

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019



“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.” (2Thes 2:16-17)

All Are Welcome

Immaculate Conception Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 16
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

IC School Gym
1 Washington Street, Newburyport

Crafters showcasing Christmas
items and more.

Purchase a 50-50 raffle ticket
Winner need not be present to win.

Visit the raffle table and
take a chance on a variety
of prizes.

Visit Grandma's Attic to find
that "almost new" treasure.

Come early for coffee and donuts then enjoy a
cup of fish chowder for lunch.

Visit the bake sale/candies table for dessert.

Everyone is welcome. *Admission is free.*
Invite your friends and neighbors.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/9)

4:00pm **IC Carmella Herlihy, Peg Marsh**
(Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (11/10)

7:15am **IC Mary Reilly** (Fr. Morin)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC Bryan Corbett, Joan Jarman, Kathleen "Pat" Fern** (Fr. Morin)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC Andrew Filomia** (Fr. O'Brien and Deacon Paul)

Monday (11/11)

9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (11/12)

7:15am **IC Raymond & Hilda Hartnett, Lenny Currier, Regina M. Stronge, PFC Joseph Francis Boschetti** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (11/13)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (11/14)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (11/15)

9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (11/16)

4:00pm **IC Mass of Remembrance**
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann The LeBlanc, Saulnier, Boudreau & Melanson Families** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (11/17)

7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge** (Fr. Harrison)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

9:00am **IC Peg Marsh, Linda Causey**
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

10:15am **St. Ann Maureen Heaton** (Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC Paul F. Doyle, Elena Previte, For the intentions of those recently married** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Dr. Arthur Hewett, Jr., James F. Haydock, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Veterans Day

The Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, November 12 at 8:00 .am.

Parish Membership

Welcome! We are pleased you joined us today and we invite you to become a member of our Parish communities. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 to register.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

An inappropriate question.

Try this, just for fun: Take out your smart phone or calculator or turn on a computer and try dividing 1 by 0. Most of us will get a polite, "Not a Number" or "Error" message. I remember a math class from grammar school many years ago when the teacher responded to my pleas of why can't you divide 1 by 0 by telling me that it was an inappropriate question. As a child, I sat there, stunned as if I had done or said something wrong. What my teacher had probably meant was that I was entering a very theoretical area of mathematics which was way above my grade level at the time. I guess that kind of question is best left for those at M.I.T. and CalTech to ponder, I suppose. But the rebuke stuck with me. Inappropriate question...hmmf...it seemed perfectly appropriate to me at the time, or so I wondered. A quick check of Wikipedia today underlines the problem, however: If you had 10 cookies and divided them among 5 people, everyone would get two cookies. Similarly, if you had 10 cookies that were divided among 10 people, everyone would get 1 each. But if you had 10 cookies divided by 0 people, this causes a problem; there is no way to divide 10 cookies by nobody. Hence it is an inappropriate question.... Nobody gets the cookies! A sad day, indeed!

In the Gospel, Jesus is approached by a group of the Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead and concoct this crazy story of some poor woman marrying and losing 7 husbands, all brothers, one after another, having children from none of them, and then she finally dies. And they wonder whose wife will she be in heaven, if there is such a place? Thinking they had stumped Jesus with this "proof" that there couldn't be an afterlife otherwise all sorts of contradictions would present themselves, Jesus simply dismisses their query as an "inappropriate question" as those in Heaven are neither married nor given in marriage.

For those who have lost a spouse, this isn't to say that you

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November: Month of the Holy Souls

"The Souls of the Just Are in the Hand of God" (Wisdom 3:1)

Come for a consoling 90 minutes, rich in Church teaching and prayer on behalf of our beloved dead. Using Scripture, CCC, Apostles Creed, and Catholic authors, learn profound prayer models to honor the Holy Souls and to uncover their spiritual attribute and to consult our genealogies for healing our family trees.

