

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."*

Luke 17:19





# Immaculate Conception Church **Harvest Fair**

**Saturday, October 18**

**9am - 3pm**

**I.C. School Gym**

**1 Washington St., Newburyport**

**20 Artisan Crafters**

**25+ Baskets to Raffle**

**Wall of Wine**

**Scratch Ticket Tree Raffle**

**Grandma's Attic**

**All-Holiday Table**

**Bake Sale**

**Lunch Available**

**5 Special Raffles**

(Including a hand-made quilt, local pen & ink drawing,  
2 nights on the town: Newburyport or Boston,  
and dinner for 6 hosted by Fr. Harrison)

**Free admission • Everyone is welcome • Hourly door prizes**

Invite your friends and neighbors.



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (10/11)

4:00pm **IC Barbara Caruso, Joan Esile** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

### Sunday (10/12)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC Michael Sforza, Janice Nathanson, Bernard J. Dube** (Fr. Morin)

10:00am **St. Ann Helen & Paul Ringenbach** (Fr. Stanley)

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (10/13)

9:00am (Fr. Stanley)

### Tuesday (10/14)

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

### Wednesday (10/15)

9:00am **IC Joan Esile** (Fr. Stanley)

### Thursday (10/16)

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

### Friday (10/17)

9:00am **IC Sandy Lambert, for the intentions of Jennifer Troisi** (Fr. Morin)

### Saturday (10/18)

4:00pm **St. Ann Kimberley Anne O'Hara** (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm **IC Alan Maxwell, Robert Cynewski** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (10/19)

8:30am **Nativity Jennie & Alden Johnson** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC James Halloran** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC Joan Esile** (Fr. Stanley)

*In your prayers please remember Marie Sullivan, James Halloran, 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](http://hriccatholic.org) as well as our Facebook page.

## Adoration:

## Going Closer to Jesus



Jesus walks with you in your space—whether or not you ask. But for Adoration, it is you going into His space! Yes, the Holy Spirit prompts. But it is **you** who step into a silent Holy Hour. Try it any week. Take a first step into a life-changing *reverence* for His Real Presence.

**Wednesdays** 3–4 p.m. Nativity Church

**Thursdays** 7–8 p.m., IC Church (*enter at Green Street door*)

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

## This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

**Monday, October 13, Columbus Day Holiday**

**Collaborative Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, October 14**

**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

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

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

**IC Haiti Board Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

**Wednesday, October 15**

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

**Eucharistic Adoration** 3:00pm, Nativity Church

**Ministry Committee Mtg.** 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Thursday, October 16**

**Eucharistic Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

**Friday, October 17**

**Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30am, IC Church

**AA Mtg.** 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

**Saturday, October 18**

**Quilters** 8:30am, Nativity Hall

**IC Harvest Fair** 9:00–3:00, IC School Gym

**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

**Sunday, October 19**

**Faith Formation, Grades K–8** 10:00am, IC Parish Center

**Youth Ministry Mtg.** 6:00pm, IC Youth Ministry Room

## Columbus Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, October 13 for the Columbus Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m.

## Collaborative Contacts

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## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Ministry Appreciation Luncheon

The Collaborative Ministry Committee would like to invite all members of the Collaborative who are active in any ministry to an Appreciation Luncheon on **Sunday, October 26 at 12:30 pm in the IC School gym.**

We are so appreciative of all that you do that we want to celebrate your achievements and thank you for your work. The luncheon is open to all involved in any ministry in both Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer parishes. We would need your RSVP by October 22: please contact either your ministry leader; the Collaborative office at 978-462-2724, or Jim at 603-491-9916.

We look forward to seeing you on October 26.

### All Souls Day Envelopes

In your monthly envelope packets for October is an All Souls envelope. If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones this year, please return your envelopes to the churches by **Friday, October 24** so that we can publish the names in the bulletin.

### Second Collection October 20

#### Catholic World Mission Sunday

By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org) for more information.

### Screening of the Movie *PRAY*

On Thursday, October 16, we will host a screening of the movie *PRAY: The story of Patrick Peyton* after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC. It is a 70-minute documentary about the life of Fr. Patrick Peyton, a Holy Cross father whose cause for canonization is currently open. Fr. Peyton traveled the world leading rosary rallies that sometimes totaled over a million people. He is also known for his famous quote "the family that prays together stays together." Join us for this great documentary along with some food, coffee, and discussion. See more at [www.praythefilm.com](http://www.praythefilm.com).

### HRIC Jubilee Pilgrimage

On September 29, Fr. Harrison led 45 HRIC Pilgrims of Hope on a pilgrimage to St. Joseph the Worker Shrine in Lowell, MA, an Archdiocesan designated Jubilee shrine. Walk through its Holy Doors and you enter into God's grace. The pilgrimage provided opportunities for Confession, prayer, and Mass, concelebrated by Fr. Harrison with Fr. Michael Tremblay presiding. The day concluded with fellowship and lunch at Tavern in the Square in Lowell.

