


HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022

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*Blessed are those who
trust in the Lord;*

the LORD will be their trust.
They are like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream

JER 17: 7-8

All Are Welcome



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

Email: info@hricatholic.org

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hricatholic.org

Immaculate Conception

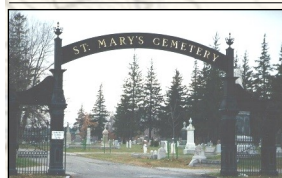
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St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue,
Newburyport 01950

Immaculate Conception School

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 Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (2/12)

4:00pm **IC Michael & Lucia Lombardo, Cameron B. D'Ambrosio, Ann M. Daley** (Fr. O'Brien & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (2/13)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC Rebecca L. Bartczak** (Fr. O'Brien & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (2/14)

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

Tuesday (2/15)

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

Wednesday (2/16)

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

Thursday (2/17)

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

Friday (2/18)

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

Saturday (2/19)

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

4:00pm **IC Laurine Sullivan** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (2/20)

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Kevin C. Doyle and all 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 Facebook:
(Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes)

FORMED

Sign up for free the following weekends:

IC: February 13

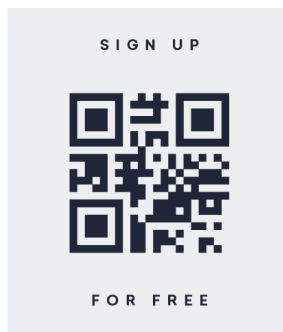
HR: February 20

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be invited to participate in what is being called the Synod on Synodality.

What does that mean?

A "synod" is a council or church gathering, often led by the Pope or bishops and usually focused around a particular topic or need within the Church or wider world. They can be worldwide gatherings or very local ones, involving only a single diocese and its people. Recent worldwide synods have been centered around such topics as "The Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Life of the Church" (2005) and "The New Evangelization" (2012). Back in 1989, the Archdiocese of Boston held its Eighth General Synod, producing a rich offering of various pastoral guidelines and initiatives, many of which are still bearing fruit today.

This new Synod on "Synodality" is a worldwide event that hopes to address the very way that we dialogue with and listen to each other in the life of the Church. It is meant to encompass ecclesial conversations on every level from those that involve the Church's hierarchy as well as those centered on the parish level and everything in between. As a general guideline, it should be noted that this synod is about synodality itself. Its goal is not to discuss all of the issues in the Church, but rather to discuss how the Church listens to, and can listen better to, all her people and draws the voices of all into her prayer, her mission, and her decision-making process on every level. One could say that this is more about immersion into an art form than an exact science. Since on a human level there are so many variables and factors that affect how we hear and understand one another, when scaled up to include the whole Church in its fullness, this art of listening and dialogue can never be reduced to a mere formula for success nor dependent only on the finesse of those few who possess legendary diplomatic skills. Rather, it must be the product of the whole, inclusive of the full range of human experience and a healthy interplay of a diversity of opinions. "In this sense, synodality enables the entire People of God to walk forward together, listening to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, to participate in the mission of the Church in the communion that Christ establishes between us." (from the Synod preparation document)

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Facebook Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses:

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hricatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet using the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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Here in the Archdiocese of Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen more deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that. So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask "How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?" The Archdiocese and the Church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation.

At this time, I would like to invite you to participate on the local level in two ways:

First, take a moment and fill out the online survey that will help guide the conversation on the Archdiocesan level. Although brief in nature, the survey invites us to offer a few concise points for consideration by those planning the wider Archdiocesan response. The survey link can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=iBfEyKWqKUWfyFrvXnpuTGC4fVPKzY1Gt2urlLVgudUOFc1RVpLVVdYVIZUUUpBWVZJSDY3UDhUVC4u>.

Every individual parishioner is invited to fill out this survey.

Secondly, please join in on the conversation on our local level by attending a Zoom Meeting on Saturday March 5 at 1:30 p.m. or an in-person meeting on Sunday March 6 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Louis Hall on the IC Church campus. Those wishing to join the Zoom meeting can simply call our Collaborative office in advance to receive the proper electronic invitation. Listed below are some of the general Synod Questions that we are being asked to consider:

1. *In our experience—within our parish or other community—who should have a voice? And who does in fact have a voice? How could we improve that? And how could the same thing happen in our Archdiocese and in the Church around the world?*

a. *How can the common person in our communities be better heard?*

b. *Who are the marginalized people in our communities, and how can they be better heard?*



