

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

hriccatholic.org

All Are Welcome



Hope



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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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

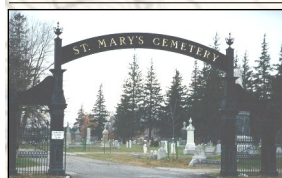
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Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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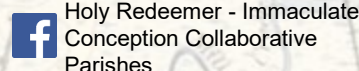
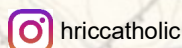
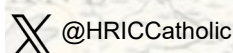
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/29)

4:00pm **IC** *Connie Bucci* (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (11/30)

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

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

10:00am **St. Ann Ray Tolosko** (Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC** *Alan Chu, Josephine Minallio* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (12/01)

9:00am *For the seminarians Connor & Kennedy* (Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (12/02)

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

Wednesday (12/03)

9:00am **IC** *For the Niles, Keefe, Swochak, & Macri families* (Fr. Harrison)

Thursday (12/04)

9:00am **IC** *Elaine B. Atiyeh* (Fr. Stanley)

Friday (12/05)

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

Saturday (12/06)

4:00pm **St. Ann** *Joseph Pisano, Anthony & Mary Trodella* (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm **IC** *Cliff S. Bonney* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (12/07)

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:30am **IC** *Bill & Ann Graham, Joan & George Fox, Marie A. Burke* (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers please remember Robert (Rick) Riccardi, Alba L. Gouldthorpe, 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.

The **NEW ENGLAND TENORS**
Special guest soprano Celeste Pellegrino



SUNDAY, November 30
2:00 P.M.
IC Church
Tickets at the door
\$20 - Adults / \$12 - Children under 12
No reservations needed

Extra Confession Times During Advent

We will offer extra confession times during Advent on the following days and times:

- Dec. 16, St. Ann Church, W. Newbury (6–7:30 p.m.)
- Dec. 17, Nativity Church, Merrimac (during Adoration, 3–4 p.m.)
- Dec. 18, IC Church, Newburyport (6:30–8 p.m.)

Regular Confession times will also be held every Saturday from 3:00–3:30 p.m. at IC, Newburyport.



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Christmas Flowers



We are taking monetary donations and memorials for the purchase of flowers for all 3 churches for Christmas. Please do not have flowers delivered to the churches but allow us to purchase them. Place your flower donation envelope in the collection at the churches or mail them to the offices. **Donation deadline is Sunday, December 7 at noon.**

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.

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 NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, December 1

HR Holiday Fair Wrap up Mtg. 9:30am, *Nativity Hall*

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

Tuesday, December 2

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

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

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church*

Wednesday, December 3

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

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, *Nativity Church*

Cub Scout Mtg. 5:00pm, *Nativity Hall*

Thursday, December 4

Overcoming our True Enemy Series 9:45am, *IC St. Louis Hall*

HRIC Prayer Shawl Mtg. 2:00pm, *Nativity Hall*

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, *IC Church*

Friday, December 5

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, *IC Church*

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

Saturday, December 6

Cursillo Reunion Group 9:00am, *IC Nazareth Library*

Confessions 3:00pm, *IC Church*

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

Exploring Catholicism Mtg. 10:00am *IC OCIA Room 305*

KofC Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, *IC Parish Center Lobby*

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

Merrimac Santa Parade 1:00pm, *Merrimac*

Baptism Prep. 1:00pm *IC Charity Dining Room*

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

Centering Prayer for Advent

As the days shorten and we enter the darkest season of the year, we light advent candles and anticipate the coming of our Savior, Jesus, the light of the world. In the busyness of preparing for Christmas we may miss the gifts of Advent. Waiting with trust in God's promise of love that saves, deepens our faith and we become people of true hope who loved by God are able to love.

During Advent, please consider leaving the noise of world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Following Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina enriches and instructs us as we listen to and share reflections on the words of scripture. During Advent we will read from the passage of St. Luke's Gospel coinciding with the *Advent Bible Challenge* (See page 6 for details.).

