

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026

hriccatholic.org

All Are Welcome



*Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
cry out to the rock of our salvation.*

PS 95:1



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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Immaculate Conception

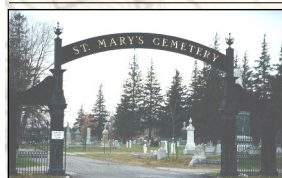
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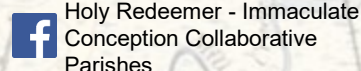
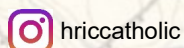
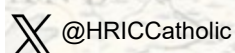
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/05)

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

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

Sunday (9/06)

8:30am **Nativity** Katherine & Mike Duda, Charles & Anita Johnson (Fr. Morin)

9:00am **IC** For the Intentions of Ed Laverty (Fr. Harrison)

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

11:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (9/07) Labor Day

9:00am **IC** Jeffrey Berger, John (Jack) Burrell (Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (9/08)

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

Wednesday (9/09)

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

Thursday (9/10)

9:00am **IC** Philip Gaeta, For the Intentions of Aaron Giard (Fr. Morin)

Friday (9/11)

9:00am **IC** James Carew, Pat Burke (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (9/12)

4:00pm **IC** Rose Rowe, Deceased Members of the LaRaia and Cronin Families (Fr. Stanley)

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

Sunday (9/13)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)

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

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

11:30am **IC** Giovanna Pennucci (Fr. Harrison & Deacons Giard, Moranski, Dow, Doucette)

Please note that the later Mass at IC on Sundays will change to 11:30 a.m. beginning on September 13 (the weekend after Labor Day weekend). September 6 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: hriccatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church

Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative offices to schedule.)

Adoration

Join us! No experience necessary.

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

Fridays 9:30 a.m., IC Church (unless a funeral is scheduled or no Mass is scheduled)

Labor Day Holiday



Collaborative offices will be closed all day on Monday, September 7 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Diaconate Ordination: Save the Date

Aaron Giard, our Collaborative's Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, along with five other men of the Archdiocese, has been called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders and will be ordained as a permanent deacon through the Imposition of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by Archbishop Richard G. Henning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Everyone is welcome to join Aaron, Diana, and their family at this beautiful and solemn Mass.



The Collaborative has hired a **bus** to attend the Mass. The bus will depart from IC Church (42 Green Street, Newburyport) on Saturday, September 12 at **8:30 a.m.**, and will return to Newburyport at approximately 1:30 p.m. Please contact the offices to reserve your seat. We ask for a donation of \$10 each person for the bus to help defray the cost. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The following day, Sunday, September 13, there will be a **Mass of Thanksgiving** at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, celebrating the newly ordained. A **reception** in the IC School gym will follow Mass. All are welcome.



A few friends made a trip to visit Fr. Bill recently. As you can see, Fr. Bill is doing well. Pictured: Fr. Bill's brother-in-law, Walter, Fr. Bill's sister, Christine, MaryAnn, Jan, and Fr. Morin

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This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, September 7, Labor Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 8

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

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

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, St. Ann Hall

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, September 9

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Dropoff 7:00–9:00am, St. Ann Hall

IC Harvest Fair Mtg. 9:30am, IC Charity Dining Room

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, September 10

IC SVdP Walk Mtg. 9:30am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 11

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

AA Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, September 12

Men's Cursillo Reunion Group 8:00am, St. Ann Church

Confessions 3:00–3:30pm, IC Church

Ministry Fair at IC 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Sunday, September 13

Ministry Fair at IC after IC Masses, IC St. Louis Hall

Reception for Deacon Aaron Girad 12:30pm 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.

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/.

It's CORI Time

2027 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.

Upcoming Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Workshops

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

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

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

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

How to Register for a PGC Workshop

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

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St. Mary's Cemetery



Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue in Newburyport. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are

faced with. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination.

Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

IC & HR St. Vincent de Paul "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Annual Walk

Save the Date: Saturday, October 3



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

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

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

More details will follow in future bulletins.

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 thirty minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God, surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God within and in silence over time we are healed and transformed. We remain open to God as we hear Sacred Scripture being read in group Lectio Divina.

For the next thirty minutes we listen to God's words; ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God.

For more information, call Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

Collaborative Ministry Fairs



The Collaborative Ministry Committee will sponsor a Ministry Fair after all Masses at **IC next weekend (September 12–13)** and the **following weekend at Holy Redeemer (September 19–20)**. On those weekends we will have tables set up where representatives of all of our Collaborative Ministries will be present to explain what they do to serve our parishes

and our local communities and to encourage new volunteers. We invite you to please stop by the respective parish halls 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. If you have any questions, please call Jim Williamson at 603-491-9916.

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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call

978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

Collaborative Faith Formation

K–8th grade Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation schedules and online registration forms are now posted on our website.

Go to www.hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation to find links to the schedule and forms.

Confirmation Preparation (8th grade) will begin with two options: September 15 or 16 at 6:15 p.m.

