# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**J**anuary 1, 2023



"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

(Lk 2:19)

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All Are Welcome



## Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

#### St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985 Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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

#### **Nativity**

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

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

**Collaborative Staff** 

#### **Immaculate Conception**

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

Phone: 978-462-2724
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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



#### **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday (12/31)** 

4:00pm **IC** John & Carmella Herlihy, John & Katherine Kelley, Joan O'Brien (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** *Jack Gorski* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

**Sunday (1/1)** 

8:30am Nativity John (Harry) & Helen Thumser (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am IC Joan O'Brien (Fr. Stanley)

10:00am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am IC For the Intentions of David & Patricia Olds on Their 25th Anniversary, Ethel & Richard Upchurch (Fr. Morin)

**Monday (1/2)** 

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (1/3)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (1/4)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (1/5)

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

**Friday (1/6)** 

9:00ami IC (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (1/7)

4:00pm IC Church Carmella Herlihy, Marguerite Benson, Colleen P. Honohan (Fr. Harrison) 4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Stanley)

**Sunday (1/8)** 

8:30am **Nativity** For the intentions of Chai Dove (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am **IC** John J. Mosher (Fr. Harrison)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am IC (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Louise Whitmore and all of the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

**Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online** through our website: <u>hriccathlic.org</u> and on Facebook: (<u>Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes</u>).

#### Collaborative Office Hours

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, January 2 for New Year's. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 3 at 9:00am.

## **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.

#### From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners.

As we begin a new calendar year, we also gather this weekend to honor The Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as the Mother of God. On the Cross, Christ gave over her earthly care to St. John, but in turn gave Mary to us as our Mother, one whom we can turn to in all moments of joy and sorrow to



find her love, mercy and compassion that will strengthen us in our terrestrial journey back to God.

Through her intercession before the Lord, let us turn and ask for her prayers for all of us and our families as we begin this New Year. May 2023 be filled with many blessings for us all!

Joyfully in Christ,

Fr. Timothy Harrison,

Pastor

We bless your name, O Lord,
For sending your own Incarnate Son
To become part of our human family,
So that as He lived with Mary and Joseph,
He would experience all of its worries and joys,
its happiness and challenges.

We ask you, Lord,
To protect and watch over all of those
who make up our human families,
locally and abroad,

So that in the strength of your Grace
We might prosper and thrive in your sight
and possess the priceless gift of your Peace.
As the Church, present and alive in our homes,
schools, the market place, our places of work
and our neighborhoods,

May we bear witness to your saving presence So that the world may bask in your glory.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen!

Adapted from a prayer for families from the Book of Blessings

#### 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

## This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, January 2

**Collaborative Offices Closed** 

Tuesday, January 3

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall IC Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, January 4

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, *IC Nazareth Library* IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, *IC Church* Cub Scout Pack 26 Mtg. 5:30pm, *St. Ann Hall* 

Thursday, January 5

ICS PTO Mtg. 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall HR Prayer Shawl Mtg. 1:00pm, Nativity Hall Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, January 6

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

First Reconciliation Penance Svc. 4:00pm, St. Ann Church

**Ultreya** 7:00pm, *Holy Family, Amesbury* **AA Meeting** 7:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* 

Saturday, January 7

First Reconciliation Penance Svc. 11:00am, IC Church Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, January 8

Faith Formation, K-8 10:00am, IC Parish Center RCIA mtg 10:00am, IC St. James Chapel Baptisms 2:30pm, IC Church

Confirmation Prep., Year 1 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall Confirmation Prep., Year 1 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.

## **Holy Jammers**



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

## **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.

## Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith

Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Chanel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

## **HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program**

#### Next delivery is January 11

The HRIC Collaborative Soup & Sandwich Program (formerly the HR Sandwich Program) is asking for volunteers to help make sandwiches for the Lazarus House Ministry. We deliver on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Thank you to all who have been donating since

we started up again. We are delivering over 150 sandwiches every date, and are now bringing 5 gallons of soup.

Sandwiches need to be **individually wrapped or bagged** and returned to the bread wrappers. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are requested at this time, also cold cuts and/or cheese sandwiches. Please, no condiments. **Large** containers of coffee, Adobo, and minced garlic are also welcome. They are also looking for fresh vegetables (not potatoes). Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury, from 7:00–9:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. (Door on the larger parking lot side of the church).

Any questions please contact Jill:  $\underline{dobsondolls@aol.com}$  or Tom at  $\underline{Tom@grellafinancial.com}$ .

