HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10, 2022



"Which..., in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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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@hriccatholic.org

Nativity

Parish offices and church: 4 Green St., Merrimac 01860 Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: 978-346-8604 Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Collaborative Staff

Immaculate Conception

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

> Phone: 978-462-2724 Fax: 978-234-7399 Email: info@hriccatholic.org



St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue, Newburyport 01950

Immaculate Conception School

1 Washington Street, Newburyport 01950, K-grade 8, Mrs. Joan Sullivan, Principal, Phone: 978-465-7780, Fax: 978-234-7331, www.icsnewburyport.com



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/9)

4:00pm **IC** Joan Marino Maser (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski) 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (7/10)

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Harrison) 9:00am IC Peter Barr (Fr. Morin) 10:15am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison) 11:00am IC Lois Dunphy (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

Monday (7/11)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (7/12)

9:00am IC Paul Kolman (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (7/13)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (7/14)

9:00am IC Seamus Murray (Fr. Morin)

Friday (7/15)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (7/16)

4:00pm IC Ellen Taplin, Margaret Horgan

(Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm Nativity (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (7/17)

8:30am Nativity (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow) 9:00am IC Steve Lucas (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

11:00am IC William "Lee" Kenney Jr. (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember 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: <u>hriccathlic.org</u> and on Facebook: (<u>Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes</u>).

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholictv.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

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.
- The <u>IVE</u> video should be the first one on the list.

Collaborative Pastoral Council



HRIC Collaborative Pastoral Council

We have completed our second full year and are seeking the names of people you think might be good candidates for this Council. We are now looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving in this capacity. At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this way. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they fully understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

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 the parish.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 16 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please send the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate and email this information to jimwilliamson35@gmail.com by August 15, 2022. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen by lot in late August.



Bulletin Information

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

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, July 11

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

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

Tuesday, July 12

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

Wednesday, July 13

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library Merrimac Hall Cleanup 10:00am, Nativity Hall Ministry Committee Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, July 14 Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, July 15

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

Saturday, July 16

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

K of C Evening of Renewal 5:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

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 God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10minute prayer called The God Minute. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free.

Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. www.thegodminute.org



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Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in June.

Julia Catherine Blais • Luka James Bukvic • Niall Francis Corbett • Ava Margaret Davis • Grayson Martin Davis • Kenzie Fox Dube • Ellie Rose Ford • Blake Travis Frost • Samuel Jean Leary • Banks McCoy Matt • Collins Patricia McCormick • Oliver Dale Phongchit • James Matthew Rymsha • William Peter Rymsha • Delaney Claire Williams

Adoration

Ordinary Time Welcomes Extraordinary Time with Jesus

As we step into weeks of Ordinary Time, if you are a visitor or parishioner seeking an extraordinary moment of inner transformation, enter Sacred Silence any Thursday or Friday for serene dialogue with Jesus the Lord in the monstrance. His personal loving words to you will not disappoint. Short visits are welcome



Entrance Fee: none (but enter at the Green Street door only)

Place: IC Church (rain or shine) **Time:** Thursdays: 7 p.m.–8 p.m. 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: hriccatholic.org.

Word On Fire Engage

Everyone in our Collaborative now has free access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library.



WORDONFIRE You can watch any of Bishop Barron's films or study programs whenever you **ENGAGE** want, on any device!

To access the resources of Word on Fire's ENGAGE, please register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting HRIC to 84576. Once you register, you will have access to ENGAGE.

We are excited to bring ENGAGE to you. Along with FORMED (formed.org), we now 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.

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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
Bill Crounse
Ann-Margaret Ferrante
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.

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.

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."

Holy Jammers



The Holy Jammers musical group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the IC Nazareth Library to jam for an hour. All are welcome to join us!

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.

Faith Formation Summer Program

Online registration is now available. Visit the Faith Formation webpage (hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation) for more information and to register.



We will 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)

If your family is 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).

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- Visit formed.org
- Click "Sign up"
- Click "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) and tap "next".
- Add your name and email and click "sign up"
- You will receive an email that links you to the site

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. There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

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. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org; click on HRIC Pastoral Plan; and then click on Lectio Divina.

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

Online Resources

Visit our Collaborative Website, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, faith formation, Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our calendar, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, see our Get Involved tab to see how your talents can be utilized, or check out the photos section.

Parish Membership

Welcome! We invite you to become a member of our Parish communities. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to register.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

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

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 kofc231@gmail.com.

women at the well

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Seeking a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

Welcome to Women at the Well: A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community! We meet Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m.

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room and Zoom: 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.

Ouestions of the Week

Adult: When did you ever welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a stranger?



Child: Can you think of a time when you did something for someone who you did not know well? Perhaps at school?

New Hope Family Support Group

This support group is designed to help others navigate relationships with loved ones dealing with addiction.

The group is free and open to all.

Location: IC St. Louis Hall

Day and time: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7:00 p.m.

Call, text, or email with questions: 781-854-2541, 3foldrecovery@gmail.com.

Foster Care

Is there room in your home and heart for a foster child?



