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COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

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

**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 29, 2020**

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*O LORD, you are our father;  
we are the clay and you the potter:  
we are all the work of your hands.*

(Is 64:7)

*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

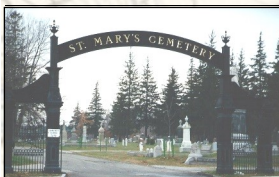
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (11/28)

4:00pm **IC** *Connie Bucci, Sally Ann Casey*  
(Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Live Stream** *Maureen & Roland Waddell*  
(Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (11/29)

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

9:30pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** *Jack Burrell, Ron Pagliarulo, Alan Chu*  
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

### Monday (11/30)

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

### Tuesday (12/1)

9:00am **IC** *Emily & Debbie Fitzgerald*

### Wednesday (12/2)

9:00am **IC** *For the intentions of Donna Sylvester*

### Thursday (12/3)

8:00am **IC** *Helen Ebacher*

### Friday (12/4)

9:00am **IC**

### Saturday (12/5)

4:00pm **IC** *Stephen M. Boy, Linda Finnegan,*  
*Donna Cook, Josephine Minalio*

4:00pm **Live Stream**

### Sunday (12/6)

8:00am **Nativity**

9:00am **IC**

9:30pm **St. Ann**

11:30am **IC**

In your prayers, please remember Dianne Lucey, Mildred Musumeci, Joyce Curtin, and all the faithful departed.

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

**Saturday Live-Stream Vigil Masses are broadcast online through [Facebook](#).**

 Find us on Facebook: [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)

## 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  
Brett Burkinshaw  
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer  
Ruth Sullivan  
Ron Sylvester  
Michael Tucker

## Bulletin Information

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

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I don't know about you these days, but I spend a fair amount of time watching and waiting. Every morning, I scan the newspaper for the daily virus cases and death count. I keep waiting for some positive trends, as we saw for a brief period of time this summer, to return. I scan the financial reports, hoping for some positive signs that our economy is improving, realizing that so much of it is way beyond my ability to analyze. I watch over some Church-related news blogs, just, you know, to keep up on what's going on. I scan the weather reports wondering if it will be hot or cold, rainy or snowy...if for no other reason than to choose what jacket to wear on my way out the door. I scan my calendar, looking ahead to what Masses and events I will be involved with in the coming hours and days, and what I might need to do to prepare for them. I occasionally check my bank account, just to make sure I haven't missed any bills or to see if there is any money there. I scan the headlines of social and online news media looking for...what? Some signs of hope? A good heart-warming story to brighten my day? A cute dog or cat video? (Full disclosure: they are far more amusing than I care to admit to!) Sometimes, I just pause, wherever I am, to just look around and see what I can see.



This weekend our Church once again begins yet another new liturgical year and cycle of readings, watching and waiting for the return of the Lord Jesus, as He promised. We don't know a great deal about exactly what that will look like, only that there will be no question about what is happening when it does. We do know, however, that the Lord will come at a time and hour when we do not expect it. So the only reasonable and prudent approach to living our lives is to be watchful and ready at all times. We may not get an advance email or tweet telling us that He's here, but hopefully we will be (mostly) prepared to welcome the Lord when He comes.

So what, exactly does that mean? I think it has to do with having things in order, ready to go. If you are cooking a meal, having all the ingredients laid out in their correct measurements and easily at hand will make the meal come out so much easier and quicker. If you have to go rummaging through the cabinets and fridge looking for every item when you need it, things will get cold or burn or dry out while you are searching for the next thing. An Advent question is: how are things laid out in my life? Is there order or chaos? Can I easily access the things that I need to serve the Lord, or am I constantly finding myself struggling to locate them when they are called for?

Many years ago, I attended a golf school up in Vermont with some friends. For several days, I took lessons from a golf pro on all of the finer aspects of the game—how to properly grip the club, how to select which iron to use, how to correct a slice and even how to get out of a sand trap (a very useful skill that I would come to rely on!). One of the lessons that really stuck with me, however, was the

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concept of always playing what he called, "Ready Golf." In other words, to always be thinking ahead to what comes next, to be always ready to hit your ball when it is your turn so that nobody has to wait for you and to already have the next iron or putter you might need with you when you are on the fairway, so that you don't have to waste time going back and forth to your bag. To play "Ready Golf," required a mindset that was alert and aware of what was happening around you on the course. It forced you to think about the other players and what they might be doing, or even thinking, so that you could be ready and poised for your next move. Sometimes the mental energy of awareness was more taxing than the physical effort of hitting the ball and moving about the course. So many moving parts!

If we are living our Faith with this same kind of alertness, then it means we are actively watching and responding to many things that are moving around us. While we can all feel very caged-in these days with so many restrictions from the pandemic, that doesn't mean we can't be attentive to those who are in our social bubble or cohort, or that there may well be times when we are called to move about in relationship or connection to others. Charity begins at home, but it never stops there.

