

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022



When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

(Lk 14:13-14)

All Are Welcome

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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

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Immaculate Conception

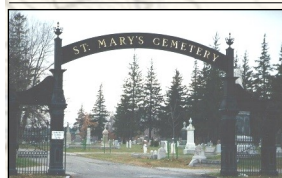
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St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue,
Newburyport 01950

Immaculate Conception School

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 Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/27)

4:00pm **IC** Alan Maxwell, Paul L. Hanlon, Rev. James Broderick, Rev. Paul Berubé, Ted LoPreste (Fr. Stanley)

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

Sunday (8/28)

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

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

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

11:00am **IC** Erin Mahon Crowther, the O'Connor,

Graham and Ring Families, Gertrude (Trudie)

Ciaburri (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (8/29)

9:00am **IC** Paul N. Schwenn (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (8/30)

9:00am **IC** Lillian M. Foley, Michael Hines

(Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (8/31)

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

Thursday (9/1)

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

Friday (9/2)

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

Saturday (9/3)

4:00pm **IC** William Pappalardo, Virginia Reardon,

Julie Hilton (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (9/4)

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

9:00am **IC** Michael Aldrich, Jeffrey Stone

(Fr. Morin)

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

11:00am **IC** Ann Fiore, Helen & Tom O'Donnell

(Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Robert John Donahue 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](https://www.facebook.com/HolyRedeemer-ImmaculateConceptionCollaborativeParishes)).

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/](https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/))
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Over the course of our lives we all encounter many different social obligations, for example: a family wedding, a friend's graduation ceremony or the funeral of a neighbor. We use the word, "obligation," not because it is something that we do or attend only because it is expected. In most cases, we go willingly because we want to be there. However, we realize that because of the ties of family and friendship, we will be missed if we are not there or if we fail to recognize the important event in some way. The expectation is that we honor the relationship and acknowledge the importance of having that person(s) in our lives. In most cases, this also means that those we might honor with our presence and support will also, in turn, honor us, when it is our turn to have a significant moment in our lives. "What comes around, goes around," or so the saying goes. Reciprocity helps us to share in the happy burden of offering hospitality to others, knowing that it will soon be our turn to enjoy being a guest. On a good day, there are mutual blessings to be had by all, when social obligations are honored, kept, and shared.

This weekend's Gospel invites us to consider an alternative obligation that presents itself in stark contrast with how we often deal with our family and friends. It is that of our obligation as citizens of Heaven, as Sons and Daughters of the Most High, to offer hospitality precisely to those who cannot repay us in this world, that we might enjoy the eternal gratitude of the One who can repay us in the next. While it might be beyond most of our means' to provide a banquet as lush as that which is pictured on this week's bulletin cover, each of us can make our own efforts to care for those in need and seek to welcome those who have little in this world into our lives.

There is a beautiful prayer in the Wedding Ritual that is often prayed over a newly-married couple at the conclusion of the ceremony:

*May God the Eternal Father
keep you of one heart in love for one another,
that the peace of Christ may dwell in you
and abide always in your home.
May you be blessed in your children,
have solace in your friends
and enjoy true peace with everyone.*

*May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity,
so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness
may one day receive you thankfully
into the eternal dwelling of God.*

I think it carries beautifully this vision of "welcoming those to our earthly tables" who might otherwise not have food to eat, necessary clothing or shelter, proper medical care, or may simply be lacking the essential ingredients of human friendship and love. To fulfill this weekend's Gospel does

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Free Concert

Sunday, September 25

1:30-3:00 p.m.

IC Church

Featuring HRIC Adult Choir

Come and enjoy an afternoon of sacred music, hymns, spirituals, and instrumentals performed by the HRIC Adult Choir and musicians.

The concert will take place from
1:30-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25
in the Church of Immaculate Conception on
Green Street, Newburyport.

Led by Music Director Donna Postle,
the choir will perform a variety of music
from choral to contemporary accompanied
by acclaimed organist Tim Richard and
flautist Judy Manning.