The story of the Shrine is a story of the "Mill City." It's a story of community: French Canadians who immigrated from Quebec to work in the textile mills. It's a story of faith: the establishment of a parish, a church, in the heart of Lowell by the Oblates, a worldwide missionary congregation of brothers and priests. It's a story of homage: to St. Joseph the Worker and to the workers who were and are the heartbeat of a city.

On May 3, 1868, St. Joseph Parish opened its doors as the first Franco-American parish in the Boston Archdiocese. The inaugural Mass was celebrated in the small parish church. In 1995, Pope Pius XII proclaimed May 1 as the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Oblate Fr. Eugene Noury petitioned the Archdiocese and on May 10, 1956 Archbishop Cushing consecrated the parish church as a Shrine to St. Joseph the Worker.

The Shrine's interior is a spectacular array of stained-glass windows. The windows surrounding the sacristy are original, installed in 1881. They honor patron saints including St. Joseph with Child Jesus and St. Jean Baptiste, the French-Canadian patron.

The perimeter walls are lined with eleven stained glass windows honoring St. Joseph. They depict St. Joseph's roles in the life of the Holy Family and the Universal Church. The lower panels of the St. Joseph windows pay tribute to workers across 20 trades and professions vital to Lowell's growth and development. A statuary honor guard of patron saints encircles the pews for devotion, petitioning for intercession, and lighting votive candles.

St. Joseph The Worker Shrine continues to be owned, staffed, and run by the Oblates. The Shrine seats 550 and houses the Oblate Historical Museum and a gift shop. It offers a rich schedule for daily Mass, Confession, and Adoration as well as providing outreach to the poor.

*Our special thanks to Oblate Brother Richard Cote, O.M.I. and museum curator, for an impassioned tour and historical recount of the Shrine, the Oblates and the French-Canadian immigrant worker community they first served.*



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Oh, What a (Polish) Night!



Tributes to St. John Paul II, St. Faustina, and St. Maximilian Kolbe and a sea of poppies welcomed diners to the HRIC Polish night on October 4 at St. Louis Hall.

The evening began with a hymn, grace, and the Polish national anthem offered in native tongue by parishioner Ronnie Laite.

Guests were treated to a typical Polish meal (obiad) of fresh smoked kielbasa, sauerkraut, cabbage rolls (golubki), pierogis, and cabbage with noodles (halusky) along with an array of accompaniments of cabbage slaw, cucumber salad, homemade pickles, beets, and rye bread. Desserts included homemade poppy seed rolls and nut rolls as well as ice cream.

Preparations for the evening started off with a joyful sense of community as several parishioners came together in the kitchen to create most of the menu from family recipes.

The Holy Jammers enhanced their international repertoire with renditions of the "Pennsylvania Polka" and the "Beer Barrel Polka," contributing to a lively and festive atmosphere.

What a blessing it is to celebrate the diversity of our faith community through these evenings of fellowship! Many thanks to all who worked to make the evening a rousing success. Gratulacje! (Congratulations).

## Prayers for the Sick

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

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

## 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](http://ichaiti.org).

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## 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, November 6 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.**



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Ordinary Time Retreat

*Walking Humbly with God*

Exploring the virtue of humility, that softens the heart hardened by pride to acknowledge our woundedness and need for help.

Ordinary Time is a season of spiritual growth and maturation as we listen to and reflect on Jesus' teachings and actions. Both reveal the key role of humility in accepting Jesus' invitation to follow him and lose our life to save it. Humility allows us to live a right relationship with God, acknowledging and accepting our dependence on him. Humility frees us from the prison of pride and the illusion of self as center to live in truth and freedom.

God is constantly working for our becoming whole in Him. With love he prunes us, reveals our weakness, our sinfulness, our shadow side, our fears. He humbles us so we can learn the truth, acknowledge our human limitations, and weaknesses and turn to God for healing and help.

Our retreat will explore the role of humility in spiritual maturation through reflection on scripture and Jesus of Nazareth's human experience of learning obedience from what he suffered.

I will provide material for reading and reflection from scripture and a variety of spiritual teachers that reflect the retreat's theme and your unique desires. We will meet in person or by Zoom for spiritual direction sessions you schedule throughout retreat. Between our times of spiritual direction you may pause, ponder, pray, and open yourself to grace.

As we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's wisdom, I will listen deeply as you share and together, we allow the Holy Spirit to move us and bless and guide our sharing. This offering is designed to provide an affordable, convenient retreat that creates an intimate space for you to share yourself deeply with the Holy Spirit's guidance.