There is a need for foster homes in our area to provide children a supportive and healing home during a difficult time. Learn more from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) about Foster Care and Adopting through Foster Care.

https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-foster-

careadoption-informational-meetings

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.

Support after Breast Cancer Loss

Do you know a New England area family who has lost a loved one to breast cancer and is in need of financial and/



or emotional support? Runway for Recovery is a Newburyport non-profit that funds families who have lost a loved one to breast cancer. We aim to reduce the financial and RUNWAY logistical burdens of a loss and bolster families with needed psychological, social,

and financial support. Runway for Recovery is committed to being flexible with families in order to address their specific needs. We encourage you to apply and learn more here:

https://runwayforrecovery.org/familygrants/

North Shore Catholic Young Adult Group (NSCYAG)



All young adults, age 18-35 are welcome to join our next event. We meet for rosary and social twice a month on Monday nights at St. Adelaide Church Hall, 708 Lowell St., Peabody, as well as additional activities and events such as bowling, Mass, ice cream social, beach BBQ, mini golf, and laser tag. Visit us on the St.

Adelaide website (www.NSCatholic.org) to learn more or email us at nscyag@gmail.org.



Newburyport Scouting

Newburyport Scout Troop 21 Invites Youth Ages 11-17 to Join

For more information about Troop 21 or to get information on upcoming troop events, please check out our website at www.nbptroop21.org.

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 2022-23 schedule for those children who will be in Grades K-8 in the fall 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 either Aaron or Melinda (agiard@hriccatholic.org / burrell@hriccatholic.org).

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Preparation for these sacraments will begin again with the start of the new school year program.

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 (agiard@hriccatholic.org) email Aaron Melinda or (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

Cemetery Trash Removal Notice

In order to control rising trash removal fees and to discourage people from littering and leaving trash throughout St. Mary's Cemetery, we will be posting signs within the cemetery grounds that read:

Please respect our consecrated grounds. Remove any trash or discarded items when you leave.

We have also decided not to place trash barrels throughout the cemetery with the hope that this will encourage people to take any trash or discarded items with them. It is also our hope that this will discourage people from littering and piling trash in the barrels because they are under the impression that there is regular trash removal. The cost of regular trash removal would be prohibitive.

Thank you.

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.svdpnewburyport.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!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, July 2-3 \$5,129.00 Mailed in Offertory, week ending July 1 \$3,351.00

The second collection his weekend (July 10) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (July 17) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the

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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IC Online Giving

Parish registration forms are available in the fover 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 Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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.

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.

Immaculate Conception School

Many articles have appeared in this bulletin in the past few months highlighting the remarkable successes of the Immaculate Conception School Basketball program during the 2022 season. To celebrate the undefeated seasons of both the varsity girls and boys



teams in grand style, a powerful banner, highlighting the players on both teams, hangs over the front door of the school. Created by arranging individual pictures of each player, Sullivan Studios scrambled to have the banner in place just by the time the Class of 2022 graduated from the IC in early June.



Pictured, the players see the banner for the first time just hours before their graduation.

Although the varsity players are well into their summer vacation, buzz about the banner continues. Everyday, pedestrians walking past the school stop to look at the banner. Washington Street is a familiar walking path for local teens as they come and go from town, who pause to mention the players they know and take a picture of the banner on their phone. Prospective families who arrive at the school for tours are greeted by the banner and are impressed. Recently, a soon-to-be dad, who was just walking by, skipped up the front stairs, rang the bell, and announced that he wanted to enroll his daughter. "I definitely want my daughter to go to school here when she is old enough," he remarked.

Immaculate Conception School continues to find new ways to celebrate student success in light of the pandemic. Adaptations to long-standing traditions have been necessary in response to shifts in protocols while preserving experiences for students. Despite the challenges that the pandemic has caused, the students at the IC have prevailed and love to share their Pelican Pride. Their success during the 2022 basketball program is just one example!

Immaculate Conception School is currently accepting new students for September 2022, including Preschool age children as young as 3 years old. Please contact the Admissions Office at 978-465-7780 to learn more. icsnewburyport.com.

Picture courtesy of J. Sullivan. Banner from Sullivan Studios

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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\$1,451.00 \$1,072.00

\$21,640.33

\$20,000.00

\$15,000.00

\$10,000.00

\$ 5,000.00

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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 Catholic Appeal Goal \$21,640.33 To Date \$19,535.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate or scan the code below.

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HR Activities Committee Updates

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. All are welcome to join us.

- The Activities Committee is planning a **clean up** for the Merrimac Hall on Wednesday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m. Anyone available to help out is welcomed to join. We are looking to get the hall wiped down and re-organized for our future activities:
- Organizational/Planning Meeting on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimac Hall. All are welcome. We are always looking for new ideas!
- Welcome Back Dinner Saturday, September 10 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in Merrimac.
- Holiday Fair Saturday, November 19 in Merrimac.

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, August 4. Join us!

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Confirmation

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HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your continued 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.

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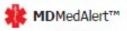
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