

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2022

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*"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen."*

(Hb 11:1)

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

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Phone: 978-346-8604

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Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

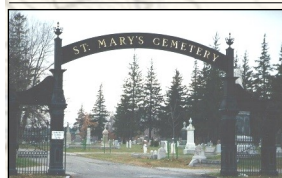
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 Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/6)

4:00pm **IC** *Elizabeth Armstrong, Dorothy Porter Burton, Jeffrey Stone* (Fr. Stanley)

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

Sunday (8/7)

8:30am **Nativity** *Diane Burke* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

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

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

11:00am **IC** *Achille Leone, Florence Leone, John Leone, Michael C. Lehane* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (8/8)

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

Tuesday (8/9)

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

Wednesday (8/10)

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

Thursday (8/11)

9:00am **IC** *Florence Blanchette, Lena Maccarone, Alton Tobey* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (8/12)

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

Saturday (8/13)

4:00pm **IC** *Joseph Cote, Jack Graham, Jack Walsh, Jack Grealish* (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (8/14)

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

9:00am **IC** *David Sheppard* (Fr. O'Brien)

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

11:00am **IC** *John Murray, Lucien (Nick) & Helen Ebacher* (Fr. O'Brien)

In your prayers, please remember Maura Tinkham 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,

We use many words in Church. Some of them I sometimes refer to as "fancy church words for everyday things," such as "corporal" (place mat), "purificator" (napkin), "Chalice" (cup). You get the idea. We often allude to the sacred by reserving special words for items set aside to lead us to the things of God. Other times, however, we use everyday words that are meant to convey the sublime experience of the divine. "Hope," for example, can mean a longing and future desire for eternal life with God, or it could mean "I hope that Hodgies has strawberry ice cream when I get there this afternoon!". There is Hope and then, there is HOPE!



Faith can be one of those words that is common enough that we use it in everyday life, but also able to invite us deeper into the things of God. The letter to the Hebrews puts it this way: "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." (Hb 11:1) Interestingly, in this context, it speaks of something as already, but not yet. This is often how we speak of the Kingdom of God—that it is already among us, already starting to be seen and we can point to various examples of its presence among us. But it is also something that is not yet complete, that there is much more to come and the best is still in front of us.

Sometimes, we use faith to mean trust. The phrase, "have faith in me," is often really saying: "trust me to do x, y, or z, or to get the job done, or to be there when you need me." It is in this context that we often call devotees to whatever cause, "the faithful." They are the ones who will be there in the thick and thin, who look forward with hope no matter how bad it gets and who can be counted on to respond when others walk away. That describes well a group like Red Sox Nation (especially these days!) but does it describe us believers?

What does it mean to be a person of Faith before God? To begin with, I think we must always understand Faith as a gift from God bestowed richly and lavishly on those who seek it, but only given in the precise amount to which we can handle and receive at any given moment. God will never force this gift on anyone, yet God is passionate about wanting to offer it to all who open their hearts and desire it. That is the first step, I think in being a person of Faith—having an earnest inner desire for more. A person of Faith is never satisfied with the status quo, but always seeks more—more love, more justice, more compassion, more forgiveness, more holiness, more joy. We celebrate the good things of the present moment for what they are, but always have our hearts fixed on what is yet to come. It is in this vein that St. Paul once wrote in his Letter to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Phil 3:20) Paul was busy about calling people to receive the gift of Faith in this world, but kept his eyes and all hope fixed on the world to come.

We do need some encouragement along the way, however.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hriccatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, August 8

Faith Formation Summer Program 9am–3pm, IC Parish Ctr.

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

Tuesday, August 9

Faith Formation Summer Program 9am–3pm, IC Parish Ctr.

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

Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, August 10

Faith Formation Summer Program 9am–3pm, IC Parish Ctr.

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

Ministry Committee Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, August 11

Faith Formation Summer Program 9am–3pm, IC Parish Ctr.

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, August 12

Faith Formation Summer Program 9am–3pm, IC Parish Ctr.

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, August 13

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, August 14

RCIA Session 10:00am, IC Conference Room 209

Baptisms 1:30pm, 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.

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That is why Faith celebrates those moments where God's Grace shines through our human weakness. It points to and marks those moments of divine presence and blessings and proclaims them for what they are: manifestations of God's love and mercy. These are scattered and peppered along the path of life's journey often enough as to lead us forward towards our eternal home, if only we would open our eyes to see them for what they are. They are (momentary) realizations of what is ultimately hoped for and evidence that there can, and will be, more in the time ahead.

Faith, while taking account of all that has come before, clearly points to the future. It is an acknowledgement of past goodness, of previous moments of grace, but it never rests there or is satisfied that this is all that there is. Take a human life, for example. When all is said and done, we live for only so many years, some more than others. And then we die. If that is all that there is, our lives matter very little in the bigger view of time and our universe. We are barely here and then it is time to die and we are gone. It doesn't really make any sense unless there is something more beyond the limits of this world. Our inner passion for life and ability to transcend the mundane is evidence that we are meant for an eternity yet to come: evidence of things not yet seen! God has built into the very fabric of our being a homing beacon that points to everlasting life and our true fulfillment in Heaven. The gift of Faith helps us to long for and understand what that might mean more clearly.

So is Faith just another fancy church-word that we throw around way too much? Or is it the very foundation of our life with God both in these present days as well as those that are yet to come? You decide. Have a little Faith... and remember, if you want more, just ask!

August blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor

Pelican Intervention Fund



We have exciting news to share regarding the **Newburyport Yankee Homecoming Parade on Sunday, August 7, 2022.**

The Pelican Intervention Fund has been named the Grand Marshall of the 2022 Yankee Homecoming Parade!

The Pelican Intervention Fund marchers will be leading the entire parade, this selection was based upon the impact our team had at last year's parade in terms of the energy and enthusiasm our marchers brought to the parade. This is a significant acknowledgement to all the work and support you've provided PIF and the community.

For more information, contact Kim Keene (978-430-1408).

Donations can be made to:

"The Pelican Invention Fund at ECCF"

Essex County Community Foundation

175 Andover Street

Danvers, MA 01923

Catholic TV

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

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 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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HRIC Pastoral Council

A couple of weeks ago a member of our Pastoral Council spoke about the Council at all our Liturgies. They spoke about our need to have more parishioners volunteer to have their name placed in the basket where names will be selected to begin new terms on the Council. There has been a notice in the bulletin for the last month or so giving you some information on the Council. If you are interested or would like to nominate another parishioner please send an email to jimwilliamson35@gmail.com before **August 15**, listing the name and email address of the nominee.



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Questions of the Week



Adult: Do you feel as though your life is as centered in God as it could be?

Child: Do your actions show your love for God?

IC Haiti



Second collection for August 6–7 at all HRIC Masses

This weekend (August 6–7) the second collection is designated for the ongoing work of IC Haiti. We are grateful in advance for the continued support of parishioners whose generosity has kept the Father Marc Piché elementary school in rural Puit Chacha up and running without interruption. Despite social and political unrest and gang violence in the capital city of Port-au-Prince, the school continues to offer education and hope to Kindergarten through sixth graders while providing tuition to those who wish to continue their education at the nearby secondary school in Fond-des-Blancs (grades 7–13). At the end of this coming school year (2022–23), one of the first students to attend the Fr. Marc Piché Elementary School will graduate from high school. Such a blessing!

Thank you to all who continue to support the mission to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Thanks be to God, your resolve to “see” Haiti has made all the difference.

Collaborative Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are now available on the website at (hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (agiard@hricatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hricatholic.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: hricatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hricatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hricatholic.org).

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown	Sam Kitchen
Pat Connolly	Lori Ouellette
Bill Crouse	Maureen Russell
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Kay Sacramone
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler	Rob Schweizer
Charmaine Haan	Yvonne Sloban
Hillar Haan	Ruth Sullivan
Jay Hanslig	Michael Tucker
Terence Healey	Jack Vinci

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.

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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.

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.

Bulletin Information

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

Adoration

Ordinary Time Welcomes *Extraordinary* Time with Jesus

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 president, 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.

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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.

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.

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.)

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.

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>

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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.



Newburyport Choral Society

The Newburyport Choral Society (NCS) welcomes all local choral enthusiasts to its community-wide "Summer Sing" on Tuesday, August 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris Street, in Newburyport.

Led by NCS Music Director Ryan Turner, this year's Summer Sing will include Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*, and John Rutter's *When Icicles Hang*. Soloists for the evening will be Vanessa Naghdi, soprano, and Katherine Maysek, mezzo-soprano. Kirsten Helgeland will be the featured accompanist.

All are welcome to come and sing with us or simply listen. Sheet music will be provided, but if you have the music for either of the two works, please do bring it along.

To provide maximum protection, all participants will need to have proof of Covid vaccination and boosters, as well as a high-quality, well-fitting N95 or KF94 mask. This event will be approximately one hour in duration.

For more information, visit newburyportchoralsociety.org.



St. Ann, W. Newbury



Nativity, Merrimac



IC, Newburyport

IC PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, July 30–31	\$4,151.00
Electrical Cooling Costs, July 30–31	\$1,041.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending July 29	\$ 491.00

The second collection this weekend (August 7) is IC Haiti. The second collection next weekend (August 14) is the Monthly.

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

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

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



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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.

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Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, 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.

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 invites boys and girls aged 11–17 to join and participate in the adventures of Scouting. 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. Troop 21 welcomes any youth looking to join; no prior Scouting experience is necessary.

For more information about Troop 21 check out our website at www.nbptroop21.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 “**SVD 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!

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.

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.

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HR Offertory, July 30–31 \$ 995.00
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The second collection this weekend (August 7) is IC Haiti. The second collection next weekend (August 14) is the Monthly.

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: hrccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

HR Sandwich Program:



We have been contacted by Lazarus House to see if we would be able to resume our soup and sandwich deliveries on the second and fourth Wednesdays. We are currently looking for someone (or several someones) who would be willing to coordinate the program. We deliver about 150 sandwiches each time and we also have been delivering 5 gallons of soup/salad. We have someone who has volunteered to drive and a backup person would be helpful! If you would like more information or are volunteering to help coordinate the program please contact Dottie Carr 978-363-2909 by August 10. Thank you.

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, hrccatholic.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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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 susanjnyes@gmail.com.

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!**

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.hrccatholic.org or you can call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to register.

HR Activities Committee Updates

The organizational/planning meeting for upcoming events is this week: Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us!

- **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 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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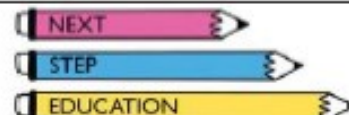
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