Join us in celebration of the human voice
and the transformative power of music.

A free will offering will be graciously accepted
in support of the Collaborative Music Ministry.

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not require big, grand gestures; but rather, implies that we constantly see our social and spiritual obligations extending to those beyond our circle of family and friends, neighbors and acquaintances. As children of God, we must learn to see the world as God sees it and look on others as God would.

In ancient times and in different cultures, strangers were to be shunned and avoided. What profit would there be, after all, in offering such delightful gifts on them? How could they possibly repay such generosity?

As it turns out, quite lavishly indeed, from the One who loves and sees all. Let us, then, be about fulfilling our obligations before the Lord, knowing that recompense will surely come....

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hricatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, August 29

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

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

Tuesday, August 30

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

Wednesday, August 31

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

HR Activities Committee Meeting 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

Thursday, September 1

HR Prayer Shawl Gathering 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 2

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, September 3

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.

Bulletin Information

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

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."



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

CORI time

SEPTEMBER 10-11

We will be sponsoring a "CORI Blitz" after all Masses for all volunteers, new and returning, on **September 10-11, 2022**.

For your convenience we will have tables set up at all three churches that weekend for all volunteers to stop by and fill out their yearly CORI forms for 2023.

The Archdiocese of Boston requires that all volunteers in the church who are 18 years of age and older fill out a CORI form every year. We appreciate the cooperation of all those required to complete the CORI and we particularly thank you for keeping the pledge to protect those among us who are most vulnerable.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Do you do what needs to be done without waiting to be asked?



Child: Why do you need or want to be first in line at school or be the first to do something fun at home? Why should we let others be first at something?

Emmaus Ministry Retreat

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents



Emmaus Ministry is Catholic ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality

of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us for a one-day spiritual retreat. All are welcome.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents, Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center, Braintree, MA

Retreat date: October 15, 2022

For more information on this and other retreat times and locations, call (800) 919-9332 or visit www.emfgp.org.

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.)

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown
Pat Connolly
Bill Crounse
Ann-Margaret Ferrante
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Jay Hanslig
Terence Healey

Sam Kitchen
Lori Ouellette
Maureen Russell
Rob Schweizer
Yvonne Sloban
Ruth Sullivan
Michael Tucker
Jack Vinci

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

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.

Collaborative Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are now available on the website at (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (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. 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 fall Confirmation prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 is now available along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).



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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.

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.

Adoration: Ordinary Time



As we continue through 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.

Enter from Green Street only, please.

Place: IC Church

Time: Thursdays: 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Also: 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.

Foster Care

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



mass.gov/foster-care | 1-800-kids-508

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>

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.

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Visit formed.org and click on "Sign up." Our organization name is "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) Follow the prompts to join and log in.

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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.

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, August 20–21 \$4,798.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, August 20–21 \$3,520.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending August 19 \$1,340.00

No second collection this weekend (Aug. 28) or next weekend (Sept. 4). 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.



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal \$55,028.70
To Date \$45,077.00

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

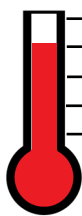
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OUR PARISHES,
SCHOOLS, AND
COMMUNITIES,
AND IT ALL
STARTS WITH *You*



Upcoming IC Church Maintenance

Over the years we have continued to hold regular collections for ongoing church maintenance. This has been to cover all kinds of various repairs and upkeep that our older buildings are in constant need of. In the coming weeks, we will be engaging contractors to work on repairing, painting, and sealing the upper trim and brick facades of the church in addition to adding snow screens to help prevent falling ice and snow from injuring people as it melts and comes off the roof. Additionally, we be installing supplemental heat pump units to augment the HVAC systems in the foyer and sacristy of the church. Thank you for your continued support of our ongoing maintenance collections. We hope that you see your contributions being put to good use to help maintain the beauty, safety, and functionality of our parish buildings and grounds.

IC Online Giving

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

Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at 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 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.

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.

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.

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

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 have posted 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.