All are welcome to join us as we pray in these ancient Christian traditions and together prepare this Advent to welcome God's gift of His son Emmanuel, *God with us, into our hearts and our lives.*

For more information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483

Soup & Sandwich. . .and Hats



On November 12, along with our sandwiches, soups, and casseroles, we delivered 80 handmade winter hats to Lazarus House.

Our thanks go to the **HRIC Prayer Shawl and Lapghan ministry** for donating their work to be included with our

sandwich ministry. This group, lead by Helen Kelley, has been knitting and crocheting hats for weeks and will be continuing to make hats through January. Pictured here with some beautiful hats are Evelyn Cheney and Sharlin Benitez from Lazarus House.

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, December 4 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.

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

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Youth Ministry

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—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 November 30 and December 14. Families are encouraged to reach out to Aaron (978-462-2724, giard@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.

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.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir will perform with the Newburyport Choral Society



Friday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.

and

Sunday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.

Come and support our young singers! Performances will be held at Immaculate Conception Church. Tickets may be purchased at newburyportchoralsociety.org

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: If you knew Jesus' second coming would happen next week, how would you change your life?

Child: What will you do to prepare for Jesus during Advent?

Collaborative Faith Formation

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

Registration forms and schedules for 2025–26 are now available on our website: hricatholic.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.

2025 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m. IC Church (live stream)
4 p.m. Nativity Church & Hall
(5:45 p.m. Christmas Pageant, IC Church)
6 p.m. IC Church
6 p.m. St. Ann Church

Reminder: Christmas Eve Masses fill up quickly. Allow extra time to find a seat.



CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 a.m. IC Church
8:30 a.m. Nativity Church
10:00 a.m. St. Ann Church
10:00 a.m. IC Church

Adoration

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus this Advent at 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)

Winter Concerts Abound at IC

We are truly blessed to have such rich musical diversity in our community and especially in our parish this year!

Both the Newburyport Choral Society and the Newburyport Chamber Music Festival will be performing winter concerts at Immaculate Conception Church in December.

Last year's concerts were sold out, so don't hesitate.



The Newburyport Choral Society's winter concert, **"Winter Fanfare"** celebrates hope, joy, and the promise of a brighter new year. It will be held in IC Church on **Friday, December 12 from 7:30–9:00** and **Sunday December**

14 from 3:00–4:30 and will feature the HRIC Youth Choir.

Tickets available online: newburyportchoralsociety.org/events

Winter Baroque, hosted by the Newburyport Chamber Music Festival, will be held on **Sunday, December 21 at 3:00** and will feature a diverse selection of baroque music from Italy, Austria, and Germany as well as a trio sonata premiered by composer Nicola Canzano.



Tickets available online: newburyportchambermusic.org/festival-schedule

ADVENT IN THE COLLABORATIVE

24-Day Advent Bible Challenge: The Gospel of St. Luke

Advent begins Sunday, November 30

Join the **24-Day Advent Bible Challenge** to make this Advent truly meaningful! Simply read and reflect on one chapter of St. Luke's Gospel per day for 24 days starting on the first day of Advent: November 30. By Christmas Day you will have read about the entire life of Christ! It's easy, it's fun, you don't have to leave your house, and no sign-up is required!

So grab your Bible and create a prayer corner to embark on the challenge by yourself, gather your family around the tree each evening, or meet with friends to form an Advent prayer group. However you choose to take on the **24-Day Advent Bible Challenge**, the result will be a deeper appreciation of the Christmas season as we all await and prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Let us all accept the **24-Day Advent Bible Challenge** and encourage each other to stay with it until the end of Advent. Our Collaborative will be all the stronger because of it!

Use this festive **bookmark** to track your progress throughout Advent. Cut on the dashed line and fold in half, lengthwise. Glue or tape to secure the two sides together and tuck it in your Bible.

Are you ready to take up the challenge for a merrier, richer Christmas?

Note: St. Luke's gospel can be found online at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/luke/0>.



