

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

**SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY**

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 10, 2021**

**[hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org)**



*“For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.  
All things are possible for God.”*

(Mk 10:27)

*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

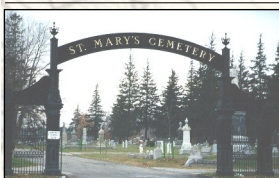
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (10/9)

4:00pm **IC** *Jeffrey Thurlow Kimball* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

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

### Sunday (10/10)

8:30am **Nativity** *John R. Minihan* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

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

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

11:30am **IC** *Mary & Robert Merrill, Robert Filomia* (Fr. Stanley)

### Monday (10/11)

9:00am **IC** *Mrs. Magdalena Javor* (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Tuesday (10/12)

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

### Wednesday (10/13)

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

### Thursday (10/14)

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

### Friday (10/15)

9:00am **IC** *Florence R. Boschetti* (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (10/16)

4:00pm **IC** *Anna Grazia Carozza, Annelene Gainer Cody Cash Espinoza, David Esquivel* (Fr. Morin)

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

### Sunday (10/17)

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

9:00am **IC** *Elaine Leporiere, Sandy Lambert* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Dennis C. Radulski, Theron Dunning, and all the faithful departed.

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*


**Facebook** **Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through** [Facebook: \(Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes\)](#)

## Columbus Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, October 11 for the Columbus Day holiday. Offices will open on Tuesday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m.

## Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org). Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.

 (The free App "**Laudate**" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

## Collaborative Pastoral Council

### Invitation to Participate in the Collaborative Pastoral Council Meetings

In 2019 a Pastoral Council was formed in our Collaborative to assist the Pastor in his responsibilities as the leader of the Collaborative. They serve in a consultative role and there are members from both of our parishes. They have been meeting virtually on Zoom since mid-March of 2020 and are now meeting in person in the nicer weather, once a month, on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m.** in St. Louis Hall at IC. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council, you can reach out to Jim at [Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](mailto:Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com).

### HRIC Pastoral Council Members 2021–2022

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Ann Jarocyk  
Jim Williamson  
Jonathan Temple  
Robert Postle  
Lucia Parker  
Carol Robertson  
Pat Temple  
Chris Eagan

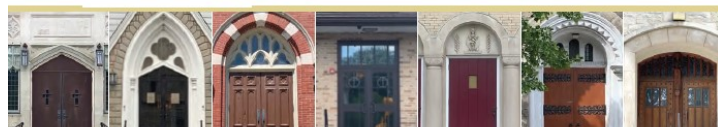
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Steve DiCamillo  
Sue Coppinger  
Paula Higgins  
**Ex-Officio**  
Fr. Tim Harrison  
Deacon Paul Dow  
Deacon John Moranski  
Aaron Giard



### CELEBRATION OF THE PRIESTHOOD



More than 5,000 people have already viewed this virtual program highlighting the impact priests have on our parishes, families, and communities. To watch now, click or scan the QR code!



## Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. [www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.**

You can also tune in to the Knights of Columbus live rosary on Facebook on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. and Fridays at 8:30 a.m. [www.facebook.com/kofc231](http://www.facebook.com/kofc231).

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, October 11 Collaborative Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, October 12**

**Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal** 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

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

**Wednesday, October 13**

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

**Thursday, October 14**

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

**Friday, October 15**

**AA Meeting** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Saturday, October 16**

**Pastoral Council Meeting** 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

**Knights of Columbus Evening of Renewal** 5:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room/IC Church

**Sunday, October 17**

**RCIA** 9:00am, IC Parish Center, Room G19

**IC Faith Formation** 10:00am, IC Parish Center

**Baptisms** 1:30pm, IC Church

**IC Confirmation Prep, Year 2** 3:30pm, 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.*

### Prayers for the Sick

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

Dan Bedard

Priscilla Brown

Fr. Drew Christianson

Charmaine Haan

Hillar Haan

Bridie Hubley

Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer

Rob Schweitzer

Mary Shachok

Ruth Sullivan

Ron Sylvester

Michael Tucker

### Update Your Collaborative Registration Information

The Pastoral Council has been working on upgrading the software used by the Collaborative which will allow better communication to parishioners through email, voicemail, and text. We will be testing the new software in the coming weeks. As we iron out any "bugs" in the system, you may get more than one message from Fr. Tim depending upon the contact preferences you established when you registered with the parish. Once you receive the message or messages, please contact the office to update your preferences for future contact.

