

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022

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*Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!
“When will the new moon be over,” you ask, “that we may sell our grain,
and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?
We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating!
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done!*

(from Amos, chapter 8)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

*Next
Sunday!*

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.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/17)

4:00pm **IC Carmella Herlihy, Josephine Minalio, Laurie Ann Freeman** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (9/18)

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

9:00am **IC For the intentions of Elaine Pagliarolo, James Carew** (Fr. Stanley)

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

11:30am **IC Cathy Sheehan** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (9/19)

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

Tuesday (9/20)

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

Wednesday (9/21)

9:00am **IC Patricia A. Mosher** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (9/22)

9:00am **IC Rev. James Broderick** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (9/23)

9:00am **IC Peter G. Kelly** (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (9/24)

4:00pm **IC Joseph John Vincent O'Conner, John E. Kelley & Katherine Kelley** (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (9/25)

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

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

10:15am **St. Ann Lue LeBlanc** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC Rita Godbout, Florence & Peter Boschetti** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Frederick Dow Jr., Les Harris Sr., Thomas Hoare Jr., 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).

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.

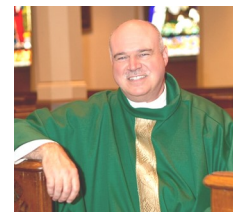
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2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

On first glance, it might seem that the Steward in this weekend's Gospel might fall into the category of a "disgruntled former employee." Having been caught cheating his Master and just freshly-fired, he decides to really screw his former boss over by cheating him even further and wrongfully writing-off legitimate debts. One might think that the appropriate response from his Master after discovering this would be to fly into a rage and have him thrown into jail or given over to the torturers until he repaid the last penny . . . or so other passages of Scripture might suggest. Fire and brimstone were, perhaps, not out of the question in this scenario.



All this might be the case, except for one little detail: the real currency of ancient times, and sometimes of today is not found in measures of olive oil or bushels of wheat (or shekels, or gold, or silver...) but in something that is harder to quantify: honor! It might seem strange that the Master of this Steward would praise his former employee for what seemed to be making matters worse. Not only had he been cheating his Master out of some of his property, but then when called on it, he gives even more of it away to countless debtors! How can something like that be praised in any way? A little cheating led to a mountain of dishonesty. And if you stick strictly within the ledger lines of "money owed," you'd be right to question this insanity.

But the people of Jesus' time—wealthy and poor alike, valued honor far more than tangible goods. To be a person of little physical means but great honor was to be incredibly wealthy, and to be filthy-rich but without a shred of honor was the very definition of wretchedness and poverty.

So, what actually is being praised in today's Gospel parable is the shrewdness of the "Dishonest Steward." What he actually did, instead of impoverishing his Master further, was to use his devious skills one more time to the true benefit of his Master. In his Master's name (and whose else would have been taken seriously?) the steward wrote off huge sums of debt that was crushing the life out of so many of the poor who could never afford to repay it and would have always lived in a state of debt and poverty, barely eking out a living. That "his Master" would have been so generous and magnanimous to do such a thing would have greatly and very significantly increased the Master's honor among not only those whose debts were eased but also among everyone else they told. And good news like this would have spread like wildfire among a vastly poor and struggling peasantry. In time, it is highly likely that every shekel's worth of forgiven debt would have come back to the Master in some way or another, and with significant interest! The love of the people for the Master would have gone right through the roof! What he might have lacked in debt measured on paper, would have been more than made up for in kindness and good will.

So, what Jesus is lifting up in this parable is the ingenuity

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hricatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, September 19

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

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

Tuesday, September 20

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

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

Wednesday, September 21

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, September 22

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 23

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, September 24

HR Quilters 8:30am, Nativity Hall

Pastoral Council Mtg. 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

San Marcos Coffee Sales After All Masses

Sunday, September 25

San Marcos Coffee Sales After All Masses

Music Ministry Benefit Concert 1:30pm, IC Church

IC Confirmation Prep., Year 2 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep., Year 2 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

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 used in such a way to increase the Master's honor, challenging us to go and do the same in this world in such a way that God's honor is increased. In other words, if the worldly can be so darn clever as to find a way to increase their true wealth even in the face of material loss, how much more should we be trading in lasting wealth – the things that matter to God?! Ought not our actions, shrewdly and forthrightly, bring greater glory to God? Even if we fail and fall short of the true glory that is God, ought not we be able to figure out a way to increase God's honor, the esteem that other's might offer to God? Can we not, as Jesus challenged us, find a way to use the passing things of this world so as to gain greater treasure in Heaven?