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

Baptisms

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

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Boxes



Immaculate Conception SVdP 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.

Holy Redeemer SVdP offers St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop boxes at two locations. One is located in the Nativity church parking lot and another is located at the West Newbury Food Mart lot (Main St.).

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Youth Music News

IC High School Praise Singers

The IC Praise Singers is now forming! If you are in high school and would love to sing and/or play your instrument to glorify God, *please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.*



The IC Praise Singers will sing contemporary hymns at the 9:00 Mass once a month. Rehearsals begin in September.

Youth Choir

Does your child love to sing? Join the IC Youth Choir!

The IC Youth Choir is for young people in the 3rd–8th grade. If your child loves to sing, it is the perfect way for them to use their gifts to glorify God and serve our church.



Youth Choir Rehearsals:

Wednesdays, beginning September 16 from 4:00–5:15.

For more information, please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.

“Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord”

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, September 9



This program delivers soup, sandwiches, and casseroles to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month.

Sandwiches: Popular sandwich choices are peanut butter & jelly or cold cuts with cheese. Please do not use condiments. 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 inside.

Soups and Casseroles: Make your specialty soup or casserole! One-gallon soup containers as well as foil casserole pans are available in the St. Ann Church Hall on Wednesday mornings during sandwich drop off. Please label your soup or casserole donation and include any heating instructions.

Also welcome: any other goodies you can donate: cookies, powdered drink mixes, chips, granola bars, fresh fruit, etc.

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, scan the QR code.



Bulletin Information

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

Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp
Paula Cullen

Barnhart
Marcia Beeman
Kathy P. Brodeur
Michael Brenner
Phyllis Collins
Autumn Rose

Coulombe
Kristen D'Entremont
Neal DesRoches
Ward Dilmore
Jim Dolan

Deb Downie
Dotty Duval
Ann-Margaret
Ferrante
John Flynn

Jeanine Ebacher
Fowler
Renee Fowler
Cheryl Gallo

John Gutshaw
Jon Haggerty
Ed Hardy
Jane Harney

Chloe Hequet
Loriann Herrick
Matt Hershey
Angela Holloran

Tula Hunt
Emma Hurley
Young Jameson
Derek Johnson
Gary Johnson

Steve Johnson
Denise Kenneson
Arthur LaPointe
Ed Lavery
Michael Lichtenstein

Donna Limone
Johannah Lord
Patricia M.
Lisa MacDougall
Monica Maguire

Sia Mahalati
Michael Marchese
Robert (Bob) Marks
Michael Martens
Ovidio Martinez
Fr. Bill McLaughlin
William Murphy

Carol O'Neal
Eleanora Paciulan
Jodi Paciulan
Joseph Palumbo
Carol Parks
Joanne Pesa
Elizabeth Pettingell
Polly Pirri

Lorraine Portalla
Angie Reddy
Regina Seely
Yvonne Sloban
Gary Smith

Arlene Stoddard
Susan Sweeney
Taylor
Captain Bill Taplin
Heather Thompson

Michael Tucker
Maddie Villers
Laurent Vincent
Joseph Vonhandorf
Sandra Welch

*Contact Collaborative offices to **remove** 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.



We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Thursday, October 8**. All are welcome! **Come join us.** Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Online Giving

Both HR and IC offer Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of one of our parish communities. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the Collaborative offices.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hricatholic.org, and click the “Links” tab, then on “HR Parish Online Giving” or “IC Parish Online Giving” to get to the appropriate site.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724.

It was great having Fr. Jude Friday visit our Collaborative. While here, we were able to celebrate his birthday after daily Mass on 8-27.



He also enjoyed a little free time in Newburyport. . .



. . .and learned how to steer a boat!

Women's Retreat



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

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

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

Collaborative Pastoral Council Seeks New Members

We are starting a new term for the Pastoral Council and are looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving in this capacity.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within our parishes.

At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the Collaborative in this way. If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. You can also list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

All confirmed, active, practicing members of both of our parishes who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 with the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate. Please let us know **by September 18**.

Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Questions of the Week

Adult: How can you apply Jesus' outline for solving disputes to your family?

Child: Do you settle disagreements with your family/friends in a way Jesus would approve of?



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HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Aug. 29–30	\$2,143.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Aug. 28	\$ 420.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 660.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Aug 29–30	\$3,223.00
Missionary Cooperative Appeal, Aug. 22–23	\$1,385.00
Catholic Appeal (Goal \$27,000)	\$22,230.00

No second collection this weekend (Sept. 6). The second collection next weekend (Sept. 13) is the special 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: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

HR Activities Committee News

FALL TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

We will participate in the **Merrimac Town-Wide Yard Sale** on September 19 with our own yard sale in Nativity hall. Please consider helping out

at the yard sale. We will need workers on Friday, September 18 starting at 10:00 a.m. On Saturday, September 19 we will need workers starting at 7:30 a.m. (The Town Wide Yard Sale runs from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) We will also be selling hot dogs during the yard sale.

