

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022



The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

(Jn 14:26)

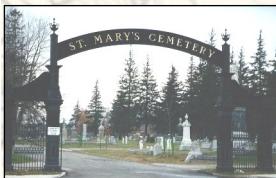
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All Are Welcome



St. Ann

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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985
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St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue,
Newburyport 01950

Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
4 Green St., Merrimac 01860
Office Hours: By appointment
Phone: 978-346-8604
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Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
42 Green St., Newburyport 01950
Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
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Immaculate Conception School

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[Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/HolyRedeemerImmaculateConceptionCollaborativeParishes)

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/21)

4:00pm IC Mary Reilly, Mabel & Harry Kalashian,
David Taylor (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm Nativity (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (5/22)

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Morin)
9:00am IC Michael Lee Hooton (Fr. Harrison)
10:15am St. Ann (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
11:30am IC Helen & Robert Lynch (Fr. Stanley &
Deacon Moranski)

Monday (5/23)

9:00am IC Susan Gerroir (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (5/24)

9:00am IC Diane Wells (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (5/25)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (5/26) Feast of the Ascension

9:00am IC Stanley Jancewicz, Sean & Elizabeth
Perkins (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
9:00am St. Ann (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)
7:00pm IC (Fr. Morin)
7:00pm St. Ann (Fr. Harrison)

Friday (5/27)

9:00am IC Lena D'Ambrosio (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (5/28)

4:00pm IC (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm St. Ann Daniel Brodie, Maurice James
Crounse (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (5/29)

8:30am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
9:00am IC (Fr. Morin)
10:15am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am IC Shawn Cass, Betty Harrington,
Achille Leone Jr., Florence & John Leone
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers, please remember Patricia Woodsum 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 our website: hriccatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



This past week, the national news exploded with the leaked draft of the Supreme Court opinion regarding the possible overturn of Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 SCOTUS decision that legalized abortion nationwide in our country. It is no secret that the Catholic Church has opposed this decision and that many efforts have been made over the years among the pro-life community to seek a change in this decision.

This week, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, our Archbishop, posted the following on his blog that you may find helpful:

The Church has worked, prayed and advocated for 50 years for the overturning of this very flawed decision, in which an activist court legislated for the entire country rather than allowing the American people to have a vote on this issue. For us, this is not a question of Catholic doctrine that we want to impose on the country, but rather a matter of defense of innocent human life, which is the obligation of everyone—regardless of faith.

In response to this ongoing issue, I have prepared the following statement, which I would like to share with you:

"The leak of Justice Alito's draft opinion on abortion has brought many voices into a conflicted question now almost fifty years old. Throughout those years, from the Roe v. Wade decision until today, the Catholic Church has been part of the abortion debate in this country. Two characteristics have marked our position. First, while Catholic moral teaching has opposed abortion since the apostolic era, the case we have made to our religiously pluralistic nation is that abortion is fundamentally a human rights question. Such questions are argued in rational terms: the right in danger is the right to life. Its defense in the public arena can and should be articulated in ways which those of any faith or no faith can analyze and understand. We have tried to make that case and will continue to do so whatever the final decision of the Court will be. Second, the human rights argument means that human life must be protected before birth and after birth. A pro-life position does not end at birth; it must extend to a public vision which encompasses the common good of our society. The child whose life is protected by the moral and civil law deserves the support of a society which will provide the socio-economic conditions in which life can flourish.

A draft opinion will not settle our long national debate. As it goes forward, before and after the final decision is made, my hope is that all participants will respect the dignity of others; on a question as deep as the one we seek to decide this attitude is essential."

~From Cardinal Sean's Blog

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This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 23

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

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

Compassionate Friends Mtg. 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, May 24

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, May 25

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, May 26

Ascension of the Lord

Friday, May 27

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, May 28

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

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

Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on our website:

1. Go to our website (hriccatholic.org).
2. Click on the live-stream map on the homepage
3. You will be directed to the live stream page. Click the image to begin the video.

To watch our live-stream Masses on Facebook:

1. Go to our Facebook page (facebook.com/hriccatholic/)
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

Questions of the Week

Adult: How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit?



Child: The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus to help and guide us. Remember to pray for the Spirit's help always.

Bulletin Information

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

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.)

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It should be expected that however the final decisions in these matters are made, there will continue to be vigorous debates about what constitutes genuine human rights and who determines when and where those rights can be exercised. In the midst of all of this, we must remain steadfast in our prayer and sincere in our charity towards all involved, both in actions and in words. Hate cannot be overcome by hate. Only true, honest and authentic love can challenge the presence of evil in our world. Recall the words of last week's Gospel: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (Jn 13:34-35)

Through our prayer and care for the least among us, may we put that love into action each and every day.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Ascension Thursday

Thursday, May 26, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Collaborative Mass schedule for the Holy Day:

- 9:00 a.m. IC
9:00 a.m. St. Ann
7:00 p.m. IC
7:00 p.m. St. Ann

Reminder: there are no Ascension Masses at Nativity due to the furnace replacement project.

IC Haiti

The **second quarterly collection** to support IC Haiti's mission to our brothers and sisters in Haiti will be taken up this **weekend—May 21–22** at all Masses in the Collaborative. Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti." **Thanks to all who are contributing to this outreach ministry of our Collaborative.**



The Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha and the secondary school in Fond-des-Blancs continue to offer hope to hundreds of children from kindergarten to high school and their families.

Also, thanks to all the bakers, sellers, and customers who supported the **Cookies for Haiti** fundraiser that took place after Masses at IC this past weekend.

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Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 30



Mass will be offered on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 30**, at St. Mary's Cemetery, 36 Storey Avenue (Rte. 113), Newburyport. The Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and pray for all those who have given their lives in service to our country as well as remember all who have been interred here at our local Catholic Cemetery. Please bring a chair, sunscreen/bug spray, sunglasses, and a hat if you need them.