We look forward to using this new system to advise of Mass schedule changes, meeting cancellations due to weather, and other important Collaborative-wide communications. Thank you for your patience as we work through the launch of this new system.

### women at the well

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Seeking a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

**Welcome to Women at the Well:** A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community!

Starting October 18 we will begin a new Bible Study from Walking With Purpose, *Opening Your Heart!* We invite all women, no matter where you may be in your relationship with Christ to come join us. We can't wait to meet you!

*We meet every Monday starting October 18 at 6:30 p.m. If you can't make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.*

In-person: Pastoral Center at Immaculate Conception.  
Zoom: Email [hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com](mailto:hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com) for the link.

### Sharing Reflections of Our COVID Journey

#### Memorializing the pandemic experience at HRIC

For many people, journaling has become a regular and positive element in healing. Reflecting on joys and fears through the written word enhances our ability to reconcile their impact on our outlook and our lives.

Members of our Collaborative have experienced a wide range of emotions during the COVID 19 pandemic—some profoundly sad through the loss of a loved one; loss of employment; remote education; and the inability to celebrate graduations, weddings, proms and family events. Others have experienced some surprisingly positive occurrences—increased family contact through "Zoom" and "Facetime," a slower pace to day to day life, a more intense prayer life, and many examples of humanity at its best.

Perhaps memorializing YOUR experiences throughout the pandemic will assist your reflections and encourage your children to express their impressions, fears, and feelings.

If so, we invite you and your family to share your stories, anonymously if you prefer, on a single page and email it to [ourcovidjourney@gmail.com](mailto:ourcovidjourney@gmail.com) by October 30. No access to the internet? You may mail your story to the Collaborative offices and mark the envelope "COVID Memorial Project."

The stories will be compiled into a memorial book to be shared among our three Collaborative churches during the month of November as we pray for all souls. An enlightening history of parishioners' observations to be circulated in subsequent years as a way to remember this unprecedented event in our lives.

Sharing stories brings us together as a community as we learn from one another's life experiences. We hope you will share yours.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Facebook Mass

To watch our Saturday 4:00 p.m. live-stream Mass:

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hricatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet using the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.



## ENGAGE & FORMED

We have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at [flocknote.com/hricollaborative](http://flocknote.com/hricollaborative) or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit ([formed.org](http://formed.org)), click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.



**Reaching the hearts of middle-school aged girls with the love of Christ and the truths of our Catholic faith!**

BLAZE is an answer to the prayers so many parents have for their daughters. Girls are bombarded with lies which attack their identity, their relationships, their body image, and above all, their relationship with God. BLAZE beautifully balances the everyday struggles of being a middle school girl with the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ. The mission of BLAZE is to use Scripture to speak truth into the hearts of young girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth, beauty, and identity.

Starting **October 21st at 6:30PM**, and on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30PM following, we will meet in the Youth Ministry Room of the Pastoral Center at Immaculate Conception Parish in Newburyport.

Please join us *any* third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM. If you have any questions, please email [hricblaze@gmail.com](mailto:hricblaze@gmail.com).

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## It's Cori Time

2022 CORI forms are now available. Remember that all Collaborative volunteers, new and returning, are required to fill out a CORI form every year.

There are CORI forms in all the churches' Sacristies. Please have any Clergy verify your ID. You may also come by any of the Collaborative offices in Newburyport during business hours to submit your CORI forms. Thank you for your attention to this very important task.

ALL SAINTS DAY FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER 31 AT IC

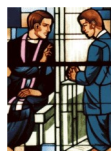
ALL COLLABORATIVE FAMILIES WELCOME!



Faith Formation is hosting an **All Saints Day festival**. Let's celebrate our "hallowed" friends and patrons in Heaven with music, saint skits, treats/candy, and more. If you want, dress up as your favorite saint and join us. All are welcome!

**When:** October 31 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC Church  
**Where:** IC Parish Center, Newburyport

## Confessions



We now offer Saturday afternoon confessions from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church. No appointment necessary. These will be held in the main body of the church at the discretion of the priest.