**Retreat opens Oct. 20. Retreat closes Nov. 30 Begin retreat any time you choose.**

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience. Spiritual director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling

Please Call (978)462-7483 to register or for additional information.

Suggested donation: \$95.00

## 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.

## 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 meets on select Sunday evenings from 6:00–7:30 p.m. Fall dates include October 19, November 2, 16, and 30, and December 14. Families are encouraged to reach out to Aaron (978-462-2724, [giard@hricatholic.org](mailto:giard@hricatholic.org)) if interested. Meetings will include informal game and music time and small group Scripture and other faith-based study and conversation.

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— MINISTRY —

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

**"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" Psalm 100**

*Does your child love to sing?*

*Join the Youth Choir! Grades 3–8*

At choir we learn to develop our gifts to glorify God!

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.



Rehearsals are held in IC Church.

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

Questions, schedule, and/or registration form? Please email Paula Quann: [youthchoir@hricatholic.org](mailto: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, on an early evening during the week.

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** When do you pray, and are you consistent in your prayer life?

**Child:** Name a time when Jesus answered your prayer.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Oct. 4–5	\$1,912.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct 3	\$ 815.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 483.00
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 4–5</b>	<b>\$3,210.00</b>
Peter's Pence, Oct. 4–5	\$ 545.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 12) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 19) is World Mission Sunday. See page 4 for details.

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](http://hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving).

## Veterans Day Breakfast

**Sunday, November 9, 8:30 a.m. Mass, breakfast to follow (9:30 a.m.) at Church of the Nativity Hall**

All are invited to a Veterans Appreciation Breakfast. The members of Holy Redeemer Parish would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all who have served our country. Please join our community of Nativity Church, Merrimac and St. Ann Church, West Newbury, for a complimentary breakfast in honor of all veterans. This is our opportunity to gather for Veterans Day and show our support and gratitude for your contributions to our freedom and safety. A small token of our immense appreciation for your sacrifice and service. Scan the QR code to learn more.



We ask that you please RSVP by Sunday, November 2 for our planning purposes. Please call Nancy Jean 978-363-5416 to let us know you are coming and how many guests.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

### Who is Your Neighbor?

Jesus provides an answer to this question in Luke 10. The parable of the Good Samaritan shows us that our society, our communities and relationships are not permanently broken. We can restore them. And it can all begin with reaching out to the **other**—*whoever they are*, whatever state they are in. We can decide that we will not let anyone, or any circumstance, diminish our humanity or the humanity of another person.

*Please help us to help our neighbors in need.*

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes located at the back of the church at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to **HR St. Vincent de Paul**.



## HOLY REDEEMER HOLIDAY FAIR

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 9:00-2:00**

NATIVITY CHURCH HALL, 4 GREEN ST., MERRIMAC

**Please contact the supervisor listed below if you are able to help.**

**Baked Goods:** *Nancy Jean (978) 363-5416*

cookies, pies, bars, muffins: label items, state if nuts are included. Start now, most items freeze well!

**Gift Baskets:** *Roberta Homan 978-290-9158*

pick a theme, include 3–4 items in a basket or container, write what is included. (Baskets priced around \$25.00 sell best) Bring donations to Nativity Hall starting November 10 or leave in the back of either church labeled “Basket Table.”

**Nearly New Items:** *MaryEllen LaPointe*

Items need to be clean and working. Donations may be brought to Nativity Hall starting November 10. We will NOT be accepting any items after Friday, November 14.

**Silent Auction Items:** *Carole Sokolowski 978-346-9031*

Do you have a “special something” to donate that would cause a fierce bidding war? Do you have event tickets? An Airbnb? Cook a meal and deliver?

**Soups for Lunch:** *Marie Greeley 508-523-0404*

Homemade soup needs to be delivered **hot**, in a crockpot, the morning of the fair. A crockpot liner will be given to aid in our clean up.

We will soon have **Lawn Signs** to advertise our Fair in the back of both churches. If you are able to place a **lawn sign** on *your well-visible property*, please pick one up. Please do not place lawn signs on town property without receiving permission.

### Holiday Fair Setup

The Activities Committee is preparing Nativity Hall for the annual **Holiday Fair**. We are asking for help moving and carrying large items in the hall: wall dividers, tables, shelving units, boxes, etc. If you are able to push, carry, and stack, **we need you!** We are planning to start preparations after the Veterans breakfast, at about 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 9. **This is a great opportunity for students to earn service hours!**

Monday, November 10, starting at 9:00 a.m., volunteers will be underway setting up the different areas involved with the fair. All are welcome to help! A schedule will be posted on the glass doors of the hall for when Activities Committee members will be working. Stop by and check it out!

