

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

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All Are Welcome



*"The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. . .
they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God."*

(from Isaiah 35)



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

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

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Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

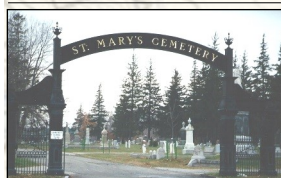
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (12/10)

4:00pm **IC** Margaret Childs, Bob, Oscar, and William Moore (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (12/11)

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

9:00am **IC** Jack & Kate Grealish, Liza Mataac Dodson (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC** Thomas McDermott, John Hynes, Brett Burkinshaw, Leanne Harriss (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (12/12)

9:00am **IC** Richard & Robert Ring (tba)

Tuesday (12/13)

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

Wednesday (12/14)

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

Thursday (12/15)

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

Friday (12/16)

9:00am **IC** Adrienne T. Mosher (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (12/17)

4:00pm **IC** Katherine Lombard, & John K. Herlihy, Roger Cyr, Thomas Burton, Noreen Driscoll family, Margaret Childs (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (12/18)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

9:00am **IC** John D'Ambrosio, Irene & Rene McCarthy (Fr. Harrison)

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

11:30am **IC** Jeanne Baughn (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Thomas J O'Connor, Joan V. O'Brien, 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 broadcast online through our website: hricatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

San Marcos Christmas Coffee Sale December 17-18

San Marcos Christmas Coffee Sale Now on Dec. 17-18 (delayed one week)

We will have a large order of freshly-roasted Honduran coffee available for purchase at all collaborative Masses **December 17-18**. You can preorder by voice/text with Karen at 978-270-0183.

Perhaps there is a coffee lover on your Christmas list who would enjoy this as a gift, and at the same time you will be helping to support the poor farmers of Honduras. \$10 per pound for this specialty whole bean or ground coffee.

Feliz Navidad!

Selfie with Santa



Santa took some time from his work during the ICS North Pole Express to pose for a selfie with Fr. Tim.

Christmas Mass Schedule for the Collaborative

Christmas Eve Masses, Saturday, Dec. 24

The 4:00pm Masses fill up quickly. Please arrive early.

4:00pm Immaculate Conception (Live Streamed)

4:00pm Immaculate Conception School Gym

4:00pm St. Ann

4:00pm Nativity (Church & Hall)

6:00pm Immaculate Conception

6:00pm Nativity

Christmas Day Masses

8:00am Immaculate Conception

8:30am Nativity

10:00am St. Ann

10:00am Immaculate Conception



Reconciliation and Adoration



Gift yourself some time with Jesus this Advent season. Listen: Jesus is calling you.

Join us the next two Thursdays at IC Church for Adoration and Confession.

Enter from Green Street only, please.

Confession: Thursday, December 15: 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 22: 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Also Confessions only: Saturdays before Mass at IC (3:00–3:30)

Adoration: Thursdays: 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Also Adoration only: Fridays 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Note: If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information. The calendar link can be found on our website: hricatholic.org.

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This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, December 12

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
Altar Server Training 3:30pm, IC Church
Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, December 13

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm, IC Church
Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, December 14

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library
IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Thursday, December 15

First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. 3:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall
First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall
Confessions 6:30–8:00pm, IC Church
Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, December 16

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church
Collaborative Staff Meeting 1:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, December 17

HR Quilters 8:30am, Nativity Hall
Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, December 18

Coffee & Donuts after Mass 9:30am, Nativity Hall
Decorate Nativity Church for Christmas 9:30am Nativity Church
RCIA Mtg. 9:30am, IC Parish Center, Room G19
Faith Formation Classes 10:00am, IC Parish Center
RCIA Mtg. 10:00am, IC St. James Chapel
Decorate St. Ann Church for Christmas 11:00am St. Ann Church
IC Confirmation Prep, Year 2 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Confirmation Prep, Year 2 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

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Short-Term Rental Needed for Afghan Refugee Family

While continuing to pursue permanent housing solutions for Newburyport's Afghan refugee families, one in particular would benefit greatly from a short-term rental. Do you have or know of a winter rental, or something available for up to six months? Partnering with you to care for this family could make a valuable difference—reach out if you can help. Contact St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 978-465-5351, or rector@stpaulsnewburyport.org.

