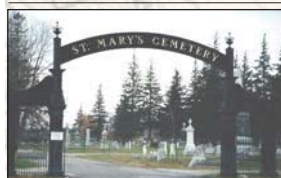
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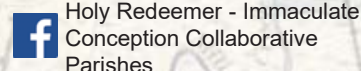
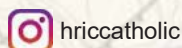
Tim Richard, IC organist

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978-270-4924

#### Confessions

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



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (8/31)

4:00pm **IC** *Virginia Reardon, Derek & Michael Hines, Jamie Grabowski* (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)

### Monday (9/2)

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

### Tuesday (9/3)

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

### Wednesday (9/4)

9:00am **IC** *The Niles, Swochak, Keefe, and Macri families, Michael Aldrich* (Fr. Richard)

### Thursday (9/5)

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

### Friday (9/6)

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

### Saturday (9/7)

4:00pm **IC** *Jack Burrell, Rose Rowe* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (9/8)

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

9:00am **IC** *Joan Griffin, Diane Hillier Finlay* (Fr. Richard)

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

**11:30am IC** *Michael Filomia, Marie Freeman, Bruce Tibbets* (Fr. Harrison)

Please note that the later Mass at IC on Sundays will change to **11:30 a.m.** beginning on September 8 (the weekend after Labor Day weekend). September 1 Sunday Mass times at IC are 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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](http://hricatholic.org) as well as our Facebook page.

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## Labor Day Holiday



Collaborative offices will be closed all day on Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.

## 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.

## Collaborative Ministry Fair at IC

**Join us in IC St. Louis Hall on September 7–8  
after all IC Masses**



The Collaborative Ministry Committee will sponsor a Ministry Fair after all IC Masses on the weekend of September 7–8.

On that weekend we will have tables set up after all the IC Masses where representatives of all 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 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. No presentations: just an opportunity to learn about our Collaborative ministries and enjoy the company of other parishioners (and cookies)!

Please join us.

**Note: The Ministry Fair at Holy Redeemer Parish will be postponed to a later date.**

## San Marcos Coffee

### Still Need Some Coffee?

Thanks to all who purchased San Marcos coffee to support the poor farmers in Honduras. Some of you even got to purchase from Fr. Ray Richard himself, the originator of this project who is still a missionary priest in Honduras.



We may still have 10–20 pounds left over as you read this, so please contact Karen at 978-270-0183 if you would like to buy some. **Please note the long-overdue price increase from \$10 to \$13.**

Paz y Bien a Todos!

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

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

**Monday, September 2, Labor Day**

**Collaborative Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, September 3**

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

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

**Wednesday, September 4**

**IC Fall Fair Committee Mtg.** 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

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

**Faith, Fun, Fellowship Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Thursday, September 5**

**HRIC Prayer Shawl Mtg.** 2:00pm, Nativity Hall

**Confirmation Prep. Parent-Candidate Meeting.** 6:15pm,  
IC School Gym

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

**Friday, September 6**

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

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

**Saturday, September 7**

**HRIC Pastoral Council Mtg.** 9:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

**Ministry Fair After 4:00 Mass** 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Sunday, September 8**

**Fleece Blanket Service Project** 9:30am, Nativity Hall

**Ministry Fair After 9:00 Mass** 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

**Ministry Fair After 11:30 Mass** 12:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**RCIA Reunion** 12:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

### 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. For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email [kofc231@outlook.com](mailto:kofc231@outlook.com).

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

Also, all are welcome to join us for **Hospitality Sunday** on the first Sunday of every month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the IC Parish Center for free coffee and donuts.

### Free Piano

Are you looking for a piano for your family? We have one for you! It has been in storage for a bit, so it may need tuning and a little dusting off. It is in good playing condition (all the keys work!)

If you are interested, contact Dennis LaMalfa in the IC offices: 978-462-2724.



### Be there Because Jesus is There!

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



**Wednesdays** 3:00–4:00 p.m. Nativity Church

**Thursdays** 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church (*enter at Green Street door only*)

**Fridays** 9:30 a.m., IC Church (unless a funeral is scheduled)

### IC Haiti

Thanks to all who contributed to IC Haiti. We raised \$9,230 during the August collection period. The new school year for the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha, Haiti begins in October, and IC Haiti is in a good position to fully fund the 2024–25 budget as well as to cover the tuition costs for those students who have moved on to secondary school.

We continue to request your prayers for healing throughout the year for the people of Haiti. Their struggles seem to go on unabated, and yet we refuse to give up on our mission to help the people of one small area there by offering them the chance for an education. Some of you will remember the organization known as the *The Christophers* whose motto was “**Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.**” IC Haiti's outreach to Haiti is our HRIC Collaborative's lighting of a candle, a candle of Hope Rising, for our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA, 01950, or put them in the collection baskets or boxes at church. Checks should be made out to “IC Haiti.” If you are unfamiliar with IC Haiti, you can find an eight-part historical overview at our website: [ichaiti.org](http://ichaiti.org).