2. *How well do we listen to people whose opinions are different from our own ...*

a. *... in our conversations?*

b. *... in our families?*

c. *... in our parishes or other local communities?*

d. *... in our archdiocese?*

e. *... in the global Church?*

f. *... How could we do all of that better?*

3. *How does our prayer—both individual prayer and at Mass and other liturgical gatherings (communal liturgy)—impact our ability to listen?*

4. *How connected do you feel to the core mission of the Church—making disciples for Jesus? Do you feel like you have been chosen for mission, equipped for that mission, and sent specifically out on that mission? In the course of that mission, do you feel like you have a group of fellow missionary disciples with whom to share your experiences? How could we improve that kind of interaction in the Church?*

5. *How does the Church (local/diocesan/global) support those who take part in her mission within the society and culture (parents, grandparents, educators, scientists, lawmakers, writers, artists, social workers, those who work with the poor, those who seek to protect the environment)? And how does she listen to them?*

6. *Listening often involves listening across borders. How well do the parishes or other local communities in your area work together and listen to one another? What is the involvement of various communities of religious men and women in your parish? Is there a dialogue with other faith communities who are not Catholic?*

7. *How could the decision-making process within your local community be improved? Is there room for a broader process? How can transparency be improved? Is prayerful discernment a part of the process?*

For those wishing to dive deeper into this process, I would invite you to read the Synod document in its fulness at: <https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/document/common/vademecum/Vademecum-EN-A4.pdf>.

I hope that you can join with me for one of these meetings and see where and how the Holy Spirit may guide our present and future conversations locally and beyond.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hricatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

We offer Confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Personal Directed Lenten Retreat

The Season of Lent begins March 2. How will you accompany Jesus? Jesus calls us to "take up our daily cross and follow him" (Lk 9:23). How will you respond?

Once again, your usual Lenten practices may be impacted by restrictions or health concerns. Please consider a Personal Directed Lenten Retreat that reflects and supports your spiritual practices and your unique relationship with God for your Lenten journey.

As you prepare for Lent; what cross are you carrying, what unmet needs are you experiencing, what losses or trials are you suffering, what desires are you holding in your heart?

During the sacred season of Lent accompany Jesus as he carries his cross. Bring your cross, needs, suffering, and desires to Jesus as you ponder his own time of suffering and trial endured with perfect love and total trust in his loving father. A personal directed retreat may support and guide you to share deeply with Jesus his salvific suffering, know and accept his love and healing and express your love for him. Deepening love and trust in Jesus may strengthen you to take up your cross each day and follow him.

Retreat will open March 1 and close April 13. You may schedule direction sessions throughout Lent as desired and at your own pace. We will meet via telephone or Zoom on a day and time convenient for you. During the first session we will explore will your focus for Lent. I will provide related material for prayer and reflection and meet with you for four additional one-hour individual sessions of Spiritual Direction during Lent as we are led by the Holy Spirit.

This offering is designed to provide an affordable, convenient, safe retreat and create an intimate space for you to share yourself deeply with Jesus this Lent.

Retreat Opens: March 1 Retreat Closes: April 13

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

Suggested donation: \$80.00

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, February 14

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

Women at the Well Meeting 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, February 15

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep, Year 1 6:45pm, Nativity Hall

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, February 16

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

New Hope Family Support Group 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, February 17

BLAZE Ministry Meeting 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, February 18

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

Saturday, February 19

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, February 20

RCIA 9:30am, IC Conference Room 209

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

Face Masks Required

The Archdiocese of Boston is requiring all people attending public Masses to wear a face mask for the duration of the service. Children under the age of 5 are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of 2 should not wear masks.

This applies to weekend Masses as well as Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, and any indoor prayer services. This requirement will be in place **until at least March 3** (Thursday after Ash Wednesday). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Face masks will be available at the doors of all of our churches in case any parishioner needs one. In addition, we will continue to provide a designated area in which social distancing is respected for those who want to use it.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, or just receiving a call or note from us to cheer your day, please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

Adoration

We offer Adoration at IC Church two times during the week. All are welcome. No experience necessary. **Note: enter at Green Street door only.**

Join us for Adoration on **Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Adoration/Benediction is also available in IC Church on **Fridays immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass*.**

*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.

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."**

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

women at the well

Welcome to Women at the Well: A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community!

*We meet every **Monday at 6:30 p.m.** If you can't 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.*

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room

Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

Follow Us on Instagram

[HRICCatholic](https://www.instagram.com/HRICCatholic)



Holy Communion in the Hand

One COVID-related restriction we are still being asked to do by the Archdiocese is to *receive Holy Communion only in the hand*.

