

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021

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



*“Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;  
whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.  
For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

(Mk 10:43-45)

*All Are Welcome*





# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

*“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”*

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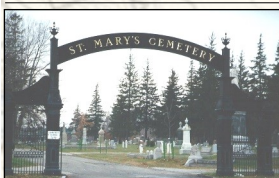
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (10/16)

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

4:00pm **St. Ann** *Kimberley Ann O'Hara, Jean Basque* (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** *John Popovich, Stanley Baikewicz, John Baikewicz* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

### Monday (10/18)

9:00am **IC** *Mr. & Mrs. Jan Javor* (Fr. Harrison)

### Tuesday (10/19)

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

### Wednesday (10/20)

9:00am **IC** *Robert Cynewski, Frances Reslewic* (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Thursday (10/21)

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

### Friday (10/22)

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

### Saturday (10/23)

4:00pm **IC** *Anita & Francis Babineau, Frances Reslewic, Ethyl Hopkins, Theresa Stone, Nashea Falcon* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

### Sunday (10/24)

8:30am **Nativity** *Jennie & Alden Johnson* (Fr. McLaughlin)

9:00am **IC** *Mary Hughes Grabowski, Milton & Eleanor Hughes, Michael Hughes, Warren Manter* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

10:00am **St. Ann** *James "Jim" McCobb* (Fr. Stanley)

11:30am **IC** *Grace Moran* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Rose-Marie Stukas, Geraldine Madigan Dorr, and all the faithful departed.

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

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

## 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.

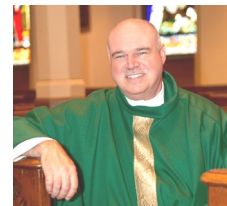
Confessions continue to be available at other times and places during the week by appointment only.

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

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

These days, it is hard to deal with anything related to technology without also attending to cybersecurity. Everything needs a password... substantial ones at that! Encryption is necessary. Two-factor authentication is a must. Biometrics: fingerprint, face-recognition and even iris-scanning have been imbedded into everyday devices like our cell phones. VPN's are de-rigueur. Multiple forms of backups, including using the Cloud, are essential. All this, to avoid being "hacked" and having your data held for ransom by cybercriminals who will demand payment to release your precious electrons. Nothing can shut down operations quicker than being locked out of your own computers!



When faced with such a calamity and because of the extreme complexities involved, many cities, towns, hospitals, corporations, and businesses have chosen to pay the cash ransom, as it is often cheaper and easier than trying to fight back against this kind of crime. The criminals have become savvy, too, not charging "unreasonable" amounts for ransom and being careful, once paid, to actually release their victims' data, lest their somewhat-unsullied "reputations" be tarnished. There is nothing so unreliable as an unreliable criminal, I guess!

The whole idea of paying a ransom to release something or someone of value is not new. There are many stories going back into antiquity of famous people being held for ransom—perhaps Julius Caesar the most noteworthy. Whether you are dealing with a brutal kidnapping or a vicious cyberattack, the most frustrating thing with paying a ransom, is that it is often the only way to secure a safe release of the item or person in question. Wars can be waged, special forces can be unleashed upon our enemies, counterterrorism, and our own cyber warfare capabilities can hit back against such injustice. But it is often the reality that it is cheaper, more cost-effective, and just plain safer to simply pay the ransom and hope for the best. The practical is sometimes clothed in the apparent defeat.

But enter the realm of the divine, and the scales of justice change. When God is offended by a sinful humanity, we incur a debt that no human being nor our race as a whole—left to ourselves—could ever pay back. The ransom we would have to pay, to return our fallen humanity back to its created State of Grace that existed before the Fall, is, simply, infinite. Offend an infinite deity, merit an infinitely-high ransom to be released from the clutches of sin and death.