### Questions of the Week



**Adult:** How do you live: by the spirit or the letter of the Law?

**Child:** Are you careful about what you say to your family and friends? How do you act towards them?

### Collaborative Baptisms

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

Elijah James Kocourek • Roo Dorothy Matt •  
Dakota Grace McCoy • Charles Fraser Phelps •  
Edward Bliss Sciaratta •

Remington Robert Sciaratta • Jack Hunter Spears

# 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](http://www.thegodminute.org).

## Collaborative Faith Formation School Year Programs (K–10, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms for the 2024–25 school year are now available on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please be sure to check out the new information for Confirmation prep.

### 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.

## 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       | Carol O'Neal         |
| Patricia Baikewicz    | Raymond Gibbons    | Eleanora Paciulan    |
| Kathy P. Brodeur      | Ed Hardy           | Joseph Palumbo       |
| Priscilla Brown       | Jane Harney        | Joanne Pesa          |
| Vasfije Buhali        | Chloe Hequet       | Elizabeth Pettingell |
| Autumn Rose           | Linda Hofferty     | Donika Pulake        |
| Coulombe              | Armand Hyatt       | Rose Raimo           |
| 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                | Ovidio Martinez    | Michael Tucker       |
|                       | Patricia Carey     | Maddie Villers       |
|                       | McCarthy           | Laurent Vincent      |

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

*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*

Ordinary Time is called ordinary as its weeks are numbered, or ordered. Ordinary Time Mass readings focus on the life of Christ to learn how he lived in his Father. 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.

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.

I will provide appropriate material for reading and reflection and meet with you for four spiritual direction sessions. 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. 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.

### Pilgrimage Info. Night

The HRIC Pilgrimage Ministry is excited to announce two Pilgrimages for 2025. See right column for ads.

**Medjugorje with Fr. George: April 28–May 6, 2025**

**Great Shrines & Saints of France with Fr. Tim: October 13–25, 2025**

Interested in one or both of the Pilgrimages? Join us on **September 12 for a travel night information session.** It will include a brief presentation, Q & A time, and some light refreshments.

**Thursday, September 12 7:00 p.m. IC St. Louis Hall**

### A Liturgy of Celebration

Mark your calendars! A Liturgy of Celebration will be held on Saturday, September 14, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish in Lowell to commemorate the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur's 175 years of an Enduring Legacy of Goodness in New England.

On October 16 at the Marriott in Burlington, we will come together to commemorate 175 years of courage, dedication, and service to the community. Since the arrival of three Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in Boston in November 1849, their journey has been one of profound commitment to making known God's goodness through education and advocacy, especially for women and children. Join us and learn more about the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur at [www.snddeneastwest.org/175NE](http://www.snddeneastwest.org/175NE).

## MEDJUGORJE



**\$2,949 per person**  
from Boston (BOS)

\*All Pricing Based on Double Occupancy.  
Pricing available from any airport: [www.206tours.com/airports](http://www.206tours.com/airports)

**Optional 4 nights Post Tour to Dubrovnik and Split:**  
May 06 – 10, 2025  
\$1,873 per person

**April 28 - May 06, 2025**



The HRIC Pilgrimage Ministry is excited to announce two Pilgrimages for 2025. Website registration is open now for both of these fantastic itineraries (links below). **Join us for our pilgrimage information night on September 12, 7:00 p.m., IC St. Louis Hall. Details in right column.**

**Medjugorje:** [www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/](http://www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/)  
(Booking Code PB042825)

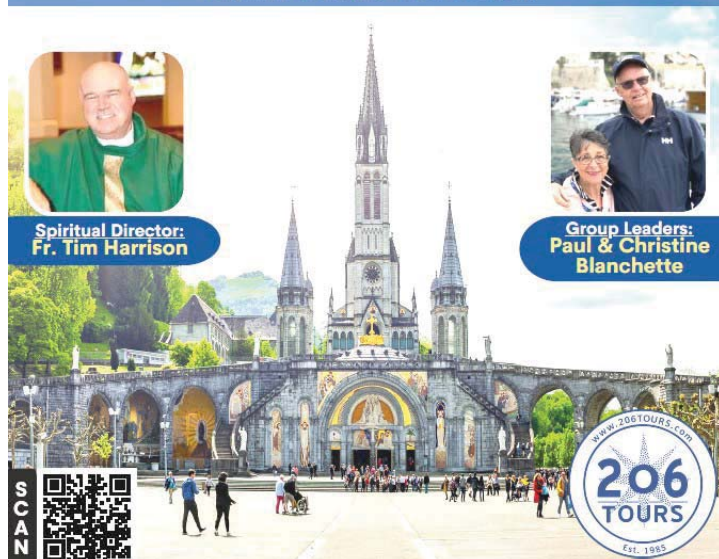
**France:** [www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/](http://www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/)  
(Booking Code PB101325)

