

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

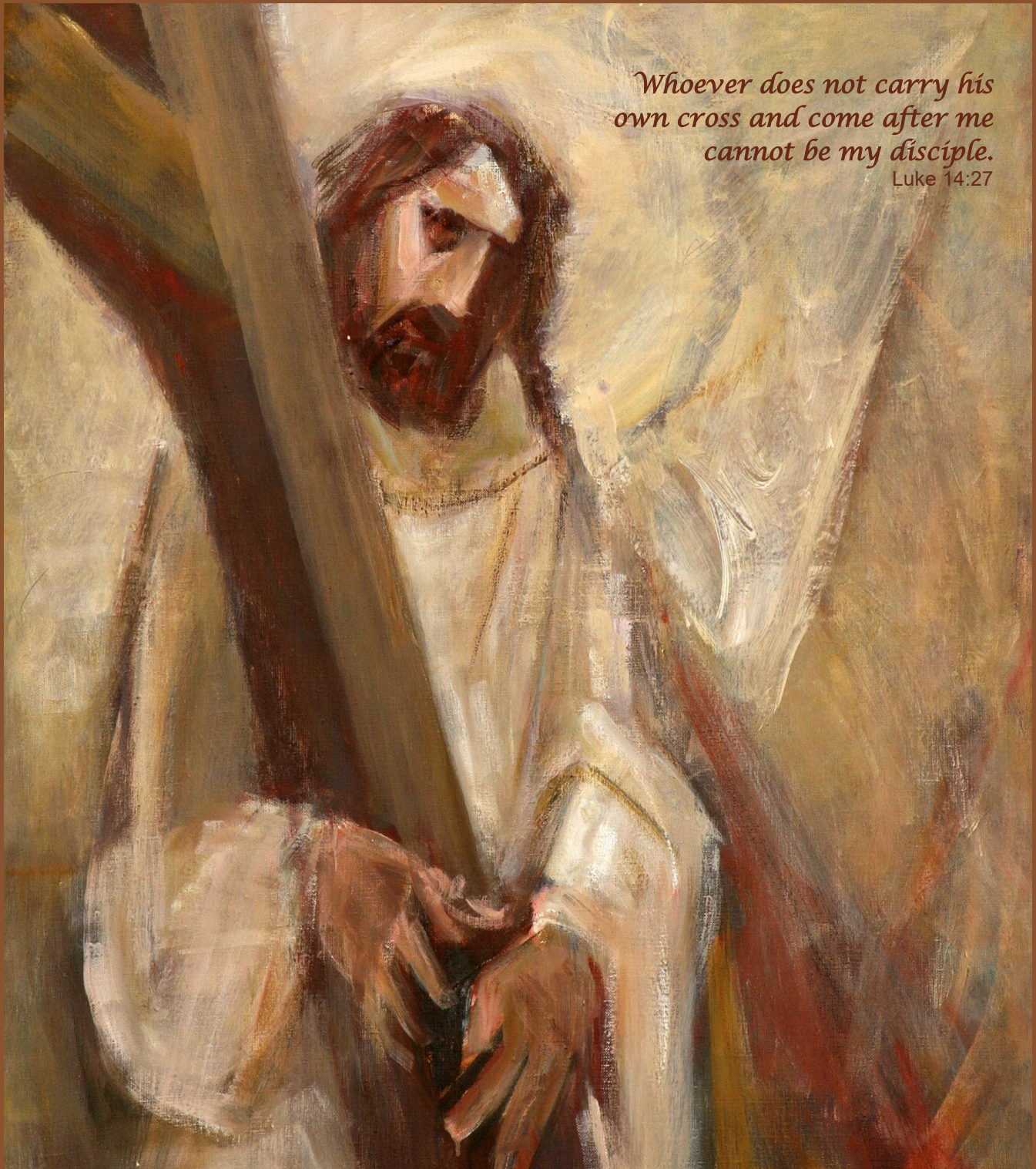
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

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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

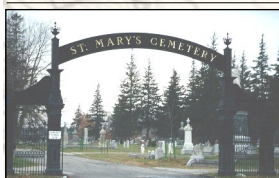
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Saturdays 3:00-3:30 p.m., IC Church
Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative
offices to schedule.)