Date: Sunday, November 10

Time: 2:00–3:30pm

Location: St. Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

Speaker: Fr. George Morin *The Last Things*

Speaker: Mrs. Lisa Powis *Personal Reflection & Genealogy*

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, November 11, Veteran's Day, Offices Closed

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 10:00–1:00, 5:00–8:00
Nativity Hall

Oberammergau Pilgrimage Mass/Meeting 6:30pm, IC St James
Chapel/St. Louis Hall

Tuesday, November 12

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 10:00–1:00, 5:00–8:00
Nativity Hall

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, November 13

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

IC Christmas Fair Workshop 9:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 10:00–1:00, 5:00–8:00
Nativity Hall

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, November 14

Reunion Prayer Group 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 10:00–1:00, 5:00–8:00
Nativity Hall

Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Faith Formation Advisory Group Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth
Library

Reunion Prayer Group 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Friday, November 15

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 10:00–1:00, 5:00–8:00
Nativity Hall

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

Saturday, November 16

Cursillo Group Reunion 8:00am, St. Ann Church

IC Christmas Fair 9:00am–2:00pm, IC School Gym

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 12:30–3:30 Nativity Hall

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Sunday, November 17

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

IC Faith Formation 10:00am, IC Parish Center

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 10:00am, St. Ann Church

HR Faith Formation, Grade 2 11:45am, Nativity Church

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 12:30–3:30 Nativity Hall

IC Faith Formation, Confirmation 1 1:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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won't see your husband or wife again, or that you wouldn't be able to be with them, but it underscores that the nature of eternal life with God will be so far beyond the limitations of this world that our simple human conventions, such as marriage (as awesome as that may be in the very best of circumstances), will simply not apply to the life of Heaven. In eternity, every human desire, longing and hope will be completely fulfilled by God directly. There will be no need to see any of these needs fulfilled, even partially, through a mutual partnership with another human being. God will satisfy all of this directly. Thus eschatological calculations of "whose wife will she be..." simply miss the point of what God is inviting us to in our longing for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Human thoughts and ideas, no matter how grand or well-intentioned, will always fall short of the glory that God has prepared for those who love Him. This should give us great courage when facing the many questions and challenges of this present life. No matter how confounding or unsolvable our mere human quandaries are at any given moment, God has already figured them out, solved them, healed them, completed them and has moved on to invite us to things that are beyond our limited imaginations. Even the loss of our limbs and human faculties will be effortlessly restored in the life to come by the One who loves us completely.

This weekend, with powerful testimony about eternal life from the Maccabees and from Jesus Himself, may we open our hearts to the things of Heaven and draw strength from the One who saves and calls all to newness of life.

Fall Blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Mass Scripture Readings

November 10–17, 2019

All of us are encouraged to start or end our day praying with the Scriptures. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Nov. 10: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 17; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38
- Monday, Nov. 11: Wisdom 1:1-7; Psalm 139; Luke 17:1-6
- Tuesday, Nov. 12: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Psalm 34; Luke 17:7-10
- Wednesday, Nov. 13: Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalm 82; Luke 17:11-19
- Thursday, Nov. 14: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Psalm 119; Luke 17:20-25
- Friday, Nov. 15: Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 19; Luke 17:26-37
- Saturday, Nov 16: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Psalm 105; Luke 18:1-8
- Sunday, Nov. 17: Malachi 3:19-20a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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- Click "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) and tap "next"
- Add your name and email and click "sign up"
- You will receive an email that links you to the site

Ballot Question Signatures

Please help in the effort to end taxpayer funding of abortion in Massachusetts

After Masses this weekend, there will be volunteers gathering signatures in support of a future ballot question that would allow MA citizens to vote on whether to use tax monies to pay for abortion services. This question is strictly about funding; it will not change the legal status of abortion in the Commonwealth.

Cursillo and Ultreya

The Cursillo weekend is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love into your daily life. Many of your HRIC brothers and sisters have experienced this "short course in Christianity" at St. Basil's Salvatorian Center in Methuen, MA and we invite you to include Cursillo as part of your faith journey.

Each month, we gather for an "Ultreya" (onward!) evening of Liturgy, sharing, food, and fellowship at 6:30pm in St. James Chapel and IC Charity Dining Room to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. For more information, contact Dave & Kelly Colby.