Advent Retreat

Jesus, the Light of the World

This Advent, prepare your heart to celebrate the light of God's love coming into the world through Jesus' birth centuries ago, the coming of God's light into your heart more deeply this Christmas and the waiting in hope for his coming again.

The Advent wreath with its four candles symbolizes our Advent journey. Each of the Advent wreath's candles lit in the weeks before Christmas represents an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent. Each week of our Advent retreat we will prepare for Jesus's coming as we focus on and explore the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

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.

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 Nov. 24 and closes Dec. 24. Begin retreat any time you choose. Four one hour spiritual directions sessions scheduled at your convenience. Spiritual Director Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling.

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

Suggested donation: \$95.00

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

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HR Activities Committee

The Activities Committee will be having a Fair "wrap up" meeting on Monday, **December 1 at 9:30 a.m.** at Nativity Hall. We will also be discussing future events and making plans to **decorate our float** for the Merrimac Santa Parade on December 7. Please come join us. All are welcome and encouraged to join the committee. We even have been known to have fun!

Look for the Holy Redeemer Activities Committee's float in **Merrimac's Santa Parade, Sunday, December 7.** Our float is decorated with the 12 Days of Christmas. The parade starts at 1:00 p.m. and is usually done around 2:00 p.m. It starts at the Sweetsir School on Church Street and ends at the Donaghue School near Locust Street. Come out and give us a big wave!

The Activities Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting our annual **Holiday Fair**. It truly is a community event. Thank you for donating! The gift baskets, baked goods, and silent auction items were all wonderful. We are especially thankful for everyone who attended! It is amazing to see so many people who return every year to start their Christmas shopping and catch up with friends, while enjoying our homemade lunch. Again, thank you all!



Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** for the month of **December**.

St. Ann's Nativity Blessing and Cookie Exchange

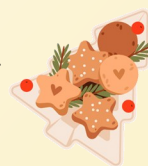
Sunday, November 30 after the 10:00 Mass



After the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 30, let's gather together outdoors around the St. Ann Nativity stable for a Nativity Blessing. The Holy Redeemer Activities Committee helped us fund the acquisition of beautiful new Mary and Joseph figures for our outdoor Nativity display. As this is our first time displaying them, a blessing is a nice way to start the Advent season!

Cookie Exchange Social

After the outdoor Nativity blessing, come inside to the warmth of St. Ann Hall for a **Cookie Exchange Social**. Bake a batch of your favorite Christmas cookies and bring them with you for all to enjoy along with coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Hopefully, we will have enough cookies that everyone can fill a container with a nice sample of home-baked deliciousness to take home. The Cookie Exchange Social is in place of the St. Ann Coffee Social in December.



Giving this Holiday Season

Pentucket Holiday Helper

We are collecting **hats, mittens, and gloves**, all sizes, for the Pentucket Holiday Helper Program. Please bring in your donations to both churches by **Sunday, December 7.**

St. Ann Giving Tree

In the spirit of Christmas, we need your help in supporting the following charitable organizations: **Pregnancy Care Center, Emmaus House, Lazarus House, and HR St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

1. Take a tag from the Giving Tree and purchase the item wished for on it.
2. Return the item(s) **unwrapped, with the tag** to the bin at the back of St. Ann, and we will deliver your gift(s) to the charity of your choice.
3. Gifts must be returned by **Sunday, December 7.**

Let's show Christ's love for those in need this Christmas. Thank you.



HR PARISH

St. Ann Church Flower Bed Thank You

The much-needed St. Ann brick flower bed work is completed and looks wonderful!

We were glad to be able to complete the work before winter weather began. The flower bed really spruces up the outside of the church.

We thank everyone for their very generous support in reaching our goal.



Before

After



Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America will be at Hildale Cemetery in Haverhill on Saturday, December 13 at 12:00 noon.

If you would like to sponsor a wreath, scan the QR code or visit wreathscrossamerica.org/MA0158P



HR St. Vincent de Paul

The beginning of the new liturgical year brings hope for new beginnings. Let's celebrate with the Church: living, feeling, praying, and feasting. Let us embrace a Catholic culture within our homes and the world, "renewing all things through Christ."



