

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2024

All Are Welcome

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*Taking a child,
he placed it
in their midst,
and putting his
arms around it,
he said to them,
“Whoever receives one
child such as this in my
name, receives me;
and whoever receives
me, receives not me but
the One who sent me.”
(Mk 9:36–37)*



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

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Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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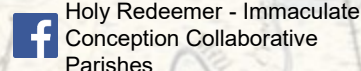
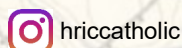
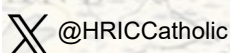
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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (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, Bartley Welch, the deceased members of the Joseph & Anna Sylvester family* (Fr. Morin)
10:00am **St. Ann** *Luella LaBlanc, Jerry Mullen* (Fr. Stanley)
11:30am **IC** *Alan Chu, Edward Ferreira* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (9/23)

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

Tuesday (9/24)

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

Wednesday (9/25)

9:00am **IC** *Theresa Duhamel, Jeffrey Stone* (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (9/26)

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

Friday (9/27)

9:00am **IC** *For the needs of families* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (9/28)

4:00pm **IC** *Stephen M. Boy, Elaine Tuttle* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **Nativity** *John R. Minihan* (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (9/29)

8:30am **Nativity** *Theresa Duhamel* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers please remember Rita Y. Fitzgerald 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: hrrcatholic.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 are available in the IC parish offices during business hours. Stop in and ask for Melinda. They are \$15 each and make great gifts!



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Accidental Grace

Recently I was handed an item by someone close by that I was just about to reach for. Thinking they had anticipated my need and were being kind, I said, "Thank you! I appreciate that." Their reply, however, was "Your welcome. But truth be told, I was only moving it because it was in my way." I said to the individual, "Well, you get credit anyway. Call it 'Accidental Grace.'"

Sometimes we want to do the right thing and help someone out. Maybe we even go to great effort and really put ourselves out there in seeking to offer care and support. On a good day, all goes well in these moments and not only do we accomplish our goal of helping someone in need but we get a hearty thank you for all of our effort. The other person is helped or comforted or assisted or offered a moment of care and concern and we...well, we go home feeling the love of God working through us. It's nice when it all plays out that way. Everyone should have a moment or two every once in a while like that.

But we should never think that this is what it is all about, or that these occasional moments of "intentional Grace" are sufficient before God. They are not. God wants our faithfulness not only when it feels good, or when we intend it or even when we go to great lengths to bring it about.

God wants it when we don't even think about it.

Over the summer we all marveled at the strength and prowess of the many athletes who competed in the Olympics and ParaOlympics. The precision, skill, and unbelievable talent they brought comes from years of blood, sweat, and tears training their bodies and minds to act and re-act so that every movement of every muscle in their bodies comes instinctually and habitually, without having to intentionally cause every nerve ending to do a specific task. It is muscle-memory and training, repetition and perseverance that are the conduits of what we see and experience as grace in motion and fluid excellence.

Although few of us are ever called to an Olympic level of sport, we are all called by the Lord to exercise the same habitual acts of charity and kindness, thoughtfulness and

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Evening of Reflection for All in Ministry

This Wednesday

The time has finally come! The Collaborative Ministry Committee is sponsoring an Evening of Reflection, led by Fr. George Morin, this Wednesday, September 25, from 6–8 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. We look forward to seeing you.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, September 23

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

Portugal/Spain Info. Night 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/St. Louis Hall

Tuesday, September 24

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

Faith Formation, Grade 2: First Reconciliation 3:30pm, IC Nazareth Library

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

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

ICS First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. 6:15pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, September 25

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Evening of Reflection 6:00pm, IC Church

Cub Scout Pack 26 Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Thursday, September 26

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 27

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, September 28

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

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

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, September 25



This program delivers soup and sandwiches to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.

We ask that sandwiches be cut and individually wrapped, then placed in the bread wrapper. Please label the bread wrapper with the variety of sandwich. Cold cuts and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. Please do not use condiments.