Cursillo weekends 2019–2020

December 5	Men
January 9	Women
February 6	Men
March 5	Women
April 2	Men
April 30	Women
June 4	Women

Ultreya Evenings

December 6	March 27
January 3	April 24
January 31	May 29
February 28	

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New England Tenors

Save the Date: December 1, 2:00 p.m.



The New England Tenors will be performing an Advent/ Christmas Concert at Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport.

Tickets: adults: \$20 per person. Under 12 years: \$12 per person. Tickets are available from any IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul member or at the door the day of the show.

Complimentary refreshments will be available in the IC School cafeteria at the show's intermission.

{Sponsored by the IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul}

Centering Prayer

If you are searching for the peace the world cannot give please consider joining us at Centering Prayer. Daily periods of silent prayer shift focus from self to God. As God becomes the center of our being the vicissitudes and storms of life affect us less. Consider leaving the noise of the world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evenings, 6:00–7:00 p.m. in IC Conference Room 209. Following Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina enriches and instructs us as we listen to and reflect on the words of scripture. Contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 if you are interested in learning more or joining us.

Questions of the Week

Adult: What will you do each day this week so that your life will be a reflection of God?



Child: Name one way that you will act like Jesus each day this week.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

IC PARISH



Immaculate Conception School

EARLY ED FAIR

Meet our pre-k and kindergarten teachers!

Thursday, November 14 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Newburyport City Hall



DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW at the IC!

Immaculate Conception School is an affordable, private, Catholic elementary school (pre-k to eighth grade) achieving academic excellence in a faith-based environment, preparing young people for success in the 21st century.

OPEN HOUSE (9 - 11 am)

November 19 • December 12 • January 7 & 16
Sunday, January 26 (1-2 pm Catholic Schools Week)

PRIVATE TOUR

Call Kelley Pappalardo (978) 465 - 7780 for a private tour

One Washington Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 • icsnewburyport.com

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

School year programs for all grade levels are underway. If you have not yet registered your child/ren, it is not too late. Forms can be found on our website (hricatholic.org) or call the Faith Formation office to request one.

The next Faith Formation class for Grades K–8 at IC will be on Sunday, November 17.

Confirmation

The next Confirmation Prep class for **Year 1** (Grade 9) will be held on Sunday, November 17 from 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Class for **Year 2** (Grade 10) is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3 from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate to class.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, December 1** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on December 8.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist


Sacramental Prep classes are underway for those children anticipating the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Parent meetings will be held prior to each sacrament. The first meeting for parents and children to attend prior to Reconciliation is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 11** at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars now. Our group Reconciliation service here at IC is planned for **Saturday, December 14** at 11:00 a.m. More information will be made available in the weeks ahead.

Children's Mass Is Back!

As a part of our K–8 Faith Formation program, we will be re-introducing the Children's Mass at the **9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, November 17**. Children's Masses will occur whenever there is K–8 Grade Faith Formation at the Parish (typically twice a month). They will include kid-friendly music from the Children's Choir, an opportunity to sit on the altar steps during the kid-friendly homily and opportunities for them to serve as gift bearers and ushers. Please also consider bringing a canned-food good for your child to bring to the altar as donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society during the Offertory.

Free Hair Cuts

 Donna Koen, a 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. 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.

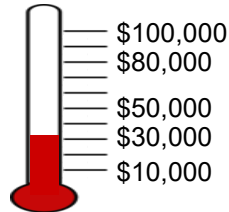
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, November 2-3 \$11,533.00
 All Saints, November 1 \$ 1,338.00

The second collection **this** weekend is the Monthly. The second collection **next** weekend is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

IC Grand Annual
 Goal \$100,000
 To Date \$31,153.00



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection \$ 2.00
 Poor Box \$375.00
 Total \$377.00

November: A Time to Remember the Faithful Departed



As has been our custom at Immaculate Conception Parish for many years, we continue this year inviting parishioners to bring a small picture of their deceased loved one and place it on the side altar near our Baptismal Font

as a way to remember those who have gone before us into the mystery of death and our great hope of being with them again in the resurrection. There is also a place to write their name in the Book of the Names of the Dead. We will keep these in place throughout the weekends in November. Parishioners are asked to retrieve their pictures after Thanksgiving weekend.