We increase God's honor (the praise of God) when we care for those in need, when we offer love in the face of hatred, when we choose to forgive instead of holding a grudge, when we broker peace in the face of conflict, when we model patience for others despite pressure to react, when we make time for prayer and silence in the midst of many competing demands, when we seek to see God's presence in others rather than settle for mere human substitutes.

And if we struggle in any way to do the things above and many others called-forth from us in light of our Baptism, we must double our efforts, increase our creativity and expand our imaginations so that God will be praised in all things. If limited human wisdom can do this, redeemed humanity on fire with the presence of the Holy Spirit can truly excel at it! Let us, then, be passionate about serving our God!

As the Scriptures proclaim: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory, and might, forever and ever." (Rev. 5:13)

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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San Marcos Coffee

After All Masses, September 24–25 (Delayed 1 Week)

We will roast a large order of Honduran coffee for purchase at all Collaborative Masses on September 24–25.



Fr Ray Richard, originally of Newburyport, is responsible for starting this project when he was assigned to a poor parish that had many coffee farmers struggling to support their families. He developed a partnership with a parish in

Newton, MA and also with IC to sell the Honduran coffee directly to our parishioners and generate far more income for the farmers.

Fr Ray has not been able to make his annual visit to Newburyport since the pandemic started but hopes to see us in 2023. He celebrated his 50th Jubilee (ordination anniversary) on September 9. If you would like to send a note of congratulations you can contact him at capray2002@yahoo.com

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, September 24 at 10:00 a.m. at IC St. Louis Hall**. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council or would like to join the meeting, reach out to Jim at Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown
Cindy Calcina
Pat Connolly
Bill Crounse
Ann-Margaret Ferrante
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan

Jay Hanslig
Terence Healey
Sam Kitchen
Maureen Russell
Rob Schweizer
Yvonne Sloban
Tom Tribble
Michael Tucker

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

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National Men's March

To Abolish Abortion

Please consider joining Steve Swochak for the National Men's March to abolish abortion and rally for personhood. The march will take place in Boston on Saturday, October 15, from 11:30–3:30. You can contact Steve Swochak (swochak@netzero.net, 978-462-2855) for details and to join him on the march.

Adoration



Adoration will expand your vision & entrust you with a specific mission—perhaps as a prayer warrior or seed-planter or passionate apologist! Your apprenticeship awaits at Adoration. Listen. Jesus is calling you; He is eager to commission you as His ambassador!

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: hriccatholic.org.

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.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program



The HRIC Collaborative Soup & Sandwich Program (formerly the HR Sandwich Program) is asking for volunteers to help make sandwiches for the Lazarus House Ministry. The food will be delivered on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information, please contact either Tom Grella (978-423-0631) or Jill Dobson (978-994-4467).

We deliver about 150 sandwiches each time and we also have been delivering 5 gallons of soup/salad.

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).

Collaborative Baptisms

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

Logan Olivia Armano • Nina Rose Bettencourt • Charlie Cyr • Declan Patrick Foley • Quinn Marie Kennelly • Clair Lynn Kilduff • Jackson Kenneth Lounsberry • Jackson Robert Murray • Connor Landon Strunk

Questions of the Week

Adult: How do you handle dilemmas between church values and teachings and civil values and teachings?

Child: Name some ways you show God the respect that is due Him.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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

Are you 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.

Join us for an information session about the new fall study on September 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the IC Parish Center.

We invite all women to come join us at any time, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The group meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in-person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please 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.