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate
Conception Collaborative
Parishes



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/6)

4:00pm **IC** Rose Rowe (Fr. Richard & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (9/7)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** *Eleanore Gordon, Norbert Vogl* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:30am **IC** *Michael Filomia, John (Jack) Burrell* (Fr. Richard)

Monday (9/8)

9:00am **IC** *Dianne Zeregian Lees* (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (9/9)

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

Wednesday (9/10)

9:00am **IC** *Philip Gaeta, Paul Buonoma* (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (9/11)

9:00am **IC** *James Carew* (Fr. Stanley)

Friday (9/12)

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

Saturday (9/13)

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

4:00pm **IC** *Joseph Keefe, Laurie Ann Freeman, Gertrude O'Brien* (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (9/14)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)

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

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

11:30am **IC** *Barbara Mintz, John (Jack) Burrell* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Marlene E. Kelley 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 as well as our Facebook page.



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Collaborative Parishes

Collaborative Faith Formation

School Year Programs (K–8, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Registration forms and schedules for 2025–26 are now available on our website: hriccatholic.com/FaithFormation.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information regarding this sacrament.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is now celebrated with students currently in Grade 8.

San Marcos Coffee Sale

September 6–7

Fr. Ray Richard is here visiting from Honduras and staying at the IC rectory. He is a Newburyport native who has spent 50 years as a Franciscan Capuchin missionary in Honduras. "Padre Ramon" was the originator of the San Marcos Coffee Project over 20 years ago to bring a fair wage to the people of his former parish so that their hard work and top-quality coffee could bring them a better standard of living.



On **September 6–7** you can buy this specialty "certified organic" Honduran dark-roasted coffee for \$13 per pound (whole bean or ground) **at all Collaborative Masses**.

The farmers of San Marcos say "Muchas Gracias and Paz de Cristo!" **Text/call Karen to preorder 978-270-0183 for 2 lbs or more.**

Ministry Committee News

The Collaborative Ministry Committee is sponsoring two upcoming events for all parishioners in both parishes who volunteer in any way in our Collaborative.

Evening of Reflection for All in Ministry

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church, led by Fr. Harrison

Appreciation Luncheon for All Collaborative Ministers

Sunday, October 26, 2025

12:30 p.m., IC School Gym

Please watch for further details and look for an invitation and RSVP notice for the Luncheon from your Ministry leader.

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 the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: Who or what are your priorities, and to whom or what are you committed?

Child: When or where does God fit in your life?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: hriccatholic.org.

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, St. Ann Hall

Breaking Bread Meal 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Wednesday, September 10

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Dropoff 7-9am, St. Ann Hall

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Faith, Fun, & Fellowship Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, September 11

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 12

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, September 13

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Ministry Fair after all HR Masses Nativity Hall

Sunday, September 14

Ministry Fair after all HR Masses Nativity Hall/St. Ann Hall

St. Ann Coffee Social 11:00am, St. Ann Hall

To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

It's 2026 CORI Time

2026 CORI forms are now available. You can pick up a form in the back of any of the churches and have a priest or deacon verify it with your ID or stop by the IC parish center offices and fill one out there. CORI forms are also available on our website so you can download one and fill it out ahead of time.

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



Adoration

Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. Nativity Church

Thursdays 7:00-8:00 p.m., IC Church (enter at Green Street door only)

Fridays 9:30 a.m., IC Church (unless a funeral is scheduled)