Catholic TV

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Immaculate Conception School

Solar Power Coming to IC School



We are very excited to announce that this fall we plan to install a series of solar panels on the flat roof of IC School! As part of their final efforts before dissolving the foundation, the Trustees of the Newburyport Area Industrial Development group sent a generous donation that we have held aside for use in this project. IC School has enjoyed a long partnership with NAID in receiving smaller grants over the years due to our school's commitment to offering a significant educational choice for Newburyport families. In addition to this final NAID grant, we will also be relying on an investment of some parish funds to complete the work. The planned project will be for an approximate 82 kilowatt solar farm that will meet most or all of the school's electrical needs throughout the year. Projected payback on the initial investment is about 10 years, based on current electric rates. The total lifespan of the equipment will be 25-30 years, with a net savings for the school and parish expected to be close to \$600,000.00. Additionally we intend to include an educational component of the solar project in the school curricula to help educate the IC School students about renewable energy. Stay tuned for more information in the months ahead!

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.

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.

Newburyport Scouting

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

The Scouts BSA Troop 21 is looking for boys and girls aged 11-17 to join and participate in the adventures of Scouting! Based in Newburyport at Immaculate Conception Church, Troop 21 is the oldest Troop to be chartered in Newburyport.

Troop 21, led by Leonard Wallace and Dr. Michelle LaFlamme, offers opportunities to learn and develop life and leadership skills, make new friends through a combination of outdoor activities, visits to cultural or historical sites, and much more. We participate in multiple camping trips, hikes, skills events, and Troop-sponsored events. We welcome any youth looking to join; no prior Scouting experience is necessary. If you were previously a Scout and dropped out of the program or did not join Cub Scouts, we'd love for you to drop back in!

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

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 10-minute 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

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.svdnewburyport.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.

A Heartfelt Thank You to All of Our Contributors

IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks all who contribute on a regular basis through the collections, mail-in contributions, and the Poor Box in the church. Your ongoing assistance adds up in a big way and allows us to continue our work to those in need. Thank you!

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!

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HR Catholic Appeal
 Goal \$21,640.33
 To Date \$20,515.00



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Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** for the month of **September**.

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.

HR Prayer Shawl

Prayer shawls are given freely as a gift. If you know of anyone needing the comfort of 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, September 1. Join us!**

HR Activities Committee

Dinner and Trivia Social, September 10

The **Activities Committee** will be hosting a **Dinner and Trivia Social** on Saturday, **September 10** following the 4:00 Mass in Merrimac.

Menu includes “Chicken ‘n’ Tater Casserole” along with homemade apple crisp. (A gluten-free option will be available.) \$10.00 per person.

“**Trivia Teams**” will be arranged by tables of 8. No need to organize your own team, but bring along your smart friends! There will be 4 rounds, 3 minutes each of trivia questions between each dinner course.

We will be looking for 1 **Team Captain** per table. If you would like to volunteer early as a Team Captain, call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

Holiday Fair, November 19: Helpers Needed

Our committee is in need of **helpers for the fair**. We do not have enough members to work our tables at the fair. Please consider coming to our **meeting on August 31, 6:30 p.m. at Nativity Hall** to lend a needed hand. Questions can be emailed to Cynwinnquinn@aol.com.

Next meeting, August 31—All are invited to come.

The Activities Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Merrimac Hall. We will be finalizing our Dinner and Trivia Social on 9/10/22 and getting organized for the return of our Holiday Fair on November 19. Please join us to volunteer.

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.

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

We Are Making Progress, but Greeters Are Still Needed

We have had some people volunteer as greeters to welcome Mass-goers, but we could still use a few more.

High school students as well as adults are welcome for this position. In particular, we need folks to greet 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.



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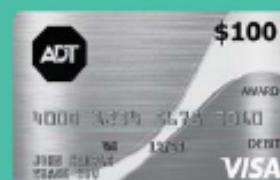
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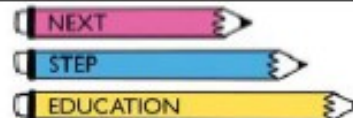


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