With your generous donations were able to provide 15 families with gift cards for a Thanksgiving meal this year. Thank you very much for your support!

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes in the pews 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.

HR Coffee Socials

No coffee hour at St. Ann in December. Please join us at the cookie exchange this weekend (Nov. 30).

Nativity will hold a coffee hour on Sunday, December 14 after the 8:30 Mass. All are welcome.

IC PARISH

IC Outdoor Nativity



A profound "thank you" to the generous contributions of parishioners and the handiwork of Eddie Martinez and Bud Kent, our maintenance staff. Our Nativity scene stable has taken shape and is ready for display on High Street. As you read this, you ought to be able to see the stable and life-sized statues set up.

This is a great blessing to have *for years to come*, reminding all who drive by about the true meaning of Christmas. We intend to make use of it as a teaching tool for the school students and families and the location of caroling and cocoa as we approach Christmas. Throughout Advent and Christmas, we will post reflections and information about the *creche*. We hope you take the time to contemplate God's love for us in the Christ Child as you admire it this season.

Please join us for a **Blessing of this Nativity Scene** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **December 14**. We will also follow a tradition that happens on the 3rd Sunday of Advent at the Vatican and around the world to bring in **baby Jesus figures from your home Nativity Scenes** and have them blessed as well.

Come, Lord Jesus!

IC Advent Giving Trees



Once again, the Giving Trees are set up in the vestibule with tags for gift cards. Simply take a tag and return it with your gift card to the collection boxes at the front and rear of IC Church or you may put them in the collection baskets during Mass. The need is great. Your gift cards enable us to help our neighbors in need.

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IC St Vincent de Paul Conference

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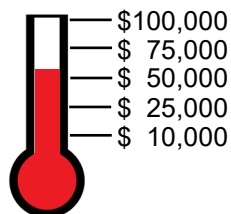
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Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

IC St. Vincent de Paul

Serving Our Neighbors in Need

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues its mission of bringing hope and assistance to those in need within our parish and community. Through your generous donations and prayers, we are able to make a real difference in people's lives.

Recently, with your support, we were able to help a single mother of three pay for much-needed car repairs—ensuring she could continue getting to work and caring for her family. We also provided food and other essentials to help them through a difficult time.

If you or someone you know is facing hardship, please reach out to us. All requests are handled with compassion and confidentiality.

Helpline: 978-518-0728 (Volunteers respond to this line 24/7.)
Donations: www.svdpnnewburyport.org or drop it in the Poor Box at the Green St. entrance of IC Church.

Your kindness and support make this work possible. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community.

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

The Immaculate Conception School annual Scholastic Book Fair was a wonderful success and a beautiful example of our Catholic school community in action. This event not only fosters a love of reading, but also strengthens the bonds between our students across grade levels.

Older students partnered with their younger schoolmates, helping them browse the Book Fair shelves and create lists of books they're interested in. These lists were then brought home for families to review together, encouraging conversations about reading and learning at home. The following day, students returned excited to purchase their chosen books.

We are grateful to our dedicated parent volunteers who helped set up the Book Fair and assisted our students at checkout. Their presence ensured a smooth and joyful experience for all.

We're also proud to share that 50% of all Book Fair proceeds go directly back to our school, allowing us to purchase new books and learning materials for our classrooms and library. Students are benefitting from the materials that were earned from last year's Book Fair, such as beginning Spanish storybooks and a lively domino game that promotes math fact fluency.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us inspire a lifelong love of reading in our children and for strengthening the spirit of community in our school.



Eighth grader Conor helps little pre-k student Mauve pick out a book.

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Knights Hospitality Sunday



Join us **Sunday, December 7, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC Parish Center for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. 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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, December 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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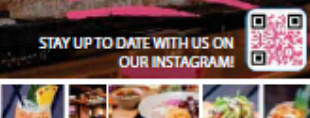
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