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

Casseroles are still needed as well as party-sized powdered drink mixes such as iced tea and Kool-Aid, along with fresh fruits and goodies!

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7–9 a.m.

Bulletin Information

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

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compassion that were at the very heart of the Lord Jesus. Without painfully thinking through every interaction and every encounter to maximize Grace, we are simply called to be faithful in word and deed because that is what we do. When struggles come, we pray. When faced with a challenge, we trust that God will see us through it. When confronted with injustice, we seek righteousness. When we stumble across sin, we offer mercy and forgiveness. When we encounter weakness, we draw strength from God. When questions arise, we seek answers from the author of all that is good. God's Grace will flow through these everyday moments of discipleship, whether we intend it or not, whether we are even aware of it...or not.

In my encounter with the person mentioned above, they were helpful because that is just the kind of person they are. Faithful in a vast many ways, they remained unintentionally faithful in little, unknown ones as well. Thus, you get credit anyway!

While the world may challenge our pathway in following the Lord, our regular efforts to be faithful and attentive to the teachings of Christ will bear much fruit—in big, significant movements, and if we do it right...in many smaller, unintentional ones as well. God's Grace abounds...sometimes by accident!

September Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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.hricatholic.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.

Adoration

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

IC Haiti

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." 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.

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Is the role of being a servant to others difficult for you to accept? Why?

Child: Why do you want to be first in line at school or the first to do something fun at home? Why should we let others be first sometimes?

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. 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

October 3-6
December 5-8
February 6-9
April 3-6

Women

November 7-10
January 2-5
March 6-9
May 1-4
June 5-8

Contacts: Pat Temple 617-899-0424
Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337

Prayers for the Sick

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

Rosemarie Anderson	Renee Fowler	Eleanora Paciulan
Patricia Baikewicz	Ed Hardy	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P. Brodeur	Jane Harney	Joanne Pesa
Priscilla Brown	Chloe Hequet	Elizabeth Pettingell
Vasfije Buhali	Linda Hofferty	Donika Pulake
Autumn Rose	Armand Hyatt	Rose Raimo
Coulombe	Justin Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Bill Crounse	Michael Juralewicz	Yvonne Sloban
Drew Daubach	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
Kristen D'Entremont	Michael	Arlene Stoddard
Deb Downie	Lichtenstein	Taylor
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Johannah Lord	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Sia Mahalati	Tom Tribble
Jeanine Ebacher	Ovidio Martinez	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Patricia Carey	Maddie Villers
	McCarthy	Laurent Vincent
	Carol O'Neal	

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

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? We are asking for **only full skeins and no wool yarn** (we have some who are allergic to wool.). 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. 14–15	\$2,255.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 13	\$2,195.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 296.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 14–15	\$4,746.00

Clergy Trust, Sept. 14–15 \$ 986.00

The second collection this weekend (September 22) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. No second collection next weekend.

*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.

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.

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.

Nativity Ministry Fair

A couple of weeks ago we held a very successful Ministry Fair at IC where a number of new volunteers signed up for various ministries.

On **Saturday, September 21** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass at Nativity and on **Sunday September 22**, after the 8:30 a.m.



Mass, we will hold a similar fair in the **Nativity Hall**. Come in for a few moments to learn about many of the Ministries in Holy Redeemer Parish and in the HRIC Collaborative.

There will be refreshments, and it will be an opportunity to see old friends and maybe make some new ones.

A similar Fair will be held on October 6, after the 10:00 am Mass at St. Ann.

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**.

Bake sale table donations: Our bake sale table could use some homemade treats. Bake now and freeze them to avoid the rush! Please package donations in individual serving sizes (2–5 cookies per bag, 1 brownie per bag, etc.) and label it so we know what it is (chocolate chip cookies, lemon bars, etc.) and if it has nuts. We also welcome gluten-free items. Questions? Contact **Pauline: 978-504-1792**.