Bulletin Information

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

The Pelican Intervention Fund

Join Us for Our Annual Celebration of Hope

The Pelican Intervention Fund is an Essex County Community Fund with a mission to provide funding for residential 12-step programs. It's geared towards economically challenged adults struggling with active addiction and striving for sobriety.



We welcome the community to our annual Celebration of Hope, an opportunity to hear from our participants and partners who have found hope and sobriety through funded 12-step programs and to connect with family and individual support resources. Representatives from PIF will speak at all Masses in the Collaboratives on October 1–2.

Are you a friend or a family member of someone struggling with addiction or following their own recovery journey? Do you want to support your loved one but need more guidance or funding and don't know where to turn? Maybe you are struggling with addiction and feel alone without resources or friends and family to support you? Please join us, whoever you are.

Date: Sunday, October 9, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Place: Newburyport City Hall Auditorium
60 Pleasant St., Newburyport, MA

Music and refreshments included.

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.

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.

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 REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Sept. 10–11	\$1,371.00
Monthly, Sept. 10–11	\$1,537.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Sept. 9	\$ 847.00

The second collection this weekend (Sept. 18) is *Clergy Trust*. The second collection next weekend (Sept. 25) is *Ongoing Church Maintenance*. 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.



HR Catholic Appeal
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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

Second Collection Sept. 17–18

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

HR Holiday Fair

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 helping out at this fun event by lending a needed hand. Questions can be emailed to Cynwinnquinn@aol.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, October 6. Join us! All are welcome.**

Greeters Needed

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.

Trivia Night

Thank you to all who supported the Activities Committee and attended our social dinner/trivia night. We had several trivia teams clashing in good fun! It was great to meet some new faces.

The results are in! The smart winners in our parish are: Ronny's Renegades! (Captain: Veronica Laite, George Gravel, the Molvar Family, and Fr. Tim) The team started slow earning zero points the first round, but got their groove going and beat out the other teams by one point!!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 10–11	\$4,593.00
Monthly, Sept. 10–11	\$1,377.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Sept. 9	\$2,500.00

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IC St. Vincent de Paul



If you know someone living in 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.

Bundle Sunday October 15 & 16

Bundle up your old clothes and bring them to church. Saint Vincent de Paul's **Bundle Sunday** donation program is starting up again this fall. A donation trailer will be provided in the Immaculate Conception church parking lot on Saturday, October 15 from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Sunday October 16 from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. to collect clothing and shoes only. *No toys, household goods or other non-clothing items can be accepted.* All clean, usable clothing or shoes, bagged or boxed, will help people in need while fulfilling the mission of the Society by putting the Gospel message into action:

As long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me. (Matthew 25:40)

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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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.

Donate your clothes to St. Vincent de Paul Society on

Bundle Sunday

October 15-16

IC Church Parking Lot



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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Immaculate Conception School

School is back in session and so are monthly food collections at school Masses. Immaculate Conception School looks forward to developing a stronger working relationship with the Newbury Food Bank. Principal Joan Sullivan and Religion teacher Bridget Lacefield toured the new facility that now houses the food bank on High Road. Seeing the grocery store-like atmosphere that the new facility provides is impressive. The close proximity to the school makes walking trips feasible for the middle school students who are eager to roll up their sleeves and be a part of the food bank's impressive system for receiving donations, cataloging quantities, stocking the shelves, and generating shopping lists for online and in-person ordering by area families. There are an impressive number of volunteers who work at the food pantry each week. Encouraging our students to be among the volunteers who serve the community so purposefully is reflective of the school's mission and would be a valued experience for the children. Now that a more open line of communication has been established between the school and the food pantry, foods that the pantry is lacking can be the focus of school collections. Pictured is the collection from the school Mass on September 12. Students donated boxed cake and bread mixes, shampoo, and deodorant. The tremendous response by the children and their families is indicative of the school community's desire to be involved in efforts that make a difference. Fostering the caring qualities in children is a daily goal for everyone at Immaculate Conception School.



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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.

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.)

K of C Tootsie Roll Drive



The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all IC weekend Masses on **October 1-2**. Please stop by!

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.

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.

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 **September 26** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 from 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.



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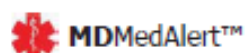
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