The Mass of Remembrance will be on Saturday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at (978) 572-0231, membership@kofc231.org.

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, November 12** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

IC Christmas Fair

Less than one week away!

November 16, 9:00-2:00, IC School Gym



All are invited to attend. Crafts, fun, and food. (Come early for coffee and donuts then enjoy a cup of fish chowder for lunch!)

Any last minute **crafters?** All interested **crafters/sewers/knitters/etc.**, please contact Melinda for information or to

sign up..

Any last-minute **bakers?** Interested bakers contact Betty.

Any last-minute items for our Grandma's Attic or Christmas table? Contact Christine.

Wanted: Cooks

The St. Vincent de Paul dinner held each Tuesday at the IC Parish Center is in need of help for one evening each month. The team of two chefs would be assisted by experienced volunteers helping prepare the meal in the Parish Center kitchen. We are a welcoming group! Please visit our kitchen and observe the process of preparing and serving a free meal to a group of appreciative guests. We gather late afternoon on Tuesdays and serve at 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810.

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IC Knitting Ministry



The Knitting Ministry meets Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves for charity. Come join this friendly group. New people, ideas, and patterns are always welcome.

For more information call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

Adoration & Rosary

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in IC's St. James Chapel in the Parish Center.

- **Wednesdays** from 6:00-6:30 p.m.
 - **Thursdays** from 6:30-7:00 p.m., including recitation of the Rosary for Life.
 - **Fridays** drop in any time from 8:00 a.m.-noon. During the last hour we pray the Divine Mercy chaplet and conclude with Benediction.
- No prior experience necessary. Come and learn how powerful it is to pray before the Real Presence of our Lord.

IC PARISH

Immaculate Conception School



The Immaculate Conception School Cross Country Team finished the 2019 season with a bang! Forty-seven 6th–8th grade runners contributed to another historic year, under the direction of coaches Meaghan King, Maggie Furneaux, and Ted Jones. The girl's varsity team won the Catholic School Meet at Bishop Fenwick High School for the third year in a row, and placed second at the Jim Munn Middle School Invitational in Gloucester.



Eighth grader Nicolette Licare, pictured, won both meets and set new course records, as well. The boy's varsity team was hampered by injuries all season, requiring 6th grade runners Liam Hoffman and Gregory D'Ambrosio to run at the varsity level. They stepped up to the challenge all season and respectfully placed 6th and 7th at the Catholic League Meet. They are pictured below with the coaches.

Equally as impressive were the Junior Varsity Girls who placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th at the Catholic League Meet. The girls ran at the MA State Cross Country Meet this past Thursday, with our no. 2 runner Blake Parker leading our team!

The outstanding performances of both the girls and boys JV and Varsity teams throughout the season are reflective of each runner's dedication to pursuing a personal best at every practice and meet. We congratulate all the IC runners and thank each of them for their contribution to a very memorable year!



IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "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, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.



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HR HOLIDAY FAIR

*The Holiday Fair Is Saturday,
November 23,
Always the Saturday Before
Thanksgiving.*



Gift Basket Donations Wanted



We ask all to help support the fair with a donated themed gift basket filled with treasures.

Our experience shows that \$20.00 baskets sell best. No need to overstuff your donation.

Silent Auction Donations

We are looking for silent auction donations. If you have any questions about our silent auction please call Carole Sokolowski 978-346-9031.

Nearly New Items Needed

Your nearly new items are needed for the fair. Items may be left in the backs of both churches or dropped off during dropoff times. Any questions, call Stefania Zak: 508-284-1631 or MaryEllen LaPointe: 978-590-5359.

Fair Invitations and Raffle Tickets

The Activities Committee has sent out an invitation to attend this year's Fair to all our registered parishioners. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact Linda Temple, our administrative assistant, 978-462-2724 (ext. 7404) to be included.