In Memoriam

Sharon, 1950–2022

People's kindness to me during my sister Sharon's last months and her death and funeral transcend any possibility of an adequate expression of gratitude.

In an attempt to give some proper thanks—and as a memorial to her—I would like to share one of Sharon's favorite poems with readers of the bulletin. She knew the poem well and could recite it at will. It is also, I am reliably informed, one of the most popular poems in Ireland to this day.

Fr. Bill McLaughlin

The Planter's Daughter

When night stirred at sea
And the fire brought a crowd in,
They say that her beauty
Was music in mouth
And few in the candlelight
Thought her too proud,
For the house of the planter
Is known by the trees.

Men that had seen her
Drank deep and were silent,
The women were speaking
Wherever she went—
As a bell that is rung
Or a wonder told shyly,
And O she was the Sunday
In every week.

by Austin Clarke

Collaborative Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs (Grades K–10)

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are available on the website at (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

Baptism

We have resumed our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Questions of the Week

Adult: If Jesus were to talk about you and your life, what might He say to show that you are His follower?

Child: How do you show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Bulletin Information

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

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Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown	Terence Healey
Cindy Calcina	Sam Kitchen
Pat Connolly	Maureen Russell
Bill Crounse	Rob Schweizer
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Yvonne Sloban
Jack Flynn	Tom Tribble
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler	Michael Tucker
Charmaine Haan	Laurent Vincent
Hillar Haan	Lorraine Zollo
Jay Hanslig	

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

Celtic Advent Personal Directed Retreat

You can begin your retreat at any time during Advent.

Celtic spirituality celebrates the essential goodness of all God's creations. Encounters with God are grace filled times that heal human hearts and restore us to our original simplicity where we can rest in God. Our Celtic Advent retreat will open November 27 and close December 21. I will provide information, reflections, and poetry and prayers and meet with you for four one-hour individual sessions of spiritual direction during Advent. Schedule direction sessions (via telephone or Zoom on a day and time convenient for you) throughout Advent.

Readings from *Celtic Advent* by David Cole will also provide material for reflection and discussion.

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.

Retreat opens November 27

Retreat closes: December 21

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions are scheduled at your convenience and at your pace.

Spiritual director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director. Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for information.

Suggested donation: \$85.00

Centering Prayer for Advent

During Advent please consider joining us weekly for Centering Prayer. Consider leaving the noise of the world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evenings from 6:00–7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Following Centering Prayer Lectio Divina enriches and instructs us as we listen to and share reflections on the words of scripture. All are welcome to join us as we pray in these ancient Christian traditions and together prepare this Advent to welcome God's gift of His son Immanuel, *God with us, into our hearts and our lives.*

For more information and the Zoom link, contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

Christmas Flowers



We are taking monetary donations and memorials for the purchase of flowers for all 3 churches for Christmas. Please do not have flowers delivered to the churches but allow us to purchase them. Place your flower donation envelope in the collection box at the churches or mail them to IC offices at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Donation deadline is Monday, December 12 at noon.

Increase the Deductibility of Your Charitable Giving

Dear Parishioners,

Below is some information that was shared with me that may be helpful to you. People reaching 70½ years old must begin taking withdrawals from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) under the rule for "required minimum distributions" or RMDs. Of course, the distribution means paying taxes on the withdrawn amount.

The Tax Cut and Jobs Act increased the standard deduction. Many individuals who itemized in the past may find that taking the now-higher standard deduction is a better federal tax strategy.

When you take the standard deduction, there is a strict limitation on what you can also deduct for charitable giving. But there is a way for some seniors to still get an increased deduction for their giving, thereby reducing their taxable income even if they don't itemize.