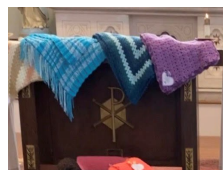
Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp	John Gutshaw	Carol O'Neal
Patricia Baikewicz	Ed Hardy	Eleanora Paciulan
John Bourque	Jane Harney	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P. Brodeur	Chloe Hequet	Joanne Pesa
Michael Brenner	Loriann Herrick	Elizabeth Pettingell
Priscilla Brown	Emma Hurley	Rob Schweizer
Autumn Rose	Carol Johnson	Regina Seely
Coulombe	Derek Johnson	Yvonne Sloban
Finn Davis	Steve Johnson	Gary Smith
Kristen D'Entremont	Michael Juralewicz	Arlene Stoddard
Ward Dilmore	Arthur LaPointe	Susan Sweeney
Deb Downie	Michael Lichtenstein	Taylor
Dotty Duval	Donna Limone	Captain Bill Taplin
Ann-Margaret	Johannah Lord	Joyce Tomaselli
Ferrante	Monica Maguire	Michael Tucker
John Flynn	Sia Mahalati	Maddie Villers
Jeanine Ebacher	Michael Marchese	Laurent Vincent
Fowler	Michael Martens	Sandra Welch
Renee Fowler	Ovidio Martinez	

Contact Collaborative offices to **remove** 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, October 2 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.

Celebrate our Polish Saints



Over the years, we have honored the Blessed Mother, St. Patrick, and St. Joseph with festive celebrations. Now it is time to celebrate some of our more notable Polish saints, Saint John Paul II, Saint Faustina, and St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Join us on **October 4 in IC St. Louis Hall** following the 4:00 p.m. Mass for faith, fun, and fellowship including an **Eastern European feast** of salads and breads, kielbasa and sauerkraut, pierogis (dumplings), golubki (cabbage rolls) and some typical sweet treats.

Tickets are \$20 and will be available for purchase at the Ministry Fair on September 6 and 7 at IC St. Louis Hall and after each weekend Mass during the month of September. Tickets are also available at the parish office.

Come and learn about the lives of these holy people and the special place they hold in our Church. There is only one seating so get your tickets quickly!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Pilgrims of Hope Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025



Refrain



Like a flame my hope_ is_ burn - ing, may my



song a - rise_ to_ you: Source of life that has_ no_

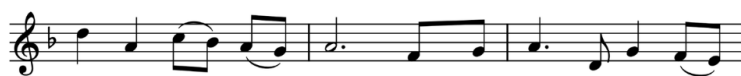


end - ing, on life's path I trust in_ you.

Verses



1. Ev - 'ry na - tion, tongue, and_ peo - ple find a
2. God, so ten - der and_ so_ pa - tient, dawn of
3. Raise your eyes, the wind is_ blow - ing, for our



1. light with - in_ your Word. Scat - tered frag - ile sons and_
2. hope, you care for_ all. Heav'n and earth are re - cre -
3. God is born in_ time. Son made man for you and_



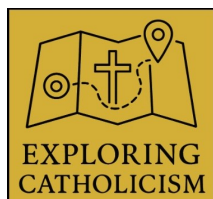
1. daugh - ters find a home in your dear Son.
2. a - ted by the Spir - it of Life set free.
3. man - y who will find_ the way in_ him.

Text: Pierangelo Sequeri; tr. by Andrew Wadsworth

Music: Francesco Meneghello

Exploring Catholicism

An Invitation to Reconnect



Have you ever felt like there are gaps in your understanding of the Catholic faith? You're not alone. Many adult Catholics carry questions they've never had the space or opportunity to ask.

"Exploring Catholicism" is for you, too. It's a peer-led weekly conversation space for revisiting the foundations, learning afresh, and growing deeper. Join us Sundays, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass (10:00–11:30 a.m.) in Room 206 of the IC Pastoral Center.

Come learn, revisit, or simply listen. All are welcome.

Sep 7: Is it Faith...or Just Wishful Thinking?

Sep 14: If God Is Real...Wouldn't He Reach Out to Us?

For questions or to learn more, contact: Aaron Giard, OCIA Director, (978) 462-2724, agiard@hriccatholic.org.

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

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and
the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



Collaborative Ministry Fair at IC: September 6–7



The Collaborative Ministry Committee will sponsor a Ministry Fair in IC St. Louis Hall after all Masses at IC this weekend. We will have tables set up after all the Masses where representatives of our Collaborative ministries will be present to explain what they do to serve our parish and local communities and to encourage new volunteers. We invite you to visit the fair to learn how you might become part of one or more of them. No presentations: just an opportunity to learn about our Collaborative ministries, enjoy the company of other parishioners, and partake of some delicious refreshments served by members of our Consolers Circle. Join us.

