



## 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

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#### **Nativity**

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### **Immaculate Conception School**

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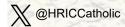
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#### Confessions

Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative offices to schedule.)









Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes



### **Mass Schedule**

#### Saturday (1/27)

4:00pm IC Eugene & Cheryl Mulgrew, Mary Goode (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm Nativity (Fr. McLaughlin)

#### **Sunday (1/28)**

8:30am Nativity (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon

Moranski)

9:00am IC Joyce Donahue (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

#### Monday (1/29)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

**Tuesday (1/30)** 

9:00am IC Lena Maccarone Krager (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (1/31)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (2/1)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Friday (2/2)

9:00am IC Ralph Teran and family (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (2/3)

4:00pm IC (Fr. Stanley)

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

Moranski)

**Sunday (2/4)** 

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

9:00am IC Michael Perruccio (Fr. Stanley)

10:00am **St. Ann** Jerry Mullen (Fr. Morin)

11:30am IC Donald TeBeau, Gerald & Jane

Volpone (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers please remember Mary Jane Brooks 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 live-streamed online through our

website: hriccatholic.org.

Please email any bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

## Death of Kathleen McLaughlin

We are greatly saddened to inform you of the recent death—January 19—of Kathleen McLaughlin, second oldest sister of Father McLaughlin. After her military service (Captain, USAF, ret.), she remained in Southern California for the rest of her life. Gifted as a writer and collector, her sense of humor and friendliness were a constant joy to her family and friends.

As this is being written, funeral arrangements are incomplete, but they will most likely include memorial services in Los Angeles, and a live-streamed *Requiem Mass* here at IC May she rest in the peace of Christ.

### From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This past week we received late news from the Archdiocese that Cardinal Seán O'Malley has approved a change to the age of Confirmation across our whole region. Currently, the standard age for



Confirmation is that it take place in the 10th grade or when our students are about 15–16 years old. While individual parishes have been free to adjust this to a later age, normally it would not take place any earlier. Our Collaborative, for example, has been Confirming our young people in the fall of their 11th grade year, when most are 16 or just turning 17.

The new norm will be for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation to take place in grade 8, when most students are 13–14 years old. This decision is not something arbitrary, but rather has been the result of many conversations this past year with catechetical leaders, priests, deacons, and Catholic School leaders and teachers. The change in age comes as a response to shifting pastoral realities in the Archdiocese when taken alongside the great desire to encourage and increase participation in faith practice for our young people and their families. It was solidly recommended to the Cardinal (with only a few exceptions) by the Presbyteral Council (the priest's advisory group) back in December.

Recognizing that it will take some time to put in place, the Cardinal is suggesting this change be slowly implemented over the next two to three years. This will give us an opportunity to discuss among ourselves how best to proceed with the shift as well as benefit from the learnedexperience of other parishes along the way. It also gives us a solid chance to examine what needs our young people and their families have as they enter adolescence and experience the many challenges of high school and beyond, and how the Church might best accompany them through these significant and life-changing moments. Our goal has always been to form people in our faith so that they may become active, lifelong disciples of the Lord. Over the years, the Church has proposed many different programs and methods to help accomplish this: Catechism classes, Sunday School, CCD, Religious Education Classes, Youth Ministry, and Faith Formation Programs... just to name a few. Sometimes these efforts have been effective, other times...not so much.

One unfortunate casualty of this swirl of methodologies, programs, and cultural shifts has been a view and de-facto reality of Confirmation becoming a "sacrament of maturity" or of graduation. Grow up enough, pass or attend enough classes, maybe do some service projects along the way, reach a certain age, and you get an exit prize as you become an "adult Catholic," never to darken the door of the Church again. This mentality does a great disservice to what the Sacrament of Confirmation is, as well as sets up our young people to leave Church praxis once they have completed our formal programs.