Next Activities Committee Meeting: September 8

Our next meeting is at **St. Ann Hall on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m.** We will be discussing Merrimac's Town Wide Yard Sale and our Holiday Fair (on Saturday, November 21).

Please, join us for our meeting on September 8 and bring your ideas!

Piano for Nativity Hall



We have been given a chance to purchase a very nice, slightly used piano for Nativity Hall at a greatly reduced price. This beautiful Kawai upright is being offered to us for only \$5,000. This is an opportunity too good to pass up!

Retailing new for more than \$12,000, this instrument has been lovingly cared for and beautifully maintained over the years. It comes with its own humidification system, to help keep it in tune during the drier months of the year. Any parishioner interested in making a donation to help offset this cost is invited to contact our offices at 978-346-8604 or 978-462-2724 for more details.

Every donation is welcome. Checks, no matter the amount, can be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish. Many thanks for your generosity in helping our parish to be all that it can be!

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Your Neighbors

This week we're sharing the brief stories of those that you have helped recently:

- "Lillian" has a broken washing machine and several children at home. You helped with gift cards at a laundromat to help her get through the crisis.
- "Jean" is an out-of-work medical technician with two children. You helped her pay an overdue light bill.
- "Bernice and Collin" had been living at a campground while they waited for public housing to become available. They were granted this access but couldn't pay the first month's rent. You helped them get settled into their new home.
- "Noreen" was referred to us by the Merrimac Council on Aging because she had overdue utility bills. You were able to help her pay these bills.
- Finally, through your generosity, we were able to give "back-to-school" gift cards to four families with children.

Your kind donations in any form to help our neighbors are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes that can be found on tables at the main entrances of St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or **placed in the poor boxes**. Reminder: Make sure to **make checks payable to HR St. Vincent de Paul**.

Altar Linen Ministry at HR

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

Christmas Care Packages

For Our Active-Duty Service Members from Holy Redeemer Parish

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

If you have a family member or neighbor who is currently serving, we would like to send them some yuletide love and support on behalf of Holy Redeemer Parish.

Please provide us with your name, phone number, and/or email address along with the name of the active-duty service member. You may enter the information on the sign-up sheets at St. Ann and Nativity or contact Nancy Jean at (978) 363-5416 (land-line). A member of the HR Activities Committee will contact you to obtain more information about the service member including their military mailing address. We will be collecting names until the end of September.

Note: Active-duty members of the military, as well as veterans, are a protected class. Name, branch of service, address, etc. are kept confidential thus the HR Activities Committee cannot obtain this information without your help! Be assured that the HR Activities Committee will also keep the information confidential.



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IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Aug. 28	\$1,037.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,264.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Aug. 29–30	\$10,114.00
Catholic Appeal (Goal \$57,000)	\$55,711.00

No second collection this weekend (Sept. 6). The second collection next weekend (Sept. 13) is the special 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.

Immaculate Conception School



The teachers of Immaculate Conception School attended Daily Mass together on August 26 as they prepare for the 2026–27 school year.

Mass Time Change Reminder

Please note that the later Mass at IC on Sundays will change to **11:30 a.m.** beginning on September 13 (the weekend after Labor Day weekend). September 6 Sunday Mass times at IC are 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.



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Continuing to Serve Our Neighbors in Need

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

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

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

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Your kindness and support make this ministry possible. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community.

Tuesdays Breaking Bread Meal: Free, hot, three-course meal served 4:45–5:30 p.m. in the IC St. Louis Hall dining room. Take-out meals available at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

IC Harvest Fair

The Harvest Fair is Saturday, October 10

Volunteers Needed

We need your help to make this year's fair a success.

Please consider joining us for the next committee meeting on Wednesday, September 9, at 9:45 a.m. in the IC Charity Dining Room on the first floor of St Louis Hall. Many hands are needed and there are many areas needing help to choose from.

Gift Baskets Needed

If you would like to donate a gift basket to be raffled at our Fall Harvest Fair there will be a table set up at the entrance to our church at all Masses on Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13.

For more information, call Betty Harrington 978-595-7776.



Farewell

It is with great sadness that we will be saying farewell to Immaculate Conception's Music Director, Donna Postle, who will be retiring at the end of September. Donna has been the Music Director here at IC since 1992 and has been instrumental in developing and expanding our music program over the past quarter century to bring it to the excellence that we experience each week. We will miss her deeply, but wish her well in her future plans!

Please join us for a **farewell Mass and reception to follow on Sunday September 27 at 11:30 a.m.**

Visit our **Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information in the Collaborative. Find links to our bulletins, our live stream Masses, and our social media pages.

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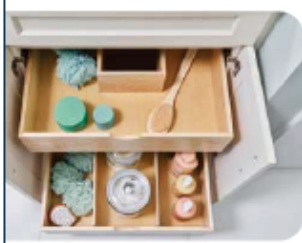


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