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) can satisfy all or part of the amount of your required minimum distribution from your IRA.

If you directly transfer funds from the IRA to a qualified charity, those dollars count toward the RMD for the year, but are not counted as income. You can effectively claim a tax deduction for increased charitable giving without itemizing deductions.

Be aware that a QCD is available only to IRA owners 70½ years or older. And the maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000. If you file a joint return, your spouse also can have a QCD and exclude up to \$100,000. For more details read IRS 590-B "Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)." **Always check with your financial advisor or tax preparer before making tax or financial decisions.**

Thank you for considering your parish as part of your charitable giving and estate planning.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Snow Removal Volunteers

We are looking for **volunteers to assist with snow removal** at all 3 churches, the rectories, and the IC school this winter. If you are interested in helping us out, please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

IC Haiti Collection and Recent Fundraisers

The final collection of 2022 for Haiti is the weekend of December 17–18. Please be generous!

Since 2008, our parishioners and other concerned donors have responded to the needs of the Haitian people, particularly those living in the community of Puit Chacha on the southern peninsula. Despite the chaotic humanitarian crisis that is now afflicting Haiti, the Father Marc Piché Elementary school still operates daily providing students with a safe learning environment, a nutritious hot lunch program, regular dental care, and access to healthcare.

However, as the crisis continues, supplies (including food and fuel) dwindle, access to markets is denied, costs soar, and people suffer. We, thanks be to God, remain committed to our brothers and sisters in Haiti, especially to the school community in Puit Chacha.

Just in the past five years, IC Haiti's annual operating cost has averaged close to \$77,000. These costs include the entire school's budget and emergency medical response efforts related to hurricanes, earthquakes, and disease. The current crisis will certainly push costs up even higher in the coming year.

Because of this, the IC Haiti Board of Directors is cognizant of its responsibility to double our efforts to make a greater effort at fundraising. Most recently, Merrimac Heights Academy held a Walk for Water fundraiser for IC Haiti where students and staff raised \$3,000, and the IC Haiti Board held a fundraiser at the Newburyport Brewery which raised \$3,541. We are thankful to all who contributed to these fundraisers, but we will have to do more to meet our expected expenses.

We are most grateful to you, the parishioners of both Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception, and we continue to count on your generosity during the quarterly second collections. For your information, Board members are not compensated, and administrative costs are less than 1% of the moneys we receive. You can be assured your donations are going directly to meet the needs of the people we have been called to serve in Haiti.

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

women at the well

We invite all women to come join us at any time, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The new study, *Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose*, is all about managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness rooted in Christ. We meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

If you are unable to make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.

AED and First Aid Kits

Before COVID, a safety committee was just forming to address many different aspects of our parish gatherings. One of the needs that was discussed was the placement of AED's or automated external defibrillators in our worship spaces and parish halls. Recently, we had a medical situation in one of our spaces where one of these devices might have been helpful prior to Emergency Medical Services arriving. Although we enjoy a very rapid response from the first responders in our area, it is time that we add these devices along with "stop-bleed" kits and updated first-aid kits to each of our gathering spaces. To that end, I would like to invite parishioners who are able to consider making a donation to provide these potentially life-saving kits. We would like to place them in the following locations:

Nativity Church foyer	IC Church foyer
Nativity hall kitchen	IC Church sacristy
St. Ann Church foyer	IC Pastoral Center St. Louis Hall
St. Ann Church hall	IC Pastoral Center Charity Dining Room kitchen

The cost for each of these complete kits (AED, stop-bleed, and first aid) with their respective cabinets and required supplies is \$1,768.00. With your support, we are hoping to order and have these installed sometime in January. Full or partial donations for these sets are welcome and appreciated for both parishes. Additionally, we have multiple offers from parishioners who are familiar with how to use these devices to do an informal training after weekend Masses once they are installed. Plus, we hope to also offer certification in CPR and basic first aid for anyone who might be interested in going through the training. Stay tuned for more information about where and when. Please contact Dennis LaMalfa in our business office for more information. Thank you for your generosity in the care of others!