Now God never really put it that way to us lowly humans, but our philosophers and theologians over the centuries

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## Bulletin Information

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



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

### Monday, October 18

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

Women at the Well Meeting 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

### Tuesday, October 19

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

HR Confirmation Prep, Year 2 6:45pm, Nativity Hall

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

### Wednesday, October 20

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

New Hope Family Support Group 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Thursday, October 21

Blaze Middle School Ministry 6:30pm, IC Youth Ministry Room

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Laudato Si Series Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Friday, October 22

Adoration 9:30am IC Church

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

### Saturday, October 23

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

### Sunday, October 24

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

IC Faith Formation 10:00am, IC Parish Center

IC Confirmation Prep, Year 1 3:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

## World Mission Sunday

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. 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.

## 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 Christiansen

Charmaine Haan

Hillar Haan

Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer

Rob Schweitzer

Mary Shachok

Ruth Sullivan

Ron Sylvester

Michael Tucker

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have used this “ransomware” calculation to help us understand what Jesus did for us by His death on the Cross. His “payment” for our sins was of ultimate and infinite value because, a). He is God (infinite) and b). He never sinned (thus, He is doing this completely altruistically—all for us and not for Himself in any way.) So, Jesus’ sacrifice was the one ransom that could be paid for us to find forgiveness for our sins and have the hope of eternal life restored.

And the sole motive for God doing this is: love. Recall the slogan seen at practically any football game when fans raise a sign in the stadium with this reference, “John 3:16,” which is, “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*” God paid the ransom for us. Looked at in this light, only God could afford to pay such a lofty sum. As a Christian Church, you might think that we should be eternally shamed by the need for God to have intervened on our behalf, and yet, even the shame of our having had our sins forgiven is wiped away in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, on our holiest night of the year, we even dare to refer to our gift of salvation thusly:

*This is the night,  
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose  
victorious from the underworld.*

*O wonder of your humble care for us!  
O love, O charity beyond all telling,  
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!*

*O truly necessary sin of Adam,  
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!*

*O happy fault  
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!*

(from the **Exultet** at the Easter Vigil celebration)

It is only to underscore and place extra emphasis on just how amazing and gracious God is, that we ever call our sin, “necessary,” or our fault, “happy.” What God has given us in Jesus Christ goes beyond the beyond. Superlatives at this point all fail at describing God’s love and kindness towards us. An immeasurable ransom has been paid, and there is nothing but joy and peace that follows. Even our regret is swept away by the sheer excellence of our redemption. God is just too good!

So, our Scriptures this weekend speak of Jesus coming to serve the Will of God and to give His life as ransom for the many. Thus, God was well-pleased in His faithful and selfless service.

In gratitude then, we are called to imitate Christ’s loving example of mercy, forgiveness, and compassion knowing that while our own meager efforts at holiness will never approach that of our Savior, the very act of trying brings joy to God who has first loved us. So let us give it our best effort, confident in God’s love for us.

Oh, and by the way...back up your computer every once in a while. The cyber criminals aren’t so gracious as our Lord, or as forgiving!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

# 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/hriccatholic/>) 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/hriccollaborative](http://flocknote.com/hriccollaborative) 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.



ALL SAINTS DAY FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER 31 AT IC



ALL COLLABORATIVE FAMILIES WELCOME!



## 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.

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### 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).

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

## Sharing Reflections of Our COVID Journey

### Memorializing the pandemic experience at HRIC

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.

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 Internet access? 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 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.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## A Consecration to Mary

### The Magnetic Power of Mary the Mother of God

Mary attracted the Trinity: The Creator Father gave her flesh and a pure soul, the Holy Spirit overshadowed her virginally as her Spouse, and Jesus was the fruit of Mary's flesh and blood, nurture and presence! Mary's magnetic power is always personal. Allow her intimacy with the Trinity to draw you into her power field of unparalleled grace, blessing and stewardship.

Fifteen parishioners have signed up for the Consecration to Mary! It's not too late to get your free copy of *33 Days to Morning Glory* at [kofc231@gmail.com](mailto:kofc231@gmail.com) and feel the magnetic attraction to the woman we can all call Mother.

**Place and Time:** IC Church from 7:00–8:00 p.m.  
**Orientation Date:** **Sunday, Oct. 31, 12:30–1:00 p.m.**  
for session goals and handouts  
**Session Dates:** Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, and Dec. 1  
**Consecration Date:** Wednesday, Dec. 8

## 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



## 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/](https://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](https://www.facebook.com/kofc231).