Our invitation also included 3 sheets of raffle tickets. The committee hopes that you will support the raffle and buy some tickets **and ask your family and friends to buy some also! Winners receive cash prizes.**

Raffle stubs may be mailed back in the supplied envelope or brought to Mass. Activities members will be selling raffle tickets before and after masses starting November 9. Any questions or need for raffle tickets please call Dorine Gorski 978-346-9788.

Fair Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets

Signup sheets for helping at this year's fair will be available in the backs of both churches and classroom areas for students, parents, and parishioners who are looking to support our Parish Fair. Any questions, please call Cindy Quinn: 978-346-0072. Many hands are needed for the success of this parish fundraiser.

We are looking for **door greeters, raffle ticket sales, basket carriers, lunchtime wait staff, and more.**

If you are interested in helping out in one of these positions during the fair and have any questions, please contact Cindy: 978-346-0072. This is a great service hours idea.

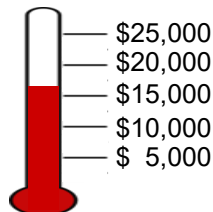
HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, November 2–3 \$3,273.00
 All Saints, November 1 \$ 599.00

The second collection **this** weekend is the Monthly.

HR Grand Annual
 Goal \$25,000
 To Date \$15,413.00



Fair Donation Dropoff Times

Drop off fair donations at these times:

Saturday (Nov 16) & Sundays (Nov. 10 & 17) 12:30–3:30
Mon.–Fri. (Nov 11–15, & 18–22) 10:00–1:00 & 5:00–8:00
Fri. (Nov. 22, day before Fair) 10:00–8:30

Donated baskets and other items may be brought to Nativity Hall **starting Sunday, November 10.**

The Activities Committee will start to organize the hall during the 2 weeks prior to the fair. The hall will be opened at various times. These times will be posted on the glass doors. **Please** consider stopping in and helping at drop off.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

This year our Conference will be delivering all the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner to 15 families in Merrimac and West Newbury. This would not be possible without your monetary help. Thank you to all.

Thus far, our Walk for the Poor donations have totaled more than \$3,200. Money is still coming in and we hope to replenish our treasury. Last year we raised over \$20,000 and used all of it to help our clients in need. Any donations are appreciated and put to good use.

If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul to help expedite our banking.

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming part of a wonderful organization, contact Dave Olds.

Cookies for Okinawa



We will be sending your homemade Christmas cookies to the marines stationed in Okinawa this year for Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please package 12 cookies in each quart-size Ziploc bag and label the cookie type.

We will also package up any Christmas cards or notes of good cheer you may want to send along.

Cookie and card donations will be collected on Sunday, December 8. They will be packaged Sunday afternoon to be mailed Monday morning. Donations for postage would be appreciated!

HR Faith Formation

School Year Programs

School year programs for all grades are underway. If you have yet to register your child/ren it is not too late. Forms can be found on our website (hriccatholic.org) or call the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420) to request one be forwarded to you.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Sacramental Prep classes for those children anticipating the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have begun.

Parent meetings will be held prior to each sacrament. Please note the meeting for both parents and children regarding Reconciliation is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 28** at 6:30. The sacrament will be celebrated at the Church of the Nativity on **Saturday, February 1**. More information will be distributed as the date gets closer but please mark your calendars now.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, December 1** at 1:00 p.m. in the Charity Dining Room located in the IC Pastoral Center.

Confirmation Prep Classes

Year 1 (Grade 9) classes have begun. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19 in the Nativity Church beginning at 6:30 (6:30–8:00 p.m.).

Year 2 (Grade 10) class is also underway. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 from 6–7:30 p.m. in the Nativity Church Hall. Registration forms can be brought to class if you have not yet registered. Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate.

HR Sandwich Program

The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in Lawrence. **150 sandwiches are needed each day as well as large containers of coffee, adobo, and minced garlic.** Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury, from 7:00–9:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.



The next sandwich delivery date is Wednesday, **November 13**. **Also, we will be doing our regular delivery on Wednesday, November 27** for all who are able to help.

We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag.

See the Collaborative calendar at www.hriccatholic.org for the schedule. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.