## **Epiphany Concert**

All Saints Parish, 120 Bellevue Ave., Haverhill, is sponsoring an Epiphany concert on Saturday, January 7 and includes Mass at 4:00 p.m., dinner at 5:00 p.m., and concert at 6:15 p.m. The concert will feature world-renowned pipe organist lan Watosn, vocalists Kasia Sokolla and Neal Ferreiro, and the All Saints Music Ministry playing excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*, festive organ selections, and Christmas favorites. Suggested donation for the evening is \$20 per adult, \$10 per child. For more information and to RSVP, visit <a href="https://www.allsaintshaverhill.org">www.allsaintshaverhill.org</a>. All are welcome.

## **Increase the Deductibility of** Your Charitable Giving

Below is some information that was shared with me that may be helpful to you. People reaching 701/2 years old must begin taking withdrawals from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) under the rule for "required minimum distributions" or RMDs. Of course, the distribution means paying taxes on the withdrawn amount.

The Tax Cut and Jobs Act increased the standard deduction. Many individuals who itemized in the past may find that taking the now-higher standard deduction is a better federal tax strategy.

When you take the standard deduction, there is a strict limitation on what you can also deduct for charitable giving. But there is a way for some seniors to still get an increased deduction for their giving, thereby reducing their taxable income even if they don't itemize.

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) can satisfy all or part of the amount of your required minimum distribution from your IRA.

If you directly transfer funds from the IRA to a qualified charity, those dollars count toward the RMD for the year, but are not counted as income. You can effectively claim a tax deduction for increased charitable giving without itemizing deductions.

Be aware that a QCD is available only to IRA owners 701/2 years or older. And the maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000. If you file a joint return, your spouse also can have a QCD and exclude up to \$100,000. For more details read IRS 590-B "Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)." Always check with your financial advisor or tax preparer before making tax or financial

Thank you for considering your parish as part of your charitable giving and estate planning.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

### **Snow Removal Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to assist with snow removal at all 3 churches, the rectories, and the IC school this winter. If you are interested in helping us out, please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

## women at the well

We invite all women to come join us at any time, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The new study, Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose, is all about managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness rooted in Christ. We meet 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.

#### **AED and First Aid Kits**

Before COVID, a safety committee was just forming to address many different aspects of our parish gatherings. One of the needs that was discussed was the placement of AED's or automated external defibrillators in our worship spaces and parish halls. Recently, we had a medical situation in one of our spaces where one of these devices might have been helpful prior to Emergency Medical Services arriving. Although we enjoy a very rapid response from the first responders in our area, it is time that we add these devices along with "stop-bleed" kits and updated first-aid kits to each of our gathering spaces. To that end, I would like to invite parishioners who are able to consider making a donation to provide these potentially life-saving kits. We would like to place them in the following locations:

Nativity Church fover

IC Church fover

Nativity hall kitchen

IC Church sacristy

St. Ann Church foyer St. Ann Church hall

IC Pastoral Center St. Louis

IC Pastoral Center Charity Dining Room kitchen

The cost for each of these complete kits (AED, stop-bleed, and first aid) with their respective cabinets and required supplies is \$1,768.00. With your support, we are hoping to order and have these installed sometime in January. Full or partial donations for these sets are welcome and appreciated for both parishes. Additionally, we have multiple offers from parishioners who are familiar with how to use these devices to do an informal training after weekend Masses once they are installed. Plus, we hope to also offer certification in CPR and basic first aid for anyone who might be interested in going through the training. Stay tuned for more information about where and when. Please contact Dennis LaMalfa in our business office for more information. Thank you for your generosity in the care

Fr. Timothy Harrison

### Thank You!

Thank you to the Newburyport Knights of Columbus, Council 231 for their generous donation toward the purchase of several AED units and "Stop the Bleed" Kits.

## **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.



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## **Prayers for the Sick**

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

Priscilla Brown
Baby Boyle
Cindy Calcina
Pat Connolly
Bill Crounse
Kristen D'Entremont
Ann-Margaret Ferrante
Jack Flynn
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler
Charmaine Haan

Hillar Haan

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

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.

## 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. <a href="https://www.thegodminute.org">www.thegodminute.org</a>

## **Social Action Committee**

In the next couple of months, Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes are looking to form a Social Action Committee for our Collaborative. The purpose of the committee will be to aid those in need in our local communities as well as in the poorer areas of the world. If you or a member of your family are interested in becoming involved, please attend the formation meeting to be held on January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Louis Hall in the IC Pastoral Center. We are particularly interested in getting younger parish members involved, so if your son or daughter has a community service requirement, this would be the perfect opportunity to satisfy it. For more information or if you have suggestions, please contact Greg Jablonski: gjabbe@gmail.com.

