

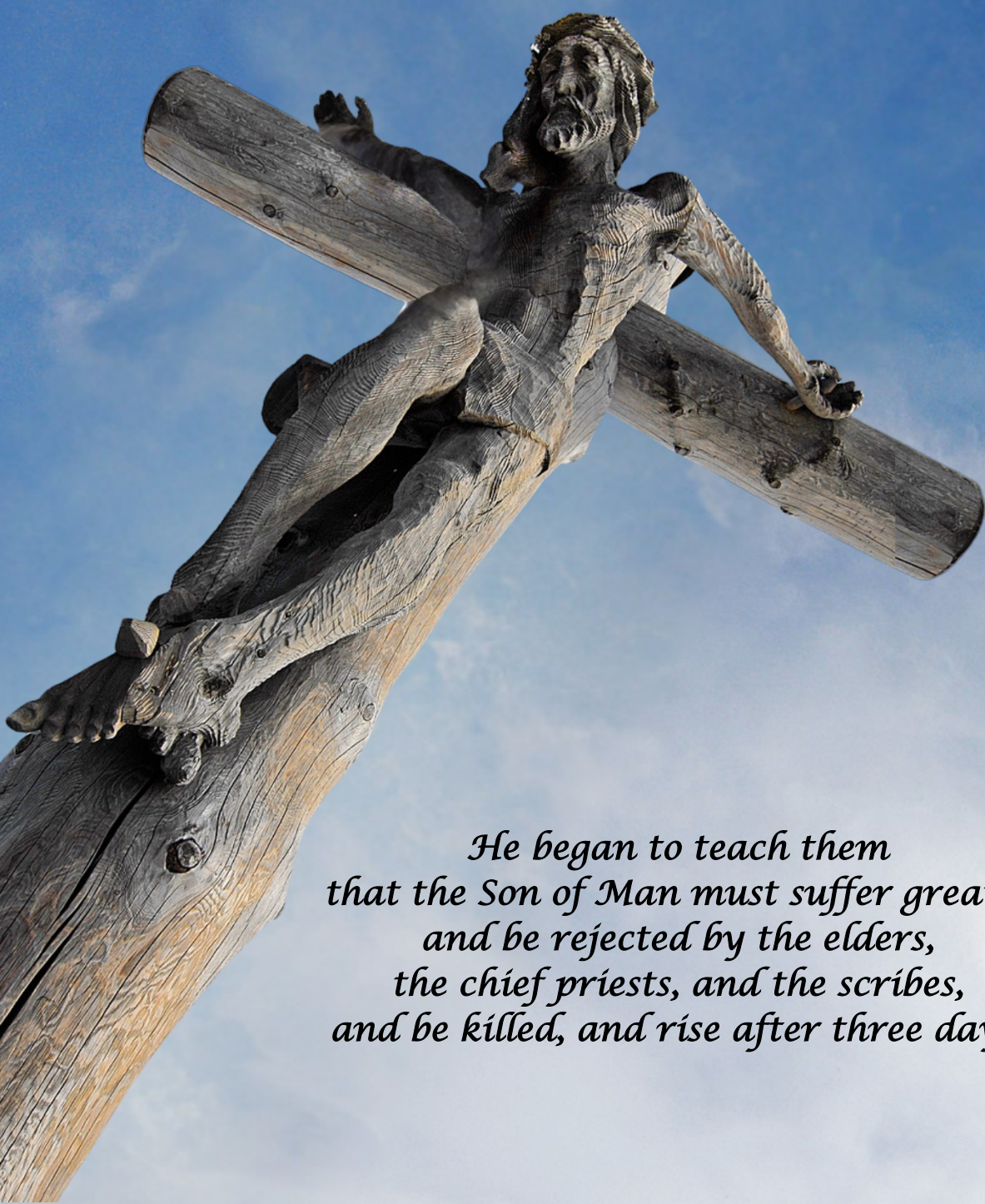
HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2024

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All Are Welcome



*He began to teach them
that the Son of Man must suffer greatly
and be rejected by the elders,
the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed, and rise after three days.*

(Mk 8:31)



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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Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hriccatholic.org

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Email: info@hriccatholic.org

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Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
42 Green St., Newburyport 01950

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

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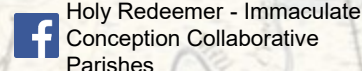
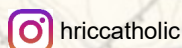
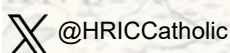
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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/14)

4:00pm **IC** Jack Burrell, William Kelleher, Laurie Ann Freeman, Joseph Keefe (Fr. McLaughlin)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (9/15)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
9:00am **IC** Raymond Gibbons Sr. (Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** John Pallone (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)
11:30am **IC** Sean Hanley, Joseph Messina and the deceased members of the Perruccio family (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (9/16)

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

Tuesday (9/17)

9:00am **IC** Raymond Gibbons Sr. (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (9/18)

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

Thursday (9/19)

9:00am **IC** Raymond Gibbons Sr. (Fr. Morin)

Friday (9/20)

9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Dr. Mags (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (9/21)