Collaborative Ministry Fair at HR: September 13–14



The Collaborative Ministry Committee will sponsor a Ministry Fair after all Masses at Holy Redeemer on the weekend of September 13–14. On that weekend we will have tables set up after all of the Masses where representatives of many of our Collaborative Ministries will be present to explain what they do to serve our parish and local communities and to encourage new volunteers. We invite you to please stop by the respective church halls to enjoy some refreshments and to learn more about what Collaborative members are doing in the community and how you might become part of one or more of them.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Youth Ministry

If your child is interested in any of these ministries, please call the parish offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and leave your name, email, phone number, and which ministry interests you.

High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry will begin to meet on Sunday evenings by the end of September and hold sessions every other week. Families are encouraged to reach out to Aaron (978-462-2724, agiard@hricatholic.org) if interested. Meetings will include informal game and music time and small group Scripture and other faith-based study and conversation.

Large group gatherings are in planning stages but will include movie nights, group service projects, prayer experiences, and other activities, generally once a month.

We are accepting donations to this ministry. We are looking for cash/check donations to buy hospitality items like food and drink as well as any board games and such (Make checks payable to the parish, but include "Youth Ministry" in the notes). We also accept direct donations of games like a ping pong table or board games and outdoor games teens would enjoy. Donations can be dropped off at the IC Pastoral Center business office.

Youth Choir

Students in grades 3–8 are welcome to join.

Beginning Wednesday, September 17, IC Church



Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 3:30–4:45 p.m. need to come later? 3:45–4:45 p.m. or 4:00–5:00 p.m.

The Youth Choir has been invited to perform in the Newburyport Choral Society's Christmas Concert!

Questions, schedule, and/or registration form? Please email Paula Quann: youthchoir@hricatholic.org.

Youth Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

Requirements: must have completed the 2nd grade and received his/her First Communion.

Training: 3 one-hour sessions in the church.

Lectors

Requirement: Anyone who has been Confirmed.

Training: approximately 1 one hour session, early evening during the week.

IC Haiti

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."

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.

HRIC Jubilee Pilgrimage

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, Lowell, MA

Monday, September 29, 2025

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This Jubilee year 2025 recommends a pilgrimage by the faithful to designated holy sites throughout the world. St. Joseph the Worker Shrine in Lowell is one of the designated sites for the Archdiocese of Boston.

The shrine was established by Father André Garin who left Canada as a seminarian for a mission to minister to the French speaking workers in the various mills. He returned following his ordination and succeeded in eliminating barriers to worship by celebrating Mass in French familiar to those who had immigrated from Canada. The downtown church was established in 1956 and dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker in honor of those early parishioners.

A Collaborative pilgrimage is planned to the shrine on Monday, September 29, leaving at 8:30 a.m. from the Immaculate Conception parking lot. We will carpool to the shrine and be greeted by Brother Richard Cote of the Missionary Oblates of Mary who are the stewards of the shrine.

Following a tour of the shrine and museum by Brother Richard, OMI, we will have an opportunity for confession, a trip to the gift shop and Mass at noon, con-celebrated by Fr. Harrison.

Following Mass, we will gather for lunch at Tavern on the Square in Lowell. Please contact Collaborative Offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) to RSVP so that we can provide a final headcount to the restaurant for lunch.

This is a great opportunity to reflect on Pope Francis' plea to be Pilgrims of Hope in our challenging world. Join us for a faith-filled day.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, September 10



This program delivers soup and sandwiches to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month.

Please note: We are resuming the delivery of soups!

Soup containers are available in the St. Ann Church Hall on Wednesday mornings during sandwich drop off.

Casseroles are always welcome! Foil casserole pans are available in the St. Ann Church Hall on Wednesday mornings during sandwich drop off.