### **Collaborative Faith Formation**

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

#### School Year Programs (Grades K-10)

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are available on the website at (<a href="https://hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation">hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation</a>). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (<a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a>) or Melinda (<a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>).

#### **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.

#### 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."

## Adoration Is an Encounter with Christ

Don't put off genuine prayer in the presence of God because it might change you. Expect that you will be changed: by grace, by attentive listening, and by holy aspirations which His crazy love for you will set you free to love as He loves.



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

## **Bulletin Information**

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/j.jcp.nc.">https://doi.org/10.2016/j.jcp.nc.</a>

## **Ultreya**

Reminder our regional Ultreya will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6 at Holy Family, Amesbury

Join our brothers and sisters from Amesbury, Haverhill, and Newburyport in prayer for the women living their weekend.

De Colores!

## HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## **HR Offertory Collection**

HR Offertory, Dec. 17–18 \$1,690.00 IC Haiti \$514.00 Mailed in Offertory, week ending Dec. 16 \$157.00 Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$325.00

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 1) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Jan. 8) 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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

HR Grand Annual Goal \$25,000 To Date \$11,770.00



## Saturday Mass at Nativity

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

## **HR Online Giving**

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

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

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402

## **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.

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

#### HR St. Vincent de Paul

Jesus was born in a filthy, cold, and forgettable place. A stable, fit for the most lowly of animals. The Son of God is placed in a manger. A manger—a trough used to feed the animals in the stable, **not** a cradle! The nativity scene represents poverty in its most extreme form. And yet, God the Father desires His son to be born in this place.



Why would God choose to reveal Himself to us in this way?

Because He desires to be close to us! He desires to be close to us in our hardships—so we can be *transformed*. God became like us on this day, so He could walk with us in the fullness of our lives. God is with us, here and now.

As such, let us all share in the hardships of all. Our conference continues to help those among us less fortunate...those in poverty and with hardships beyond their means. Please help us *transform* the lives of those that we help.

There are envelopes in the pews at both St. Ann and Nativity churches, or simply use the poor boxes. Make checks out to *HR SVDP*. Market Basket gift cards are much appreciated.

If you know of someone who needs help, please have them call our hotline at 978-346-8604 X4.

Please give what you can so that we can continue to *make* a difference in the lives of the poor around us.

## **Shawls and Lapghans**



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or

neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com.

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, January 5. All are welcome!** 

## Follow Us on Instagram



## **Foster Care**

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



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

https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-foster-careadoption-informational-meetings

## HR Parish

#### **Greeters Needed**



We could still use a few more greeters. High school students and adults are welcome. In particular, we need greeters at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both Nativity and St. Ann. This little VOLUNTEERS NEEDED task simply involves smiling and saving hello, handing out bulletins, or perhaps

giving directions to the restroom or the ramp.

Would you like to help? Please contact Sue Noyes at susaninoyes@gmail.com.

## **Live Stream Mass**

#### To watch our live-stream Masses on our website:

- 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:

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

## Questions of the Week



Adult: How do the members of your household show love for one another especially during difficult times?

Child: How do you show your family that you trust and love them?

## **Holiday Fair Baskets for 2023**

We will be collecting baskets for next year's fair. Please consider donating your empty wicker baskets by leaving them in the back of either church.

## 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.

## **Holiday Fair Lawn Signs**

Those who were helpful in taking and displaying our Holiday Fair lawn signs may return the signs to the back of either church and we will collect them. Thank you!

## IC PARISH

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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.

## 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.

## Substitute Custodians

IC Parish is looking for substitute Custodians to work on an as-needed basis. Duties would include cleaning, event setup, and snow removal. If you are interested in becoming a substitute custodian, please contact Christine or Melinda in the IC offices, 978-462-2724.

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

## **IC Offertory Collection**

IC Offertory, Dec. 17–18 \$3,740.00 IC Haiti \$4,640.00 Mailed in Offertory, week ending Dec. 16 \$1,577.00 Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$3,456.34

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 1) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Jan. 8) 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: <a href="https://hitto.org/IC-Online-Giving">https://hitto.org/IC-Online-Giving</a>.

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#### **Breaking Bread to-go Meal**

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

## **Immaculate Conception School**

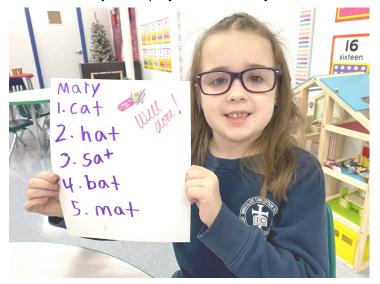
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