Fr. Timothy Harrison

The Pelican Intervention Fund



We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction. Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more. Donations can be made to "The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"

Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street, Danvers, MA 01923

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HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Dec. 3-4	\$2,337.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance	\$ 825.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Dec. 2	\$1,490.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 378.00

The second collection this weekend (Dec. 11) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Dec. 18) is IC Haiti. **Make checks payable to IC Haiti.** See page 6 of the bulletin for details. 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 Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$8,755.00**



Greeters Needed



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We could still use a few more greeters. High school students and adults are welcome. In particular, we need greeters at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both Nativity and St. Ann. This little task simply involves smiling and saying hello, handing out bulletins, or perhaps giving directions to the restroom or the ramp.

Would you like to help? Please contact Sue Noyes at susanjnoyes@gmail.com.

HR Holiday Fair

Fair Totals for 2022



Basket Table
\$2,523.00
145 gift baskets



Raffle
\$1,010.00



Bake Table
\$1,076.00



Lunch
\$793.00
13 choices of soup!



Nearly New Table
\$1,422.00



Silent Auction
\$2,407.00

HR St. Vincent de Paul

"... And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." (Lk 16:20)

A single resident living alone with her dog and struggling with mental and physical conditions could not pay her water bill when faced with higher-than-expected property taxes. With your help, our St. Vincent DePaul Society conference prevented her water from being turned off. **Her name is Lazarus.**

With the overall cost of living increasing and the onset of cold weather, we ask that you consider some of **our stories** (see above) and continue to give generously. There are envelopes in the pews at both St. Ann and at Nativity churches, or simply use the poor boxes in these churches. Make checks out to HR SVdP. If you know of someone who needs help, please have them call our hotline at 978-346-8604 X4.

Please give what you can so that we can continue to *make a difference in the lives of the poor around us.*

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 or hvktax@aol.com.

Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday, January 5. All are welcome!**

Holiday Fair Lawn Signs

Those who were helpful in taking and displaying our Holiday Fair lawn signs may return the signs to the back of either church and we will collect them. **Thank you!**

Holiday Fair Baskets for 2023

We will be collecting baskets for next year's fair. Please consider donating your empty wicker baskets by leaving them in the back of either church.

HR PARISH

HR Christmas Giving 2022

HR St. Vincent de Paul is asking for monetary donations and \$25.00 Market Basket gift cards, which may be left in the metal boxes at the doors of the churches or you can use the envelopes in the pews at both St. Ann and at Nativity churches or mail checks to HR St. Vincent de Paul Society, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860. Make checks out to HR SVdP.

Merrimac Holiday Helpers is looking for pajamas for school-aged children, including adult sizes for older students.

Pregnancy Care Center:

- Blanket sleepers: newborn–24 mos.
- New outfits: 0–24mos.
- Diapers: sizes 3, 4, 5, 6
- Crib sheets
- baby food: stages 1, 2, 3
- Baby bottles, pacifiers, and teethingers

They are also online at <https://tinyurl.com/PCCGivingTree>. These gifts will be shipped directly to Pregnancy Care Center.

Emmaus House is looking for \$25.00 gift cards from Target, Market Basket, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Marshalls, and Burlington Coat Factory. If you prefer to order online: www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/2022holiday and you should be able to have them shipped to Emmaus House directly. If not, you can leave them at either church.

All items to be delivered must be dropped off by December 11 at either church. If ordering online, please use the same date for ordering deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Dottie Carr 978-363-2909

St. Ann Church Decorating

We will be decorating St. Ann Church for the Christmas season on **Sunday, December 18 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.** All are welcome.

HR Coffee & Donuts Social

We will be offering coffee and donuts for **everyone** after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, December 18 followed by **church decorating** for Christmas for all those who would like to help. Please join us.