*All about Recycling  
+ Rail Trail Garden!*

### Join us for this month's Laudato Si Series events

The Laudato Si Series at Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative brings our community together in hope, faith, and action through a series of inspiring conversations led by local experts and projects all rooted in Pope Francis' second encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*. We hope this series will be immensely hopeful and inspiring. It is open to all ages and all faiths.

Join us for this month's discussion all about recycling with local expert Molly Ettenborough. This is a critical issue for our environment. Come learn and be inspired.

**When:** October 21 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport

**What:** Molly Ettenborough presentation and discussion about all things recycling.

**We will also be breaking ground on a Laudato Si garden on the Newburyport Rail Trail on Saturday 10/23. Grab your gardening gloves and dig in with us! Sign up for all the details at [bit.ly/laudato-si-nbpt](https://bit.ly/laudato-si-nbpt)**

## 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.

## Face Masks Recommended

After consultation with local doctors, nurses, and members of our Pastoral Council, at this time I am **recommending** that all parishioners age 5 and above wear face masks at all indoor liturgies. Although this is not a mandate, I am requesting this out of an abundance of caution for our most vulnerable parishioners due to the rise of the COVID-19 variants in our area and beyond. It is possible that we will receive additional guidance from the Archdiocese or State that may indicate further action in the weeks ahead, however, I ask for your cooperation and patience as we continue to navigate these uncertain circumstances. Thank you for the generous and loving way that you care for all who come to us for prayer and the sacraments.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Oct. 9–10	\$2,264.00
Monthly, Oct. 9–10	\$1,779.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Oct. 8	\$1,290.00
Catholic Appeal	\$18,565.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 17) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next Sunday (Oct. 24) is World Mission Sunday. **See page 4 for details.**


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).

## 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.)

## 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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## 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

## 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 have started 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, November 14 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).

## 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.

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** What determines how you act towards others? Who are you willing to help?



**Child:** Who are some of the people that you like to help? Are there people that you do not like to do things for? Why?

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## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Oct. 9–10	\$3,441.00
Monthly, Oct. 9–10	\$ 879.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Oct. 8	\$1,676.00
Catholic Appeal	\$50,275.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 17) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next Sunday (Oct. 24) is World Mission Sunday. See page 4 for details.

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.

You can visit our website and donate online at [www.svdpnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnewburyport.org), or 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



The pandemic has challenged educators to provide children with an education in a safe environment, exposing the capacities of school systems to flex to a new normal. More than ever, parents are questioning school choice and want to know about the options available for their children. Catholic schools were especially nimble at responding to the pandemic, keeping their doors open while large public school districts took months to figure it out. Immaculate Conception School will be part of a new educational series created by the public television show *Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid* which will feature private elementary and secondary schools. Last week the IC was visited by a film crew from *Viewpoint* who spent the day filming our students and faculty. The final tv segment will be a 5–6 minute documentary that will be televised nationally starting in January.

It is an absolute honor to be chosen to represent the Catholic elementary school voice. The IC will own all the footage captured during filming to use for marketing purposes. *Viewpoint* will provide an adapted version of the final documentary that is edited specifically for our school website. Additional soundbites and shorter film segments will add to our marketing message.

As you can imagine, the IC community invested a great deal of time and energy in preparing for last week's filming. The school looked beautiful thanks to our entire team! Individual interviews with a cross section of school community members contributed to the message we shared about the benefits of a faith-based education. We can't wait to see the final cut and hope that families across the country will look at Catholic schools as a worthy alternative for their children.



*Pictured:  
Sixth grader  
Anthony Davis  
prepares for  
his interview  
with the  
Viewpoint  
crew.*

## 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.



## IC PARISH

### 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 have started 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 on Sunday, November 14 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).

### Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser of 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. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

### The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website at [tcfnewburyport.org](http://tcfnewburyport.org).

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **October 25**. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions at [barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com).

## COLLAORATIVE NEWS

### 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.

### 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 presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

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