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# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2025

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All Are Welcome



"There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Lk 10:42

# 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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### St. Mary's Cemetery

NEWBURYPORT

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### **Immaculate Conception School**

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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 (7/19)

4:00pm IC (Fr. Stanley) 4:00pm Nativity Gary & Roberta Furth (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow) Sunday (7/20) 8:30am Nativity For the intentions of Dr. Dorothy Kardas & Carolyn Johnson (Fr. Harrison) 9:00am IC Peter Kelley (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski) 10:00am St. Ann (Fr. Stanley) 11:00am IC (Fr. Harrison) Monday (7/21) 9:00am IC Ralph A. Albano (Fr. Harrison) Tuesday (7/22) 9:00am IC Leo S. Burke (Fr. Harrison) Wednesday (7/23) 9:00am IC Gloria, Ralph F., & Ralph A. Albano (Fr. Stanley) Thursday (7/24) 9:00am IC Henry James Jr. & Margaret Powis (Fr. Morin) Friday (7/25) 9:00am IC For the needs of families (Fr. Harrison) Saturday (7/26) 4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski) 4:00pm IC John Kearney Herlihy, Michael Edward Costigan (Fr. Harrison) Sunday (7/27) 8:30am Nativity (Fr. Stanley) 9:00am IC John Vander Sande (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski) 10:00am St. Ann Ed Wallace (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

11:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember 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.

## Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #231 will be co-hosting a blood drive on **Friday, August 1** at the Elks Lodge, 25 Low St., Newburyport from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Sign-ups are on the American Red Cross website, redcrossblood.org.

# **Questions of the Week**



Adult: When do you take the time to talk to God and to listen to what He says?

**Child**: Do you have a quiet place where you can talk to God and listen to what He says?

# Celebrating Fr. Tim with a Summer BBQ



Join the celebration as we toast Fr. Tim and his upcoming (milestone) birthday with a summer BBQ on July 20 at the IC School gym.

Burgers and dogs will be served along with all the trimmings following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Don't miss the opportunity to offer our gratitude to Fr. Tim for all he has done for the Collaborative over the last 13 years as we wish him many years filled with joy.

Please, no gifts. Donations are always appreciated and may be made to St. Vincent de Paul, IC Haiti, the Pelican Intervention Fund and/or the Pastor's Charity fund.

### **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/.



# **HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program**

#### Next delivery is Wednesday, July 23



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 suspending the delivery of soups until the fall. Casseroles are still welcome!

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 (cookies, chips, candies, etc.)!

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

If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, feel free contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724.

# This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: hriccatholic.org. Monday, July 21

Vacation Bible School 9:00am–12:00noon, *Nativity Hall* AA Mtg. 10:30am, *IC St. Louis Hall* 

### Tuesday, July 22

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, *St. Ann Hall* Vacation Bible School 9:00am–12:00noon, *Nativity Hall* Breaking Bread Meal 4:45pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* 

#### Wednesday, July 23

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program 7:00–9:00am, St. Ann Hall Vacation Bible School 9:00am–12:00noon, Nativity Hall Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

#### Thursday, July 24

Vacation Bible School 9:00am–12:00noon, *Nativity Hall* Mysteries of the Rosary Video Series 9:45am, *IC St. Louis Hall* Adoration 7:00pm, *IC Church* 

### Friday, July 25

Vacation Bible School 9:00am–12:00noon, Nativity Hall Adoration 9:30am, IC Church AA Mtg. 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Saturday, July 26

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, July 27 HRIC Berry Festival 12:00noon–4:00pm, IC Church Grounds







Our summer seminarians (Kennedy, left, and Connor, right) have been not only learning about parish life but also enjoying time learning about life in the Merrimack Valley.

# The Sacrament of the Sick

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

# **Scuba Vacation Bible School**

Diving into Friendship with God Register online: www.hriccatholic.org.



### Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer

July 21–25, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Nativity Church hall Sign up on our website: hriccatholic.org

Dates: Monday–Friday, July 21–25

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon each day

**Location**: Church of the Nativity Hall; 4 Green St., Merrimac

This week of faith and fun is open to **all children** of our region ages 5–11. We also invite 12–14 year olds to attend as Junior Counselors and 15–17 year olds to attend as Counselors (both free of charge).

**Fee (for children 5–11)**: \$50 for one child; \$80 for two children; \$100 for 3+ children. **To register**, go to: www.hriccatholic.org/vacation-bible-school-2025.

Volunteers needed! Contact Jen: 978-697-1082 or Donielle: 413-668-6181 to help out.

# **Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina**

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's loving presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

# IC Haiti Collection: August 2-3

The Board of Directors for IC Haiti is sincerely grateful to Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer parishioners for your faithful support for the children of Puit Chacha, Haiti, who attend the Father Marc Piché elementary school and the secondary schools in Fond des Blancs. Social disorder continues to plague Haiti due to governmental collapse, gang violence, and economic instability. Still, both the elementary and secondary schools provide education and a safe learning environment on a daily basis.

Thank you for helping to keep hope alive for the school community of Puit Chacha. Your quarterly contributions are keeping the schools open. This is one way for us to fulfill the challenge Pope Francis offered us at the beginning of this Jubilee Year: to be Pilgrims of Hope, especially to those most in need.

Let us pray for the wellbeing of the Haitian people.

# **Collaborative Faith Formation**

#### School Year Programs (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.





Homemade biscuits and whipped cream

All Are Welcome!

# **Collaborative Pastoral Council**

We have completed our fifth full year and are seeking the names of people you think might be good candidates for this Council. We are now looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving in this capacity.

At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this way. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they fully understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the parish.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please send the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate and call the Collaborative office at 978-462-2724 **by August 15, 2025.** Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen by lot later in the summer.

# **Collaborative Ministry Fair**



The Collaborative Ministry Committee will sponsor a Ministry Fair after all Masses at IC on the weekend of September 6/7 and at HR September 13/14. On those weekends we will have tables set up after the Masses where representatives of all 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 parish halls to enjoy some refreshments and to learn more about what parish members are doing in the community and how you might become part of one or more of them. If you have any questions, please call Jim Williamson at 603-491-9916

# **Stop by for Weekly 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)

### **Mysteries of the Rosary Series**

#### The Glorious Mysteries

Thursdays (July 17-August 28) • 9:45-11:15 a.m.

IC St. Louis Hall

Join us on Thursdays at IC St. Louis Hall for a beautiful 7part video series from Paradisus Dei on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

Each episode takes us to beautiful pilgrimage sites throughout Europe (Rome, Lourdes, Fatima, etc.). We will be taken on a spiritual journey to meditate more fully on these powerful mysteries of our faith: Jesus' resurrection, Ascension, Sending of the Spirit, Assumption, and Coronation of Mary. Food and drink will be served.

Learn more or sign up on our website: hriccatholic.org/adult-faith-formation.

# women at the well

Seeking community, connection, and a way to grow closer to Christ this summer?

Women at the Well invites you to join us for a summer book discussion on *Sincerely, Stoneheart* by Emily Wilson (available in paperback, Kindle, and audiobook).

Meetings: July 24 at 7:30 p.m. and August 28 at 7:30 p.m.

ALL are welcome! Summer is the perfect time to join us.

Please email HRICWomenattheWell@gmail.com to join the email list and get more details.

# **Local Food Pantries**

**1. Amesbury Community Action Food Pantry** 44A Friend St, Amesbury, 978-388-2570 Serving: Amesbury, Merrimac, Salisbury, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury

Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (must call for an appointment)

### 2. First Parish Newbury Food Pantry

20 High Road, Newbury, 978-358-1077 Serving: Newbury, Newburyport, Byfield, West Newbury, Salisbury, Rowley, Ipswich, and Georgetown Fridays 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. for food deliveries and pick ups Donation Drop off: Thursdays 9 a.m.–3 p.m. for donations