Confessions continue to be available at other times and places during the week by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, please contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

## Like Us on Facebook

[Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)



## The God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called *The God Minute*. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free.

Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. [www.thegodminute.org](http://www.thegodminute.org)

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## A Consecration to Mary

Sign up for a 33-Day Mini Retreat and Consecration to Mary  
**Orientation Session: Sunday, October 31 at 12:30**

Knights of Columbus invite men and women to set aside 15 minutes for 33 days to read 1½ pages of inspired writings from 4 Saints (Louis de Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe, Mother Teresa, and JP II ) each of whom had deep devotion to Mary. The mini retreat requires no written homework. Participants will be encouraged to reflect on suggested focus questions and share aloud their insights at peer-directed large-group meetings.

This retreat ends with a Consecration Rite on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mary's womb brought Jesus as a gift to the world 2000 years ago. Mary's fullness of grace brings Jesus as an Advent gift to us in 2021. Now is the favorable time! Sign-up!

### What You Need to Know:

**Place:** IC Church for all events

**Dates:** Orientation/Book/Handouts on Sunday, Oct. 31 at 12:30–1:00 p.m.

Talks and large-group sessions on Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, and Dec. 1

**Times:** 7:00–8:00 p.m.

**Speakers:** Mary Schmidt, Chris Eagan, Claudia Rocha

**Text:** 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Michael Gaitley  
 MIC—free copy with sign-up from [kofc231@gmail.com](mailto:kofc231@gmail.com).



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with fundamental needs such as grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, etc., please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteers would love to give you a call to chat or send you a note. We know that this is a difficult period for everyone, particularly to those who live alone. Let us help brighten your day! If you would be interested in receiving a call or note, please call the HRIC offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 (ext. 1000) and leave your name, address, and phone number and we will reach out to you.

## Ecumenical Taizé

All are invited to attend the upcoming ecumenical candlelight Taizé meditation service at Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St., Groveland, on Sunday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. This month's theme is peace and tolerance. We gather as night falls in the beautiful candlelit sanctuary to listen to God's word, offer petitions, sing simple refrains, and experience an extended period of silence. Why not give yourself the gift of peace in God's loving presence!

## Turkey Classic

Join the Knights of Columbus Council 231 for a fun-filled day of golfing while raising money for charity. Proceeds go to local families in need on Thanksgiving. For more information, to register, to donate, or to sponsor call Matt Blanchette: 978-697-5135.

**Date:** Saturday, November 6

**Place:** Apple Hill Golf Club, East Kingston, NH

## Portsmouth Abbey School

As a Benedictine boarding and day school for grades 9–12, we embrace the Catholic faith while nurturing reverence for God and the human person, love of learning, and commitment to community life.

Attend our in-person **Open House** on Saturday, October 16 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

- Meet our Headmaster
- Tour the campus with our students
- Attend classes and meet our faculty

Register at <https://www.portsmouthabbey.org/apply/open-house>

## Acoustic Cocktails

For More Info:  
 Matt Blanchette  
 978.697.5135

### Dinner & Show

A fundraiser presented by KofC Council 231  
[bit.ly/acoustictails](http://bit.ly/acoustictails)



- Tuesday 10/12/21
- \$25 per person (must buy in advance)
- Elks Function Hall
- 5pm Cocktail Hour
- 6pm Dinner
- 6:30-8:30 Music

*women of the week*

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Oct. 2–3	\$1,097.00
Holy Father/Missionary Efforts, Oct. 2–3	\$ 367.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Oct. 1	\$1,132.00
Catholic Appeal	\$18,565.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 10) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 17) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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

## HR Online Giving

HR provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the “Links” tab, then “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

The HR SVdP conference continues to assist clients with utility and insurance bills. We also provide help with rent payments and gas and Market Basket cards.

You will now find addressed SVdP envelopes in the pews at both churches. Please place donations into the envelopes and either mail or place the envelopes in the collection. You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

Thank you for remembering and helping those in need.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to  
 HR SVdP, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

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## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** How do you feel about your possessions? Have they become very important to you? Would you be willing to sell some of them in order to help the poor?



**Child:** How do you feel about the things that you possess? Is it easy or hard for you to give up clothing or toys that you no longer use in order to help someone else?