**Also, any help with clean up after the fair is always appreciated.**

*Like Us on Facebook*

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## HR PARISH

### HR 2025 Grand Annual Appeal

The parishioners of Holy Redeemer have a long history of generous support for the Grand Annual Appeal. This year is no different. Once again, we turn to you for your financial support to care for our parish. The Grand Annual collection allows us to continue capital improvements and ongoing maintenance that we are not able to cover from our regular operating account.

Your participation in this year's Grand Annual Collection will help us greatly in furthering that necessary outreach to those in our wider community. To help us meet our expenses and offer quality programs and services, we are asking each family to contribute \$500.00 or more which can be gifted over time in the form of several partial payments or through our online portal on our website (Look for "Donate!"). However, please know that any contribution, no matter the amount is most appreciated.

In your generosity, please return your Grand Annual pledge card next weekend indicating your gift. As in the past, we offer the opportunity to make your contribution over two payments, which helps many make a more substantial contribution to the parish. You may place the pledge card in the Sunday collection or return it to the parish by mail.

Thank you for your support!



### 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.

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. Harrison or Dennis LaMalfa at our Collaborative offices. Many thanks for your generosity and support!

### Adoration at Nativity Church



Eucharistic Adoration is offered on Wednesdays from 3:00–4:00 p.m. at Church of the Nativity. Join us weekly for one hour of Sacred Silence.

## IC PARISH

### Harvest Fair 2025

**October 18, 9:00–3:00, IC School Gym.**

20 artisan/craft tables • the popular Wall of Wine • scratch ticket tree • grandma's attic • bake sale • all-holiday table • door prize every hour • raffle table with 25+ beautiful baskets • 5 special raffles including dinner for 6 hosted by Fr. Harrison • Jan's famous fish chowder!

#### Wall of Wine Donations Still Being Accepted

We are still accepting donations for the "Wall of Wine." Please bring your donation of a bottle of wine valued at \$15 or more to church and place it in the "wine bin" in the Green St. entrance.

#### Bake Sale Items Needed

Cakes, cookies, breads, pies, and confections are most welcome. We would also appreciate gluten-free goods. All goodies should be in containers with clear tops. Cookies and bars can be individually bagged, 2 to a bag. Please include a description and whether nuts are included. You may bring your baked goods to the IC gym on Friday, October 17 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. or on Saturday, October 18 from 7:00–9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Betty at 978-595-7776.

### Harvest Fair Wall of Wine

**We need your help filling the wall of wine.**

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.

### Don't Miss This!

We are very excited to offer again this year as a special raffle at the **Harvest Fair:**

A dinner for 6 people hosted by our very own Fr. Harrison!

The date to be mutually agreed upon.



### IC Online Giving

It's convenient and safe. To learn more about online giving (one-time or recurring donation options available), visit our website, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org), and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 with questions.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct. 3	\$7,917.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,337.00
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 4–5</b>	<b>\$16,837.00</b>
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If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hriccatholic.org/ic-online-giving](http://hriccatholic.org/ic-online-giving).

## Immaculate Conception School

On Wednesday, October 1, two IC School graduates, Milena Mataac and Julia Davis attended a breakfast at Harvard honoring winners of the Harvard Book Award (given to rising seniors for high academics).



Milena was representing Central Catholic High School and Julia was representing Bishop Fenwick High School. They were very pleasantly surprised to run into each other at the breakfast. They have been friends since they were 4 years old, and went through all of IC School together and are still Altar Servers at IC.

Congratulations to two of our graduates and their outstanding achievements!



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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.

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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!

## Tootsie Roll Drive

The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive fundraiser after all IC weekend Masses on **October 11–12**.

Please stop by and support the Knights! Or Venmo the Knights @KofC231.



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[hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

## IC 2025 Grand Annual Appeal

The parishioners of Immaculate Conception have a long history of generous support for the Grand Annual Appeal. This year is no different. Once again, we turn to you for your financial support to care for our parish. The Grand Annual collection allows us to continue capital improvements and ongoing maintenance that we are not able to cover from our regular operating account.

Your participation in this year's Grand Annual Collection will help us greatly in furthering that necessary outreach to those in our wider community. To help us meet our expenses and offer quality programs and services, we are asking each family to contribute \$500.00 or more which can be gifted over time in the form of several partial payments or through our online portal on our website (Look for "Donate!"). However, please know that any contribution, no matter the amount is most appreciated.

In your generosity, please return your Grand Annual pledge card next weekend indicating your gift. As in the past, we offer the opportunity to make your contribution over two payments, which helps many make a more substantial contribution to the parish. You may place the pledge card in the Sunday collection or return it to the parish by mail.

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