#### 3. Merrimac Valley Mobile Food Pantry

100 E. Main St., Merrimac, 978-454-7272 Serving homebound guests in Greater Lowell who cannot go to a pantry

#### 4.Our Neighbors Table

114 Bridge St., Salisbury, 978-388-1907 Serving: Amesbury, Boxford, Byfield, Georgetown, Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury, West Newbury, and South Hampton, NH

#### 5. Salisbury Market

114 Bridge St, Salisbury, Ma.

Open Mondays & Tuesdays 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Wednesdays – curbside pickup

#### 6. Amesbury Market

194 Main St., Amesbury, (at the Jardis-Taylor Center) Thursdays 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

#### 7. Joanne's Pantry Salisbury

43 Lafayette Rd. Salisbury Salisbury residents only Wednesdays 1 p.m.–3 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

#### 8. Pettingill House Food Pantry

13 Lafayette Rd, Salisbury, 978-463-8801 Tuesdays 9 a.m.–3 p.m. and 4 p.m.–6 p.m., Wednesdays 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Donations drop off: Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

#### 9. Rowley Food Pantry

147 Main St, Rowley, 617-678-9479 Serving the residents of Rowley

Tuesdays 10 a.m.–Noon 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 5:30 p.m.–7 p.m.

#### 10. Salvation Army West Newbury Food Pantry

381 Main St., W. Newbury, 978-363-1100 ext. 134 Serving all residents in the surrounding communities 1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesdays of each month 9–10:30 a.m. Note: If Tuesday is a holiday, we will open on Wednesday

### **Bulletin Information**

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

### **Prayers for the Sick**

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

Patricia Baikewicz John Bourque Kathy P. Brodeur Michael Brenner Priscilla Brown Autumn Rose Coulombe Ward Dilmore Deb Downie Dotty Duval Ann-Margaret Ferrante John Flynn Jeanine Ebacher Fowler Renee Fowler John Gutshaw Ed Hardy Jane Harney

Chloe Hequet Loriann Herrick Emma Hurlev Armand Hyatt Carol Johnson Derek Johnson Steve Johnson Kristen D'Entremont Michael Juralewicz Arthur LaPointe Michael Lichtenstein Donna Limone Johannah Lord Monica Maguire Sia Mahalati Michael Marchese Michael Martens **Ovidio Martinez** Marjorie Ö'Callaghan Patricia Carey

**McCarthy** Carol O'Neal Eleanora Paciulan Joseph Palumbo Joanne Pesa Nancy Rose Rob Śchweizer **Regina Seely** Yvonne Sloban Gary Smith Arlene Stoddard Susan Sweeney Taylor Captain Bill Taplin Joyce Tomaselli Michael Tucker Maddie Villers Laurent Vincent Sandra Welch

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, August 7 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.

# **Congratulations to Knights** of Columbus Council #231!

Newburyport Council #231 of the Knights of Columbus was recently honored with the 100% Membership Gain Award



for the 2025 Fraternal Year. This recognition reflects our growing commitment to faith, service, and charity within the Collaborative and local community.

Catholic men 18 and older are invited to join us in our mission of brotherhood and service. То learn more, contact Joe Fernandez, Council Financial Secretary, at kofc231@outlook.com

**Immaculate Conception School** Become a Proud Sponsor of IC!

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** 

# 7th Annual **ICS Newburyport GOLF OUTING**

# **SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

**Registration at 8:00 AM** Shotgun at 9:00 AM

**Bradford Country Club** Haverhill, MA



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•Our magical IC North Pole Express—a December favorite for families near and far

A dynamic Spring Community Event

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Why sponsor?

Your partnership helps us blend tradition with innovationdelivering a faith-based, 21st-century education that empowers our students to thrive. As a sponsor, you're not just supporting events—you're investing in the future of our children and our community.

Let's build something special together!

For more information on Sponsorship Opportunities, scan the QR code or contact us at: golf@icsnewburyport.com.

# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

### **IC Offertory Collection**

IC Offertory, July 12–13	\$5,968.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 11	\$ 952.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$3,609.09</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, July 12–13	\$10,529.09
Monthly, July 12–13	<b>\$10,529.09</b> \$1,386.00

The second collection this weekend (July 20) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (July 27) is Electrical Cooling Costs

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

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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



#### IC Catholic Appeal Goal: \$59,300.00 To Date: \$46.341.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



# 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 or scan the QR code. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to

**"SVdP of Newburyport**" and drop it into the collection 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!



Kennedy was recently spotted helping cook and serve at the IC SVdP Breaking Bread Meal on Tuesday evenings

## **Immaculate Conception School**

#### Employment Opportunity

Immaculate Conception School is seeking a part-time **Admissions Coordinator** to join our vibrant community. The ideal candidate will support prospective pre-school to middle school families throughout the admissions process with warmth and professionalism. Strong communication and organizational skills are required. We are looking for a team player who can collaborate effectively with staff and faculty. A commitment to our Catholic mission and values is essential. The Admissions Coordinator position allows for flexible hours. Prior experience in schools or admissions is a plus. For more information or to express interest in this position, please contact Principal Joan Sullivan via email at jsullivan@icsnewburyport.com.

# **IC Online Giving**

To get started, register as a member of IC Parish (if you aren't already registered). Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. You can also register online.

To learn more visit our website, <u>hriccatholic.org</u> and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724.

### St. Mary's Cemetery



Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue in Newburyport. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are

faced with. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination.

Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

### **HR Offertory Collection**

HR Offertory, July 12–13	\$2,037.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 4	\$ 700.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$1,961.25</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, July 5–6	\$4,698.25
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, July 5–6</b> Monthly, July 12–13 Texas Flood Relief, July 12–13	<b>\$4,698.25</b> \$1,250.00

The second collection this weekend (July 20) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (July 27) is electrical cooling costs

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 Catholic Appeal Goal \$28,800.00 To Date \$20,335.00



Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.

### HR St. Vincent de Paul

#### More Neighbors in Need

Your generosity has allowed our conference to help these neighbors:

- "Carl" a middle-aged man lives alone in Merrimac. Unable to work because of a debilitating ailment, he lives with the help of his friends and family. You were able to pay a portion of his electric bill to avoid shut-off.
- "Arlene" lives in Merrimac public housing but had no furniture. You were able to find her a couch at a regional resource for people with furniture needs.
- "Bill" is retired and lives in a shared apartment in West Newbury. He has limited income. He has had two heart procedures recently and was in danger of losing his supplemental medical insurance to cover what Medicare did not. You were able to pay a portion of this premium so he kept his coverage.

Without help from you, these neighbors in need would not have the basic comforts of life that we take for granted. We hope that by sharing these stories you realize just how directly your donations help those in our communities.

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Our donor envelopes are now located on the table in the backs of St. Ann and Nativity churches. This cuts down the clutter in our pews! These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes shown here. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to <u>HR</u> St. Vincent de Paul



### **HR Activities Committee News**

Volunteers for Our Gardens

Our church yards are coming into bloom! The Activities Committee has filled the church yards with beautiful budding pots and flowers. We think it makes Nativity and St. Ann churches look so beautiful—a Parish family that is alive and welcoming! Perhaps a place where someone would like to attend. *Please*, **take a moment and sign up in the back of the church**, to help for ONE week this summer with watering and a little weeding. Our Parish family needs your help. Please lend a hand and volunteer for your Parish family. Thank you.

#### 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 personally invite you.

# Follow Us on Instagram



### **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.

### Communion to the Homebound

If you are a Holy Redeemer parishioner who is homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis, we would like to offer you the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. Please let us know. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-346-8604 to schedule a visit.

### Save Your Baskets for the 2025 Holiday Fair

We are looking for baskets for the "Basket Table," for next year's Holiday Fair. Please leave any baskets in the back of either church and we will recycle them for next year's fair.

Also, we like to use  $1\frac{1}{2} - 2$ " wired ribbon for our bows if you have any extras.

# **HR Online Giving**

It's convenient and safe. To learn more about online giving (one-time or recurring donation options available), visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724.



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