In reality, Confirmation must be looked at solidly as one of

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## This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: hricCatholic.org **Monday, January 29** 

AA Mtg. 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall Cub Scout Mtg. 4:30pm, St. Ann Hall

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

Scout Troop 41 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, January 30

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, St. Ann Hall Faith Formation, Grade 2 3:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Breaking Bread Meal 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm, IC Church

Wednesday, January 31

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:15pm, IC Church St. Joseph's Day Dinner/175th Committee Combined Mtg. 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, February 1

Metanoia Series 9:45am, *IC Charity Dining Room* HRIC Prayer Shawl Mtg. 1:00pm, *Nativity Hall* Adoration 7:00pm, *IC Church* 

Friday, February 2

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church AA Mtg. 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, February 3

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, February 4

KofC Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall St. Ann Coffee Social 11:00am, St. Ann Hall Baptism Prep Class 12:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room First Communion Church Tour 12:30pm, 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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# Collection for the Church in Latin America

January 28

This week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america for more information.

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the three proper Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Although Baptism must always come first, there are historical reasons why Confirmation and Eucharist have been ordered differently throughout the centuries. Nonetheless, they are intimately connected and together constitute the fullness of God's Grace offered to us as complete members of the Church. The Holy Spirit is poured out on us in Baptism; it is through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that the Eucharistic Bread and Wine are transformed for us into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and it is in Confirmation that the Holy Spirit is sealed in those who would complete their commitment to following the Lord. From the Easter Vigil prayers prior to Confirmation:

The promised strength of the Holy Spirit, which you are to receive, will make you more like Christ and help you to be a witness to his suffering, death and resurrection. It will strengthen you to be an active member of the Church and to build up the Body of Christ in faith and love.

So, the Church views this Sacrament as one of strengthening, one that helps a person become more like Christ and enables them to be a more effective witness of Christ's selfless love in our world. This vision very much entails a closeness to God and the body of believers who make up the Church as well as a willingness to embrace the mission of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. From the Confirmation Ritual, we pray:

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and quide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

Taken with Baptism and the Eucharist, it is an empowering and enabling gift to bring God's love to the world.

In the months ahead, we will begin to have significant conversations within our Collaborative about how to best approach these upcoming changes to our sacramental praxis. I would invite your prayerful consideration of what this new direction might mean for our parishes as well as how we might best serve all the needs of our community. May the Lord, who always welcomed the young people of His time to be close to Him, guide and bless our present-day efforts to share His love with our youth and their families.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

### **Ushers Wanted**

We would like to bring back ushers. We are looking for volunteers over the age of 18 who would like to be ushers in the churches during weekend Masses.

Duties may include: assisting with seating, collecting the offering and bringing it to the altar, as well as distributing the bulletin.

## **Prayers for the Sick**

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

Patricia Baikewicz Kathy P. Brodeur Priscilla Brown Vasfije Buhali Martha Collins Autumn Rose Coulombe Bill Crounse Drew Daubach Kristen D'Entremont Deb Downie Jeanine Ebacher

Fowler

Jay Hanslig

Ann-Margaret Ferrante Ed Hardy Jane Harney Chloe Hequet Rosemarie Hines Linda Hofferty **Armand Hyatt** Michael Juralewicz Arthur LaPointe Helen McCance Patricia Carey McCarthy Carol O'Neal Eleanora Paciulan

Joseph Palumbo Joanne Pesa Lee Preble Donika Pulake Maureen Russell Rob Schweizer Frank Siderio Yvonne Sloban Gary Smith Arlene Stoddard Tom Tribble Michael Tucker Maddie Villers Laurent Vincent

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

### **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.

Come join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! All are welcome.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 1 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.



## **HRIC Celebrates World Marriage Day**

February 10-11, 2024

World Marriage Day is observed annually on the second Sunday in February. This observance began in 1983 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana as a grassroots effort to support couples in strengthening their marriages.

In 1993, Saint John Paul II pronounced his official blessing for the day.

In 2024, the theme for World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week, is Love Beyond Words.

A general blessing and vow renewal for married couples will be offered by Fr. George at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann on Saturday, February 10 and at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on February 11 at Immaculate Conception.

All are welcome to join in praying for the beauty of sacramental marriage in the eyes of Christ.