We ask that **sandwiches** be cut and individually wrapped, then placed in the bread wrapper. Please label the bread wrapper with the variety of sandwich inside. Cold cuts with cheese and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. *Please do not use condiments.*

Also welcome are party-sized **powdered drink mixes** such as iced tea, lemonade, and Kool-Aid, along with fresh **fruits** and goodies. If you have an abundant harvest from your **garden**, consider bringing a few extra vegetables along with your sandwiches, soups, or casseroles. They will be greatly appreciated!

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7–9. a.m.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Aug. 30-31	\$1,576.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Aug. 29	\$ 340.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 440.25
Total Weekly Offertory, Aug. 30-31	\$2,356.25
Missionary Cooperative Appeal, Aug. 30-31	\$ 710.00
HR Catholic Appeal, Goal \$28,800.00	\$22,725.00

No second collection this weekend (Sept. 7). The second collection next weekend (Sept. 14) is the Monthly.

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to **Holy Redeemer Parish** with the second collection noted in the memo.

If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



HOLY REDEEMER
HOLIDAY FAIR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 9:00-2:00

Chicken BBQ Thank You

The Activities Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Chicken BBQ Dinner we held during Merrimac Old Home Days. We would especially like to thank John Moresco, manager of Texas Roadhouse in Methuen, for donating the barbecued chicken. John, who is also a resident of Merrimac, was happy to help us. His donation this year was done in the memory of Joyce Stolarski, his neighbor and friend, a heartfelt remembrance of Joyce who passed away last year. Even into her 90's, Joyce was always willing to help the Activities Committee get things done for her Parish...and apparently she still is!

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Back to School

As we wrap up the dog days of summer, please remember that back-to-school needs are upon us. We are routinely helping families with children in school and any gift cards (Walmart, Staples, etc.) and cash donations would be very much appreciated. Thank you.



Our donor envelopes are now located on the table in the back of St. Ann and Nativity. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes shown here. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to HR St. Vincent de Paul.

HR Activities Committee News

Next Meeting: September 23, 6:00 p.m., St. Ann Hall

All are welcome to join us at our next Activities Committee meeting on **Tuesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.** in St. Ann hall. We will be planning for our September bake sale, the Veterans Day breakfast, and the Holiday Fair.

Outdoor Flowers

Many people have volunteered and helped water and weed the yards during these warm summer days. We could use more help. Help by just stopping and checking to see if the flowers need a drink!

September Bake Sale

We are planning a bake sale the weekend of September 20-21 to raise money to buy fall flowers for both churches. Please consider making a batch of your favorite cookies to donate to the table.

Planning for Veterans Day in November

Veterans Day is November 11. The Activities Committee wants to celebrate our Veterans! We are planning a celebration after each Mass on Sunday, November 9. Please, write your name and email (or a veteran you know) on the paper in the back of the church so we can invite you.

We're Back!

St. Ann Coffee Social

Our first coffee social after the summer break will take place on **September 14 after the 10:00 Mass** in the downstairs hall. Please join us for some tasty treats, conversation, and friendships and a chance to meet members of some of the Collaborative ministries at the Ministry Fair.



St. Ann Church Flower Bed



We are looking to replace the tired railroad-tie flower bed on the parking lot side of St. Ann Church in West Newbury with a new, brick flower bed that will match the front corner brickwork that was done several years ago.

The total cost of this project is approximately \$17,000.00. Special undated envelopes have been added to the envelope packs that are regularly sent out to those on the envelope system. Additional blank envelopes may be found in St. Ann Church. Parishioners are invited to contribute towards this goal in the months ahead.

An anonymous parishioner has stepped forward and generously agreed to match other parishioners' donations up to \$10,000.

When we have raised sufficient funds, we will complete the project, hopefully sometime this fall or early next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with Fr. Tim or Dennis LaMalfa at our Collaborative offices. Many thanks for your generosity and support!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Harvest Fair Wall of Wine

The annual Harvest Fair on October 18 is fast approaching! We need your help filling the wall.



The "Wall of Wine" is filled with bottles of wine valued between \$15 –\$75 or more! Each bottle will be in a foil sack and numbered. Red foil for red/rosé wines, silver foil for white wines.