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 questions, please call **Carole: 978-346-9031**. 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.

silent AUCTION

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. 14–15	\$4,955.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 13	\$1,342.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$2,749.27</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 14–15	\$9,046.27
Clergy Trust, Sept. 14–15	\$1,503.00

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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.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.svdpnnewburyport.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!

Car Donation Fulfilled!



The neighbor who was looking for a car received one recently. An anonymous donor, who read the St. Vincent plea in the bulletin gave her a car. She is beyond happy. This will be life changing for her. Say a prayer of gratitude to God and say a prayer for both the donor and the recipient. The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in Newburyport are so grateful.

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 this weekend: **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.



Immaculate Conception School

The students at Immaculate Conception School start the day in the gym as a school family—with prayer, the day's announcements, recognizing birthdays and recent accomplishments—all celebrated before the kids go off to their homerooms. Integrating faith practices into the school day is done community-wide and within classrooms. Writing a class prayer in every homeroom is a way to bring the students together in the first few days of school, and helps to foster connections as the year progresses.



A new element to morning prayer in the gym is a more purposeful acknowledgement that we are in the presence of Christ.



Students in grades 6–8 are members of the Leadership Team—and morning meeting is a key time when these students step up to lead. Added is the procession of the cross and candles as morning prayer begins. Focusing our minds and hearts on Christ through this more reverent response from students is calming and a welcomed point of focus.



This past week we bid a fond farewell to Fr. Ray Richard, O.F.M., Cap., who returned to his assignment in Honduras. Fr. Ray has spent many of his annual vacations visiting family and friends in Newburyport for decades. We hope to see him again next summer, shortly before Yankee Homecoming. In the meantime, please keep him and his missionary work in your prayers.

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive fundraiser after all IC weekend Masses on **October 5–6**.

Please stop by and support the Knights! Or Venmo the Knights @KofC231.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

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 the 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.



Call Boxes

Dear IC Parishioners,

Over the past few years, we have been exploring ways to help keep all of our parishioners as safe as possible while attending church. One of the recommendations that we are implementing in the weeks ahead is the installation and activation of blue emergency Police Call Boxes near the entranceways of the church. These are usually located near the red Fire Emergency Call Boxes, and operate in a similar way.

Please use these new Police boxes only in an emergency when Police help is needed, for example if there was ever an act of violence or an individual was disrupting a Mass or acting in a threatening manner. Once activated, they cannot be turned off and will generate a police response.

While we hope that we will never have the occasion to need them, these are being made available for everyone's safety. In the unlikely event of a disturbance, the quicker that trained law enforcement can be brought to the scene, the quicker safety and peace can be restored for everyone involved.

For all medical emergencies, please call 9-1-1 from your cell phone and stay on the line with the dispatcher. 9-1-1 can also be used for Police and Fire emergencies as well. The call boxes are meant to augment our ability to contact the Police in a moment of need, not replace people's good instinct to use their cell phones in an emergency.

Please see Fr. Harrison if you have any questions or concerns.

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The IC Youth Choir is open to all students grades 2–8.

We begin practicing Wednesday, September 25 and will practice every Wednesday from 4:30–5:30 in the IC Church.

For more information please contact:

Paula Quann, (609) 519-3236 or
Donna Postle, (978) 317-8903



IC Music Ministry Notes

We are looking for new members to join us.

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.

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!

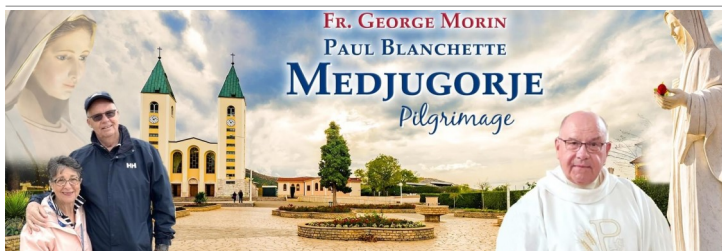
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS



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). Call (800) 206-8687 for more information.

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(Booking Code PB042825)



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(Booking Code: PB101325)

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/



Knights of Columbus

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, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

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