## National Eucharistic Revival Returns to the Collaborative

Save the Date and Spread the News Thursday, March 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



120+ guests experienced Eucharistic the reverence of Adoration and Reconciliation at the December Revival. The two

-hour event began with an hour of communal hymns & witness talks about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, then concluded with an hour of dusky silence in Adoration. The spiritual benefits humbling. Thus, a Revival is planned for Lent at IC Church from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21. Here are three ways to participate in Lenten Eucharistic Revival:

- 1. Be IC's publicity: invite family, friends and neighbors to attend with you.
- 2. Be a Greeter: open doors and/or pass out smiles and exit gifts.
- Be a Witness Speaker: compose a sample paragraph that reveals how belief in the Real Presence of Jesus impacts your life and contact NER point-person Sean Goguen at 339-927-5777. Four will be selected to speak that evening for 5 minutes.

Plan to come. Expect to be changed. Reverence & Adoration honors our Eucharistic Lord.

### Metanoia Series

What: The Wild Goose "Metanoia" Series, Discussion, Prayer, and Fellowship

Where: IC Charity Dining Room

When: Thursdays, February 1-April 4; 9:45-11:15 a.m.

"Metanoia" is the Greek word for "repent" or "convert," but it more pointedly means "to alter" or "go beyond" one's current mindset. Wild Goose Ministry has created "Metanoia" as a 10-part video series, taking the audience on a journey into conversion with Christ. It is powerfully presented by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, the president of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio and beautifully filmed in locations around the world. Please come and join us as we move into Lent in the coming weeks, seeking to conform our hearts more to Christ as we approach Easter. We will watch the series, discuss it, pray and, yes, enjoy some treats and drinks together. Go to www.wildgoose.tv to learn more about the series and Wild Goose Ministry.

Lent is coming! Ash Wednesday is February 14. Watch for the Mass schedule in next week's hulletin..

### **Ouestions of the Week**

Adult: What evils in today's world do you pray God will free us from?

Child: Name some bad things that you pray Jesus will take away from our world.

## **Confessions During Lent**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We have scheduled some extra times for Confession in Lent. All times are 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please join us.

Wednesdays at HR: February 28 (Nativity), March 6 (St. Ann), March 13 (Nativity), March 20 (St. Ann)

Thursdays at IC: February 29, March 7. 14, 21 (During the Eucharistic Revival).

#### 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.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview at our website: ichaiti.org. 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."

### **Individual Directed Lenten** Retreat

"Who Do You Say I Am?" Mt 16:15

Jesus' question to the apostles, "Who do you say I am?" is one he asks each of us to answer. How will you answer him as you prepare to follow Jesus to the Cross? This Lenten retreat will focus on your coming to know who Jesus is in your heart and in your life.

Through readings and scripture, Lectio Divina, prayer, and pondering the life of Christ we will explore Jesus' human emotions, his temptations, his motivation for his actions, and his relationship to his Father. As you share the fruits of your retreat work in four spiritual direction sessions the Holy Spirit will guide our sharing to his purpose, aid you to answer Jesus' question and follow him to the cross and each day.

#### Additional Offerings

Explore a different Lenten theme or simply focus on where God is present and acting in your life this Lent. | will provide appropriate material for reading and reflection and meet with you for four spiritual direction sessions. As we open ourselves to the wisdom of Holy Spirit, I will listen as you share and together, we allow the Holy Spirit to move us and bless and guide our sharing.

Retreat opens February 12 and closes: March 27. However, you may begin your retreat any time during

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience and at your pace. You may schedule direction sessions throughout the retreat. We will meet via telephone or Zoom on a day and time convenient for you. This offering is designed to provide an affordable, convenient, safe retreat and create an intimate space for you to share yourself deeply with the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Spiritual director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastural Counseling. Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information. Suggested donation: \$90.00

## **Community Service of** Newburyport

During the month of January, we will be collecting boxes of we will be collecting boxes of tissues (full size), liquid laundry

detergent (36 oz or less) and paper towels to restock the shelves at Community Service of Newburyport (CSN).

The mission of CSN is to improve the quality of life by providing economic and social support for the residents of Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury.

Collection bins are in all three churches and in the lobby of the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Personal care products cannot be purchased with federal assistance benefits (SNAP and WIC), and are often sacrificed to buy food. Thank you for your support of this important work. For more information about CSN please visit www.csn1912.org.