## HR Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation).

Faith Formation classes will be starting soon for all grades. If you have not yet registered your family, class schedules and registration forms can be found on the parish website at [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

### School Year Programs

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda at [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda at [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

### Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

### Confirmation

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

## Merrimac Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Merrimac Public Library will hold a Book Sale on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in the Library activity room. Books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles will be available. Donations will be accepted until October 14. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday preceding the sale. Please sign up at the Library front desk. Proceeds sponsor Library programs for all ages, purchase passes to museums, some magazine subscriptions, and support the library as needed.

## HR Prayer Shawl



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please give their name to Helen [hvktax@aol.com](mailto:hvktax@aol.com) or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be

helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

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## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Oct. 2-3	\$5,629.00
Holy Father/Missionary Efforts, Oct. 2-3	\$ 844.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Oct. 1	\$3,569.00
Catholic Appeal	\$50,275.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 10) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 17) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to

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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).

## 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.

To donate, visit our website and donate online at [www.svdpnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnewburyport.org), drop your donation (checks payable to "SVdP of Newburyport.") into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

### Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Tuesday evenings **takeout only meals** 4:30-5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

## Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community is pleased to offer a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted if you wish to do that. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

## SVdP Bundle Sunday

Bundle up your old clothes and bring them to church! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is providing an opportunity to donate all the clothes and shoes that you no longer want or need. Clothes for every season and all sizes can be donated. No toys or household items can be accepted. A truck from St. Vincent de Paul will be parked behind the school in the IC parking lot on Saturday, October 23 and Sunday, October 24. Bring your clothing bundles to the truck anytime during the day on Saturday or when you come to Mass on Sunday. Receipts will be available. Thank you for helping us to help others!



## Immaculate Conception School



There is so much to be grateful for at Immaculate Conception School!

Two successful fundraisers have already been held—the 3rd Annual Golf Outing and the FUN RUN. The Golf Outing was held on September 27 at Renaissance Golf Club in Haverhill.

Close to 80 golfers and an additional 70 dinner guests came together for an enjoyable day. New this year was the addition of children at the casual dinner which really added a fun energy to the event.

The FUN RUN was held on the school campus on September 30. The day included games and exercise challenges led by our 8th grade students, pictured.



IC 8TH GRADE STUDENTS HOST THE 2021 FUN RUN!



They cheered on their schoolmates and awarded each a gold medal in ceremonial fashion. Fundraising is done online which allows families to seek donations from family and friends from afar. To date we have raised over \$25,000 for this event!

We hosted our annual High School Fair on September 28. Twenty-seven private and Catholic high schools, day schools, and boarding schools from the northeast gathered in our gymnasium to offer admissions materials to our middle school students. It was quite a reunion of sorts as the admissions representatives from the attending schools had not been to an in-person event in two years due to the pandemic. They were excited to see each other and were grateful that we invited them for an in-person fair.

Our Cross County Team ran in their first meet in two years on September 30. Held at Maudslay State Park in Newburyport, three other area middle schools joined the IC for the first competition in two years. The IC Cross County Team has 27 runners from 6th-8th grade. The Boys' Team finished 3rd and the Girls' Team finished 1st! There are several more meets planned that will challenge the runners and provide an important team experience for our students.

Go Pelicans!

## 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."**

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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## IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation).

Faith Formation classes will be starting soon for all grades. If you have not yet registered your family, class schedules and registration forms can be found on the parish website at [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

### School Year Programs

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda at [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

### Confirmation

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

### Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda at [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

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### Adoration



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## IC Online Giving

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Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

## Knights of Columbus



The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, October 12** at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, and a detailed schedule, contact us at [kofc231@outlook.com](mailto:kofc231@outlook.com).

## Jesus' Invitation: Watch & Pray

After the Passover meal commemorating the Exodus, Jesus invited Peter, James, and John to watch and pray at Gethsemane as a vigil of His pending death. Similarly, when we fear a pending danger—medical surgery, a serious discernment issue, financial or relational crisis—Adoration replicates Jesus' vigil to watch and pray in the dusky sacred silence of evening Adoration before the real presence of Jesus in the Monstrance. Allow that holy hour to reveal the state of your heart, revive interior trust, and awaken ardor, worship, and praise!

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