As a parishioner, you can help make this booth a success by purchasing one or more bottles of wine valued at \$15.00 or more and donate them to the Wall of Wine.

Bring your donation to church and place it in the "wine bin" in the Green St. entrance.

The bin will be emptied each weekend.

Harvest Fair 2025

October 18, 9:00–3:00, IC School Gym.

- 20 artisans/crafters • Wall of Wine•
- Scratch Ticket Tree • Grandma's Attic • All Holiday Table • Raffle Table with 25+ gorgeous baskets • Bake Table • door prize every hour • and Jan's famous fish chowder!

Help us make this fair a big success by donating items for Grandma's Attic or the all Holiday Table (no Christmas trees please). Bins will be available for donations in the Parish Center Hall beginning this week. Any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please call Betty Harrington at 978-595-7776.

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Music Ministry Notes

We are looking for new members to join us.

Adult Choir: Individuals, grade 9–adult sing every week at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday liturgies. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00–8:45 p.m. in the choir loft. We have availability for new members so why not give us a try by singing with us for the Advent/Christmas season? It's time well spent filled with lots of faith, friends, and fun. This choir also sings on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. and performs at fundraising concerts for the local community at different times throughout the year.

Adult and Youth Choirs are currently looking for new members. There are no auditions—everyone is welcome. Why not give us a try? You'll have lots of fun, make new friends, fine-tune your talents, and receive a multitude of blessings in return. Come and join us today!



Questions? Call Donna Postle, IC Music Director, at (978) 317-8903.

Become a Proud Sponsor of Immaculate Conception School

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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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 9 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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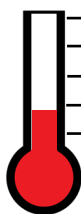
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Anticipating Christmas

It has been a long desire by many to offer a large outdoor Nativity scene on the grounds of IC Parish for Christmas. A committee has been formed to help make this possible, and we are now accepting donations towards the purchase of a beautiful new set that will be a blessing for our parish and community for many years to come. The figures of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can be purchased as a memorial gift to the parish for \$2000 each. Additional figures of the 3 Wise Men, a shepherd, an angel, a cow, a donkey, and a sheep may be purchased in whole or in part.

It is our hope to have this purchased and set up during this coming Advent-Christmas season.

To make a donation, please contact Dennis LaMalfa in our Collaborative Office at 978-462-2724.

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.

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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!

Immaculate Conception School

Embracing the Spirit of St. Francis: A Day of Reflection at Immaculate Conception School

As we prepare for another joyful year at Immaculate Conception, our faculty gathered in late August for a special Day of Reflection, centering our hearts and minds on this year's theme: St. Francis—"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace." Guided by prayer and reflection, our teachers delved deeply into the words and meaning of the beloved Prayer of St. Francis, discerning how we are called to be instruments of peace for our students and one another.

A highlight of the day was a unique art project: each teacher created an original watercolor painting inspired by the phrases or words from the prayer that spoke most powerfully to them. Each teacher is asked to display their painting in a special place, to serve as a vibrant reminder of our shared mission, and inspiration for our daily work. Every August the IC teachers create a piece of art centered around the theme for the school year. This year's watercolors will serve as a visible affirmation of our capacity—and sacred obligation—to be peacemakers in our school community.

As we enter the new school year, we ask for your prayers and support. May the spirit of St. Francis guide us all to sow love, hope, and peace in the hearts of our children.



St. Vincent de Paul Annual Walk for the Poor

Save the Date: September 27

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Newburyport/Newbury will hold its Annual *Friends of the Poor Walk* on **Saturday, September 27, rain or shine**. Registration begins at 9:00 and the walk starts at 10:00 a.m. There will also be opportunity to preregister at future Masses.

This is the major fundraiser for the Society. We need walkers/runners and sponsors in order to make this event a success.

This is approximately a 3-mile walk that is easy enough for all ages. We pray that all parishioners, families, and friends will join us on our Friends of the Poor Walk through Newburyport to raise awareness and funds so that we can continue to serve the many needy in our community. Donations may also be made on line on our website: www.svdpnnewburyport.org.

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
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