### **Recitation of the Rosary**

Join us for recitation of the rosary Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/



### Collaborative Faith Formation

#### **School Year Programs** (K-10, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms for the 2023-24 school year are available on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

#### **Baptism**

We celebrate this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

### Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass will be cancelled if Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Channel 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.

## HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

### **HR Offertory Collection**

HR Offertory, Jan. 20-21 \$1.951.00 HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Jan. 19 \$ 785.00 HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving 377.50 Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 20-21 \$3,113.50

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 28) is the Church in Latin America. See page 4 for details. The second collection next weekend (Feb. 4) 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 Grand Annual** Goal \$25,000 To Date \$21,165.00



## "Fat Tuesday" Bake Sale

The Activities Committee is hosting a "Fat Tuesday" bake sale after all three Masses on February 10 and 11 (St. Ann at 4:00, Nativity at 8:30, and St. Ann at 10:00).



is the weekend prior to Ash Wednesday so stop by the baked goods table and pick out a few delicious treats to indulge in before the start of Lenten fasting!

Anyone who would like to contribute a fabulous delicacy can drop it off at St. Ann on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 3-4 p.m. or

Sunday, Feb. 11, from 9-10 a.m. Delectable delights can be dropped off at Nativity on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 1-2 p.m. or Sunday, Feb. 11 from 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Please label each scrumptious offering and note if it contains nuts. Cookie or candy contributions should be bundled 6 to a pack. Donations of tea breads, 8x8 pans of bar cookies, individually wrapped pieces of fudge, and other items are all thankfully accepted!

If you have any questions, contact Donna: (978) 683-3632 or Nancy: (978) 363-5416.

### St Ann Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent, 9:00 a.m.

Please join us at St. Ann on Friday mornings during Lent as we retrace the footsteps of Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Garden Tomb.

Lenten Fridays: February 16 and 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 (Good Friday) at 9:00 a.m.

Please note that Stations will be cancelled if there is a funeral at St. Ann on any of these Friday mornings or if school is cancelled due to inclement weather.

## **Volunteers for Confessions During Lent**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We have scheduled some extra times for Confession during Lent. We are looking for parishioners from St. Ann and Nativity to be present in the churches during Wednesday night Confessions from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Dates: February 28 (Nativity), March 6 (St. Ann), March 13 (Nativity), March 20 (St Ann)

This is a wonderful opportunity to attend Confession and sit in the silence of the church to pray or read. There is nothing to do—just be a presence in the church during Confessions. To volunteer, contact Melinda (978-346-8604).

#### HR St. Vincent de Paul

Here are some of the neighbors we help:

"Carol" works two jobs but still struggles to make ends meet. She is going through a divorce but has no hope of spousal support. We helped her with her gas bill so that she had heat and hot water.

"Justine" is disabled and qualifies for fuel assistance, but because of a bureaucratic mistake, is being denied this benefit. Her fuel oil delivery was being held up until we intervened.

These are typical examples of the ongoing needs in our area. We truly need your continued support. These families now have warm houses because of your generosity. Your donations directly address these needs. Many thanks!

Please make use of the envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes. An even easier way to donate would be to scan 📑 🚉 the QR code (seen here) and donate online.



## **Nativity Stations of the Cross** and Simple Supper

Friday evenings during Lent: 5:00 supper, 6:00 Stations

Nativity will be praying the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays during Lent starting at 6:00 p.m.

We will serve a "Simple Supper" starting at 5:00 p.m. We will serve supper until 5:55 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to make the suppers for 2/23, 3/1, 3/8 and 3/15. The first night, 2/16, is vegetable soup. A sign-up sheet available on Fridays for people to volunteer.

### St. Ann Coffee Hour

Join us for Our "Coffee And..."

We will meet on Sunday, February 4, after the 10:00 Mass. For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.

Reminder: Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to St. Ann. W. Newbury for the month of February.

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

Catholic Schools

### **IC Offertory Collection**

IC Offertory, Jan. 20-21 \$4.084.00 IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Jan 19 \$1.181.00 IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$3,607.59 Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 20-21 \$8.872.59

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

> **IC Grand Annual** Goal \$100,000 To Date \$83,763.00



### 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.svdpnewburyport.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.