4:00pm **IC** Patricia A. Mosher, Carmella Herlihy, Diane Wood, Lillian M. Smith (Fr. Stanley)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (9/22)

8:30am **Nativity** Edie Lavoie, Jozef Kardas and family (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)
9:00am **IC** Michael Messina Drews, for the deceased members of the Joseph & Anna Sylvester family (Fr. Morin)
10:00am **St. Ann** Luella LeBlanc, Jerry Mullen (Fr. Stanley)
11:30am **IC** Alan Chu, Edward Ferreira (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Raymond Gibbons Sr., Charlotte Soucy, Laura Soucy, Nancy A. Twomey, Joseph B. Murphy Jr., and all of the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

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

HR Cookbooks for Sale

If you would like to purchase a copy of the HR parish cookbook, they will be on sale (\$15 each) after the 4:00, 8:30, and 10:00 Masses at both St. Ann and Nativity on September 14/15.

Or get your copy in the IC parish offices. Stop in and ask for Melinda. They make great gifts!



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.



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.

Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS)

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 a Protecting God's Children course on **Wednesday, September 18 at IC St. Louis Hall from 6:00–9:00 p.m.**

Please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

Bulletin Information

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

Clergy Trust Collection

This week's second collection (September 15) supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 17

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

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, September 18

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Protecting God's Children Class 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, September 19

Social Action Committee Mtg. 5:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 20

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, September 21

Holy Quilters 8:30am, Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

IC Haiti Bake Sale after All IC Masses IC Church

Sunday, September 22

IC Haiti Bake Sale after All IC Masses IC Church

Faith Formation Classes, K-8 10:00am, IC Parish Center

Confirmation Prep. Sponsor-Candidate Mtg. 3:30pm,
IC School Gym

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.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

IC Haiti

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview at our website: ichaiti.org.

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."

Social Action Committee

Social Action Committee Meeting Announcement

Thursday, September 19, 5:45 p.m. in IC St Louis Hall

We will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month (except December) at the same time and place.

Topics for Discussion:

Family and Youth Ministry

Care Pack Program

Hope Day 2025

Laudato Si

Reminder: Food Drive for Local Pantries

Food collection bins remain in the back of all of the churches in the Collaborative for the purpose of collecting non-perishable food as well as other daily use essentials for those in need. These items will be distributed to local food pantries within the Collaborative.

Please be generous. Much of the food and personal care items are distributed to our elderly neighbors who are in need. The bins are always there, so if you forget one weekend (or two) you can always contribute the following weekend.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, and if think your small contribution isn't making a difference, think again, the collective is making a big difference in someone's life.

Cursillo Corner



*"Now **faith** is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. By **faith** we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible...."*
Hebrews 11

We have been blessed to have many people from the HRIC community enjoy the experience of Cursillo again post-Covid. Many thanks to friends, family, and sponsors who supported their candidates with their prayer and participation.

The opportunity to share in this 3-day, joyful re-introduction to the love of Christ will begin again in October 2024 at St. Basil's Seminary in Methuen. All are encouraged to further explore Cursillo as a part of your faith journey.

Weekends in 2024/2025 are listed below:

Men	Women
October 3-6	November 7-10
December 5-10	January 3-5
February 6-9	March 6-9
April 3-6	May 1-4
	June 5-8

Contacts: Pat Temple 617-899-0424

Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337

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.

Adoration

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)

Questions of the Week



Adult: What is the cross that you carry today? How hard is it for you to follow Jesus?

Child: How can you follow in Jesus' footsteps? What do you think that means?

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.



MEDJUGORJE



Spiritual Director:
Fr. George Morin

Group Leaders:
Paul & Christine Blanchette

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

*All Pricing Based on Double Occupancy.
Pricing available from any airport: 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).

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

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

Call (800) 206-8687 for more information.

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



Spiritual Director:
Fr. Tim Harrison

Group Leaders:
Paul & Christine
Blanchette

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Ministry Fair at IC

Thank You for Attending the Ministry Fair

The Collaborative Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our first Ministry Fair last weekend at IC St. Louis Hall.

We were very pleased to see so many join us after each Mass and enjoy conversation with our 25 ministry leaders who were present and indulge in some very tasty refreshments provided by our Consolers Circle.

We will hold a similar fair at Holy Redeemer Parish later in September or early October. Watch for the date(s) in the next few weeks. Again, thank you for supporting our effort.

At this fair we also introduced our revised Ministry Directory which lists all the current ministries in the Collaborative with contact information for each. These booklets are available at the doors of the churches. Please take a look and consider joining one of those listed.



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. 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.

Like Us on Facebook

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

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 Lichtenstein	Arlene Stoddard
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Johannah Lord	Taylor
John Flynn	Sia Mahalati	Captain Bill Taplin
Jeanine Ebacher	Ovidio Martinez	Tom Tribble
Fowler	Patricia Carey	Michael Tucker
	McCarthy	Maddie Villers
		Laurent Vincent

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

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, October 3 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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Sept. 7–8	\$1,957.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 6	\$ 160.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 296.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 7–8	\$2,413.00
Monthly, Sept. 7–8	\$1,624.50

The second collection this weekend (September 15) is Clergy Trust. See page 3 of the bulletin for details. The second collection next weekend (September 22) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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

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

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

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 on sale (\$15 each) after the 4:00, 8:30, and 10:00 Masses at both St. Ann and Nativity on September 14/15.