Nativity Church Decorating

Help is needed to decorate Nativity Church for Christmas. **Sunday, December 18**, after the 8:30 Mass, we will need some muscle to help move statues, hang banners, string lights, and more. Please mark your calendar to stay after Mass, have some coffee and lend a hand.

Flowers will be delivered on Friday, December 23 at 10:00 a.m. Anyone able to come help with the flowers, it would be greatly appreciated.

Any questions call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

IC PARISH

IC St. Vincent de Paul



If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are ready to assist.

You can now make online donations on our website: www.svdnpnewburyport.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 to-go Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

St. Mary's Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. 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. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

Wedding Coordinators Needed

Would you like to serve your church in a meaningful and enjoyable way? Then consider being a wedding coordinator. All that's needed is a friendly face and the basics of hospitality. Approximately one hour of rehearsal and approximately two hours on the day of the wedding are required. You will be trained and compensated. If you're interested in this rewarding position and want more information, please call Christine or Melinda in the IC offices, 978-462-2724.

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

Substitute Custodians

IC Parish is looking for substitute Custodians to work on an as-needed basis. Duties would include cleaning, event setup, and snow removal. If you are interested in becoming a substitute custodian, please contact Christine or Melinda in the IC offices, 978-462-2724.

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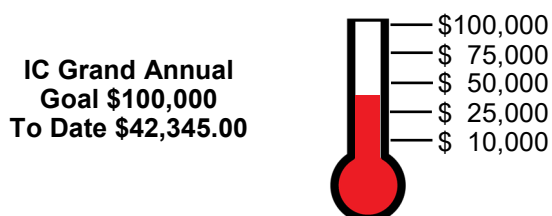
IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Dec. 3–4	\$4,114.50
Ongoing Church Maintenance	\$1,097.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Dec. 2	\$6,353.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,825.59

The second collection this weekend (Dec. 11) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Dec. 18) is IC Haiti. **Make checks payable to IC Haiti.** See page 6 of the bulletin for details. 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.



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Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402

The Compassionate Friends



TCF of Greater Nbpt is holding their Annual Candle Lighting & December Chapter meeting 7–9 p.m. on **Sunday, December 11, 2022** as part of The Compassionate Friends Global Candle Lighting.

To participate in person, please arrive 6:45 p.m. at 64 Northern Blvd, Plum Island, Newbury, MA (home of chapter leader Barbara Hopkinson). To participate & remember our children at home, please light a candle from 7:00–8:00 p.m.

The Compassionate Friends provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website tcfnewburyport.org.

Contact Barbara with questions: 978-697-1349 or 617-410-6309, or barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

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 in the IC Nazareth Library.

For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email ko231@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School community gathered for a Thanksgiving Prayer Service just before the holiday. With the help of the 8th graders, the children in Pre-K and Kindergarten processed in holding letters that spelled out "Thank You God." Then, they led the congregation in prayers for the people we love, the foods



we eat, the people who provide for us, and for those who guide us in our faith. Each youngster had a speaking opportunity for the intentions, such as Market Basket workers, farmers, truck drivers, cookies, corn, and their teachers.



The prayer service ended with both classes singing "A Gift To You." Many grandparents and

extended family members were able to take a moment out from Thanksgiving preparations to attend the prayer service. Hearing the angelic voices of our youngest students was a joyful moment for the whole community. It was especially darling to hear the things that they wanted us to pray for.



Troop 21 Blood Drive



Scout Troop 21 Linked Units of Newburyport, MA and the American Red Cross are teaming up to boost blood supply. The uncertainties of the times in which we live require a new commitment to maintain a constant community blood supply.

Please continue supporting your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers by donating blood on **Thursday, December 22, 2022 at the Newburyport Elks Club Function Hall, 25 Low Street, from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

Anyone 17 years of age or older, weighing 110 pounds or more, and feeling in good health may be eligible to donate blood. To make an appointment to donate blood call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

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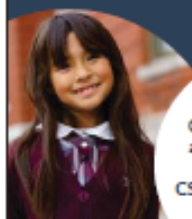
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