#### **Breaking Bread Meal**

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner. Supper is served from 4:45-5:30. Those who prefer to continue "Grab & Go" can pick up at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

## **IC Online Giving**

Immaculate Conception Parish offers 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 fover 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 Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402.



**ICS Students Prepare** to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

2024 #CSW2024

**WE ARE A PROUD CATHOLIC SCHOOL** on social media using #CSW2024

women

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.

Our study about women in Scripture, Discovering Our Dignity by Walking With Purpose, has begun.

We invite all women to come join us, 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 to join via please like Zoom, would HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com.

### Adoration

#### Where Unspoken Answers Are Heard

Your need for discernment is answered in a gaze upon Jesus in the Monstrance. He has your custom-made answers because He made you as His own! Don't own your questions: give them to Jesus to reveal His will for you!

Place: IC Church (enter at Green Street door only)

Time: Thursdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Fridays 9:30 a.m.

### 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.

## **IMACCULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

## **Emmy's Valentines at MGH**



Please help Emmy and her Nana, Melissa, make this Valentine's Day a bit brighter for children diagnosed with cancer at Mass General Hospital for Children.



Emmy was diagnosed 3 years ago with a rare aggressive brain cancer. She was given a 4% chance to live but we are happy to say she celebrated her 4th birthday and has remained NED

(No Evidence of Disease) for 3 years. Now she wants to pay it forward by donating stuffed animals to those still in treatment.

We ask that stuffed animal donations are:

- Brand new, tags on if possible (they are being delivered to a hospital)
- Not Valentine themed
- 6-12 inches tall
- Lovable and squishy

Donations can be dropped off in the fover of the IC Pastoral Center. There will be a plastic bin with a photo of Emmy and last year's donations. Please feel free to take home a photo.

#### Retrouvaille

Marriage can be difficult. We can help. We teach better communication. Join us in one of our upcoming Retrouvaille weekends: February 2 and March 1. Visit HelpOurMarriage.org to learn more.

### IC Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Committee

After such a glorious and fun gala on Friday, December 8 to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, a group of parishioners shared our hopes with one another that having that much fun as a parish is something we'd love to do more often.

We are reaching out to all our fun-loving parishioners to join in! We are having our first meeting of Immaculate Conception Parish's Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Committee on February 15 at 7:00 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall. If you would like to be a part of our parish's new committee please contact Nancy Rose via text at 978-270-1579. Thank you and let the fun continue!

### **Pelican Intervention Fund**



To date we have placed 135 local men and women into 12-step residential sober living. 12step recovery programs receive no federal/state funding and insurance won't cover costs due to its faith-based nature. So, your support is more important than ever.

The Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes can be dropped in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org

View our weekly bulletin online on our website: hricCatholic.org.

## St. Joseph's Day Dinner

Hold the Date: March 16, 2024

Immaculate Conception's 175th Anniversary continues!

St. Joseph's Day Dinner Special Italian Meal IC St. Louis Hall

Watch the bulletin for further details

Want to help plan the dinner? Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 7:00 p.m., in IC St. Louis Hall.

### 175th Anniversary Website Page

#### Immaculate Conception Parish celebrates 175 years

In celebration of this milestone of faith and service to the greater Newburyport community, the parish is planning a series of events throughout the year.

Take a minute to visit the IC 175th Anniversary page on the Collaborative Website, www.hriccatholic.org for many upcoming events as well as past events and photo links.

### 175th Anniversary Prayer

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Gracious and loving Father, on this 175th anniversary of our Parish, we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present.

We praise You for all the joy we have shared in these years of faith and fellowship. We pray for all who together make up this community of Your people.

Through the guidance and intercession of our Patroness, may we be ever mindful of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit who renews all things.

May our Parish continue to grow as a home for all who seek Your love and mercy. Mary, Queen of Peace, conceived without original sin, pray for us. Amen

## **Knights Hospitality Sunday**

Join us next Sunday, February 4, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.



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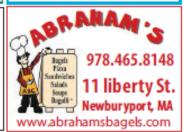
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