## Great Shrines & Saints of France

**October 13 - 25, 2025**

**\$7,149 per person from Boston (BOS)**

All prices based on double occupancy.  
Pricing available from any airport: [www.206tours.com/airports](http://www.206tours.com/airports)



**Spiritual Director:**  
Fr. Tim Harrison

**Group Leaders:**  
Paul & Christine  
Blanchette



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

|                                               |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| IC Offertory, August 24–25                    | \$5,422.00        |
| IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending August 23 | \$1,476.98        |
| IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving             | <u>\$2,972.59</u> |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, August 24–25</b>   | <b>\$9,871.57</b> |

No second collection this weekend (September 1). The second collection next weekend (September 8) 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: [hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving](http://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](http://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.

## Immaculate Conception School



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

**6TH ANNUAL IC GOLF OUTING**

**7 OCTOBER 2024**  
**RENAISSANCE GOLF CLUB**  
**HAVERHILL, MA**

Don't Golf?  
Plan To Join Us For  
The Family BBQ

For questions or information about sponsorship opportunities please email:  
[golf@icsnewburyport.com](mailto:golf@icsnewburyport.com)

Golf Outing Info & Registration

## Harvest Fair 2024

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Saturday, October 19 • 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!

**Harvest Fair Items Are Needed**

**All Holiday • Grandma's Attic • Raffle**

Please consider helping us make the Harvest Fair a big success!

Bins are now set up just inside St. Louis Hall for collecting donations for the All Holiday, Grandma's Attic and Raffle tables. If you have a gift card, tickets to a musical or sporting event, or voucher for a mini vacation, please call Melinda at the office 978-462-2724.

**Get a head start!**

Many baked goods are needed! It's not too early to start baking and freezing cakes, breads, and cookies. Pies are welcome too. Also consider gluten-free items.

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

## 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/](http://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)



## 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 for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

## 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



## 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!

## Pelican Intervention Fund



To date we have placed 135 local men and women into 12-step residential sober living. 12-step recovery programs receive no federal/state funding and insurance won't cover costs due to its faith-based nature. So, your support is more important than ever.

The Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes can be dropped in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

Visit our website at [www.pelicaninterventionfund.org](http://www.pelicaninterventionfund.org).

## IC Music Ministry Notes

**We are looking for new members to join us.**

**Youth Choir:** Children, grades 3–8, will sing once a month at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday family liturgy. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 4:30–5:30pm in the church. Youth choir follows the regular school schedule, so when there is no school, there is also no rehearsal or singing at Mass scheduled. The Youth Choir also sings at the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and may perform for the local community at various times throughout the year as part of our parish's community outreach program.

**Adult Choir:** Individuals, grade 9–adult sing every week at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday liturgies. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00–8:45 p.m. in the choir loft. We have a few spots for new members so why not give us a try by singing with us for the Advent/Christmas season? It's time well spent filled with lots of faith, friends, and fun. This choir also sings on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., performs at fundraising concerts, and for the local community at different times throughout the year.

**Musicians Needed:** We are looking for musicians to help us out at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday liturgy. If you are in high school or an adult who plays guitar or another instrument, please consider joining us at these Masses. Why not give us a try by joining us for the Advent/Christmas season? No long-term commitment with lots of faith, friends, and fun.

**All choirs are currently looking for new members.** *There are no auditions...everyone is welcome. Why not give us a try? You'll have lots of fun, make new friends, fine-tune your talents and receive a multitude of blessings in return. Come and join us today!*

Questions? Call Donna Postle, Music Director, at (978) 317-8903.

## 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](mailto:kofc231@outlook.com).



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## HR Offertory Collection

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| HR Offertory, August 24–25                    | \$2,085.00        |
| HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending August 23 | \$ 520.00         |
| HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving             | \$ 372.50         |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, August 24–25</b>   | <b>\$2,977.50</b> |

No second collection this weekend (September 1). The second collection next weekend (September 8) 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).

## Saturday Mass at Nativity

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

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

### 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.

## 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!



## 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.

## Holiday Fair News

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



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.

## Holy Redeemer Ministry Fair To Be Rescheduled

The Ministry Fair at Holy Redeemer Parish will be rescheduled to a later date. The Ministry Fair at IC will be held at the IC Parish Center, after all the IC Masses, on September 7–8. Please join us if you are attending Mass at IC that weekend.





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