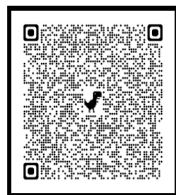
Those distributing Communion on the tongue would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to. So at this time everyone is being asked to only receive Communion in the hand. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to recover from the pandemic.



Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm
IC Parish Center Library

For More Info:
Matt Blanchette
978.697.5135
kofc231@gmail.com



RCIA

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or for youth that have not yet received the sacraments in the traditional years. If you would like to learn more about this program, contact Deacon John Moranski, 978-432-1443, jmoranski51@gmail.com.

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations



Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God compared to in our culture?

Child: Jesus teaches us to share, to be patient and to care for others. How might you do this when playing with other children?

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown
Fr. Drew Christiansen
Susan Gerroir
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Joe Messina
Jerry Mullen
Vincent Oberhofer

Maureen Russell
Rob Schweitzer
Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Mark Thibeault
Michael Tucker
Jim Williamson

ENGAGE & FORMED

We have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit formed.org, click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



New Hope Family Support Group

First & Third Wednesday of every month

For More Info:

Corey Beaver

781.854.2541

3foldrecovery@gmail


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RECOVERY

HOSTED BY *Corey Beaver*
INTERVENTIONIST & RECOVERY COACH



Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.

 (The free App "**Laudate**" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

Family Prayer Group



Some of our parishioners have formed a group to pray for families and do so on the last Friday of the month, calling the prayer group "Final Fridays for Families" or "FFF" as a result.

It is not burdensome or time-consuming and simply involves receiving a reminder on the last Friday of each month and saying a prayer for families at a time and place that is convenient to you on that day. The group particularly prays for all members and their families and their special intentions. If you would like to join the group and receive the monthly prayer reminder, please let Linda Temple know in our Collaborative office. Contact her at (978)

The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund was established in 2015. We are a non-profit, grass roots, all-volunteer group dedicated to supporting local men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. Our mission is to provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction.

Donations can be made to:

"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"

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

Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

IC PARISH

IC Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism here at IC this Sunday, February 13, at 1:30 p.m. No Baptisms will take place during the Season of Lent. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation.

To get started, register as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish if you are not yet registered. Forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once registered, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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. She is happy to help our parishioners in need.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

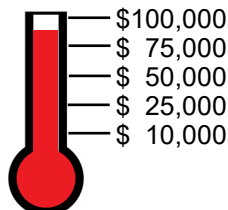
IC Offertory, Feb. 5-6	\$3,661.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Feb. 5-6	\$ 712.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Feb. 4	\$2,438.00

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 13) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Feb. 20) is St. Vincent de Paul. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950

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

IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
To Date \$91,555.00



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.

To donate, you can visit our website to donate online at www.svdpnnewburyport.org, or drop your donation (checks payable to "SVdP of Newburyport") 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

Tuesday evenings **takeout only meals** 4:30-5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. 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.

The Compassionate Friends

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.

Our next monthly support meeting is **February 28** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara for questions at barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception School

Catholic Schools Week Events



Geography Bee

Dress as a Leader Day



Dress As A
Leader Day
#CSW22



Catholic Schools Week 2022
January 30-February 5
www.NCEA.org/csw #CSW22



Dress As A Leader Day

IC faculty and staff dress up as
their favorite
Principal Mrs. Sullivan



Catholic Schools Week 2022
January 30-February 5
www.NCEA.org/csw #CSW22

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Feb. 5–6 **\$1,315.00**
 Fuel, Feb. 5–6 **\$ 362.00**
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The second collection this weekend (Feb. 13) is the Monthly.
 The second collection next weekend (Feb. 20) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

HR Grand Annual
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The HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks you for your ongoing generosity. We would be unable to help our local clients without your assistance. All donations go directly to those in need.

You will find addressed SVdP envelopes in the pews at both churches. Please place donations into the envelopes and either mail or place the envelopes in the collection. You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

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Holiday Helper Program Thank you

Dear Members of Holy Redeemer Parish,

Thank you so much for the supporting the Merrimac Holiday Helpers Program. The pajamas were perfect and so appreciated. Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

God Bless,

Kathy Devaney

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HR Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the IC campus this Sunday, February 13, at 1:30 p.m. No Baptisms will take place during the Season of Lent. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron

HR Prayer Shawl

If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.



HR Online Giving

HR provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

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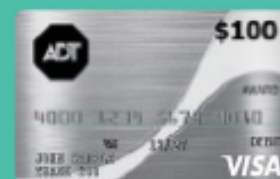
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