The regular 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC is transferred to the cemetery on Memorial Day. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be moved back to IC Church. Please check our website for any updates: hriccatholic.org.

Faith Formation 2022 Summer Program

We plan to host our annual HRIC Summer Program at the IC campus for 3rd–8th graders on:

**August 8–12, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
each day (M–F)**

Note:
Date change

If your family is simply unable to make Sunday morning Faith Formation during the school year, this may be a good option for you. There is a strong teaching component, but also mixed in there are skits, crafts, songs, and communal prayer. The kids have a blast learning about our beautiful, rich faith.

If you choose this option, we ask that you still make the effort to attend our liturgical season family festivals during the school year in order to maintain a connection with the other parish families. Festivals include:

- All Saints Day Festival (Oct. 30)
- Advent/Christmas Festival (Dec. 11)
- Lent Festival (Feb. 26)
- Holy Week/Easter Festival (Apr. 2)

Visit the Faith Formation webpage (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation) for more information and registration forms.

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: hriccatholic.org.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Barry
Priscilla Brown
Bill Crounse
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Jay Hanslig
Terence Healey
Sam Kitchen

Lori Ouellette
Maureen Russell
Yvonne Sloban
Ruth Sullivan
Rob Schweizer
Michael Tucker
Jim Williamson

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

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 Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

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.

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/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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.



FORMED® 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.

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Gospel Night at the Pops



Gospel Choir, led by internationally acclaimed conductor, Charles Floyd.

Members of the HRIC Collaborative are eligible for discount tickets ordered online, by phone, or at the box office. Please use the code **GOSPEL50** prior to selecting your tickets.

Since 1993, Gospel Night at the Pops has closed out the Pops' Spring Season with its energetic ministry. This year's return promises to be a sold out night of joyful song and praise. Come and raise your voices!

HR PARISH

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 2022–23 schedule for those children who will be in Grades K–8 will be posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in July. 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

We were so happy to celebrate with our students as they received the Eucharist for the first time. Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

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.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2022–23 Confirmation prep schedule for Grades 9 and 10 will be posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in July. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).



TICKETS:

\$49

*Boxed lunch available at extra cost

For more information, visit JesusIsHereBoston.org



HR Greeters Needed

Would you like to serve as a welcoming presence at Mass? We are looking for additional greeters at Holy Redeemer, particularly at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both churches and the 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Ann.

All are encouraged to volunteer if they wish—men, women, and high school students. If you are able to serve, please contact Sue Noyes at susanjnoyes@gmail.com.

HR Prayer Shawl

Prayer shawls are given freely as a gift. If you know of anyone needing a prayer shawl or lapghan or you would like to give one to a friend, relative, or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com.

We're back to meeting in person!!! 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 June 2. Join us!

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, May 14–15 \$1,542.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending May 13 \$1,363.00

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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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



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HR Online Giving

Holy Redeemer now provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

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

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 at 978-462-2724 x7404.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your generosity to the HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. There are addressed SVdP envelopes in 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.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR St. Vincent de Paul Society, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

Temporary Closure of Nativity Church

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To allow for the installation of the new furnace in Nativity Church, Merrimac, it will be necessary to remove part of the flooring to install some key components. This will require the closure of Nativity Church for a short while, hopefully no more than a week. Right now, this is scheduled to take place the week of **May 23 through Memorial Day weekend.**

The new furnaces and future air conditioning units in both HR churches are the final part of our Capital Campaign begun approximately 6 years ago. While your generous response to this multi-year fundraising effort enabled many repairs and significant improvements to be made in both of our churches, we need an additional \$14,000 to complete the air-conditioning components for the churches. There are bright yellow envelopes in the entranceways of both churches marked “Furnace Replacement.” These can be used to make contributions towards completing the air conditioning components of the HVAC projects in both churches. Once our goal has been met, the air conditioning will be installed in each church. The current funds raised through the Capital Campaign have been sufficient to allow for the new furnaces to be installed at this time in each church. Because of the different structure and access to the basement of St. Ann Church in West Newbury, the new furnace will be installed there in the weeks ahead without interruption of weekend worship.

Please watch the bulletin and our website for any updates. Thank you for your patience!



Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on what is happening in the Collaborative. You can also find links to our weekly bulletins and our Facebook, Instagram, and twitter pages.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 14–15	\$5,705.00
Pastor's Charity, May 14–15	\$ 387.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending May 13	\$1,150.00

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



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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.

Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School held its traditional May Crowning on Friday, May 13. The 2nd grade students looked beautiful in their First Communion dresses and suits. Twenty-eight second graders processed in, each carrying a white carnation which they placed in a basket on the altar. Mary's crown of flowers was carried in on a white silk pillow and placed upon her head. The students then took their places to lead the school community in saying the Rosary. The rest of the school sat in the pews with their Church Buddies, which pairs older students with younger students to help them follow along. Particularly noted were the 1st and 7th grade students who followed along with their rosary beads, moving their fingers along bead by bead with each decade of the Rosary. It was especially meaningful to be together in the church and to be able to hold such an important tradition.



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.

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Baptism

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

Confirmation

Information regarding the Fall schedule for Confirmation prep classes will be available late July. Meanwhile, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions you might have or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).



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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) 462-2724 or email at: info@hriccatholic.org.

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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!

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 **May 23** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara with questions: 978-697-1349 or 617-410-6309, or barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com. Barbara is also an Advanced Certified GRM (Grief Recovery Method) specialist and founder of A Butterfly's Journey nonprofit. She offers 1-on-1 or group classes in GRM, the only evidence-based methodology for grief.

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

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