They are also available in the IC Parish offices. Stop in and ask for Melinda.

They make great gifts too!

HR Online Giving

To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402.

St. Ann Coffee Social

*St. Ann's Coffee Socials will resume on **October 6** following the 10:00 Mass in the church hall.*

We are excited to welcome you all back after our summer break. Please join us—young and old, and in between! They are a lot of fun! For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.



If anyone is interested in hosting a coffee, or baking your favorite treat, Please call or text Donna Pallone, (978) 886-1621.

Also, Holy Redeemer Cookbooks will be available to purchase for \$15.

Holiday Fair News

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

The Holiday Fair is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at Nativity Hall. Gift baskets, homemade soups, silent auction items, and nearly new items are available.

The Activities Committee is working hard for our parish.

Planning in advance makes our Holiday Fair very successful. 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.



HR St. Vincent de Paul

Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Our Founder

As a young student at the Sorbonne, Antoine Frédéric Ozanam was appalled by the conditions he saw in Paris. At a student meeting, another student pointed out that while the Catholic church had done much good work in the past, he could not see what good the church was doing currently. On April 23, 1833, his 20th birthday, Ozanam with five other students responded to the challenge and founded the first Conference of Charity to assist the poor. This Catholic lay organization was intended to *help members increase in holiness by loving service to those in need*. Shortly thereafter, they changed their name to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in honor of their patron saint.



The Holy Redeemer SVdP conference carries on the mission of Fredric Ozanam with your help.

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.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 7–8	\$5,730.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 6	\$1,007.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$2,749.27</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 7–8	\$9,486.27
Monthly, Sept. 7–8	\$1,185.17

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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.

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.

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!

Hail and Farewell Sister Mary



Join in celebrating Sister Mary Braley’s many years of service to IC School and IC Parish as she prepares to retire and return to her order of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth in Kentucky. Her retirement ends a 142-year history of service of the SCNs at IC School—since 1882!

Sister Mary has selflessly served the families and children of our parish and school, and we want to ensure we give her an appropriate send-off!

A light luncheon reception is planned for Sunday, October 6 immediately following the 11:30 Mass in the IC School Gym.

Parishioners interested in providing sandwiches or desserts for the reception may contact Kathie Williamson at 978-992-6450 no later than Monday, September 23.

Please **no gifts** per Sister Mary’s request. Donations may be made to her order for their mission work. Pre-addressed envelopes can be picked up at the IC offices any time and will be available the day of the reception. Or you can mail your donation to: Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, 40 West Drive, Nazareth, KY 40048. Thank you, Sister Mary!

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School eighth grade class held a cornhole tournament last weekend. The students are working to raise money towards their spring trip to Washington D.C., and felt a community event to celebrate the start of the school year would be a good place to start. Held at True North Ale in Ipswich, this family-fun venue on



a beautiful fall day was the perfect place to gather. The cornhole tournament included a kids’ competition and an adult competition. The kids’ teams of siblings spanned the ages, such as the Foss kids, pictured, Colton a sophomore at Bishop Fenwick High School and Reagan and Sam, grades 5 and 7, respectively. Sibling or not, everyone had a great time—with losing teams often running across the “court” to hug

the team they just lost to!! The students at the IC are often described as having a brother- and sister-type relationship, which was on full display on Sunday!

The adult cornhole tournament was a barn-burner—with some fiercely competitive teams duking it out for first place. Amy and Scott Aylward took home the gold!!



A buffet of bar-b-que, homemade desserts, and video games on “freeplay” kept everyone happy. The 8th grade girls sold beaded bracelets that they had made with IC, faith based, and inspirational messages. There was something for everyone!!

Thank you to the Marggraf family for their connection to True North and a special thank you to Matt Simons, who ran the cornhole tournament. The 8th grade class thanks everyone who attended, or supported their efforts from afar. They are excited about their trip to Washington and thankful for the many families that are helping to make the trip happen.

Annual IC Haiti Bake Sale

The Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha and the secondary school in Fond-des-Blancs continue to offer hope to hundreds of children from kindergarten to high school and their families. None of this would be possible apart from the generosity of HRIC Haiti’s supporters and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit in our community.



The **IC Haiti Bake Sale** will take place after all Masses at IC the weekend of **September 21-22**. Please support the school-age bakers of the parish who, along with their families, initiated this fundraiser back in 2014 and who continue to work for the good of their contemporaries in Haiti.

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, door prizes, *and a special dinner for 6 raffle.* 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.

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.



Don't Miss This!

We are very excited to offer as a special raffle at the **Harvest Fair:**

A dinner for 6 people hosted by our very own Father Tim!

The date to be mutually agreed upon.



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.

Save the Date



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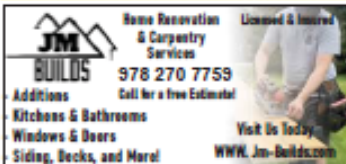


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