So, what to do this Advent? First, I would suggest that you think about now how you want to celebrate Christmas. Will you attend Mass through our live-streamed celebration online, or will you plan to attend one of our live, in-person celebrations in our churches? Although plans can always change, make a plan and work the rest of the holiday celebration around it. This way, you have made the Lord number one in your priorities for the holidays.

Secondly, consider how you might help others who are in need. The Christmas collection at Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (and the mailed-in envelopes associated with it) are reserved to help the sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese. Over the years, these funds have been used to care for priests like Fr. Broderick, Fr. Sherry, Fr. Piché, Fr. Mason, Fr. Leonard, Fr. Bérubé, and now Fr. George, Fr. Bill, and Fr. Charley. Your generosity at Christmas will greatly help to further this care to those who are presently in need. Think about our local charities, especially the local chapters of the St. Vincent de Paul Society whose members regularly help the needy in our own communities. Consider making a gift to the Pelican Fund that supports those in long-term, 12-step recovery programs. Look to supporting the many community-based programs that seek to alleviate hunger locally. Also

### Little Blue Books



We are not able to distribute *Little Books* this Advent/Christmas season as a result of COVID restrictions.

You can order *Little Blue Books* for the Advent/Christmas season directly from the website at [littlebooks.org](http://littlebooks.org). They are \$4/copy + shipping.

You can also get all the seasonal books on the *Little Books* app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to [littlebooks.org/app](http://littlebooks.org/app).

remember our brothers and sisters in Haiti through the IC Haiti educational program in Puit Cha Cha. These are but a few ways to reach out and offer care beyond ourselves through awareness of the needs of others.

Finally, order your day with prayer. Attend Daily Mass if you are able. Set aside some time for personal prayer. Read from the Bible each day, even if it is a short passage or part of a Psalm. Explore the lives of the saints. The Church's calendar is full of many feast days and celebrations. Learn more about why each of these holy men and women left a lasting mark on the Church and world by how they lived out their Faith. Join us for a moment of quiet prayer in the church through the scheduled times for Adoration. Get involved with one of our online programs: Engage, Word on Fire, and Formed among others. Our bulletin (printed or online) is full of ideas and opportunities.

When we are actively thinking about the things of God, when we are consciously involved in ordering our lives around the presence of God, when we are fully engaged in being about the work that God would have us do...we will be more ready and alert to meet the Lord when He does come, whether that be through a chance encounter with a stranger in the supermarket parking lot or at the end of time with His Second Coming. We don't want to miss it or find ourselves caught unaware....

This Advent, let us keep scanning and searching, until the hope that we long for is truly and finally fulfilled.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



### Christmas Mass Volunteers Needed

We would like to offer additional Mass times on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for those who wish to attend Mass. We are in need of volunteers to accomplish this.

If you are able to help out at any of our three sites as a greeter, cleaner/sanitizer, Eucharistic Minister, or lector, please contact one of the volunteers listed below to learn how you can help. Thank you.

If you are able to help at HR Masses, please contact Sue Noyes [susanjnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:susanjnoyes@gmail.com) to learn more.

If you are able to help at IC Masses, please contact Kathie Williamson [kathie108a@gmail.com](mailto:kathie108a@gmail.com) or 978-992-6450.

### Register to Attend Mass

To register to attend an in-person Mass celebrated in our Collaborative, go to the "Attend a Mass" section on our website: [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) to link to the signup page. At this time **a reservation is required to attend** a live Mass for capacity limits and contact tracing purposes.

Call the offices at (978) 462-2724 for IC or (978) 346-8604 for HR if you have questions or need assistance making a reservation.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Scripture Readings

November 29–December 6, 2020

Praying with the Scriptures during the Advent season is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Christmas. The daily readings capture a sense of hope-filled longing and patient anticipation for God to send the world a Savior. What do they reveal about our vocation as Christians and as a Church community to become ever more hopeful and patient disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ? Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to [www.HRICatholic.org](http://www.HRICatholic.org) and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Nov. 29: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37
- Monday, Nov. 30: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
- Tuesday, Dec. 1: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
- Wednesday, Dec. 2: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
- Thursday, Dec. 3: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- Friday, Dec. 4: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
- Saturday, Dec. 5: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday, Dec. 6: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

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



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## The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund offers hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury. If you have any questions contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit [www.pelicaninterventionfund.org](http://www.pelicaninterventionfund.org) to learn more.

## Word On Fire Engage

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Our Collaborative parishes have access to the premium digital video content from Word on Fire, a service known as ENGAGE. Everyone in our Collaborative will benefit from this year-long

subscription through the generosity of an anonymous donor.

The films and video presentations that make up ENGAGE feature Bishop Robert Barron, “one of the Church’s greatest messengers” and the second most-followed Catholic in the world on social media (behind only Pope Francis.) For many of our older parishioners, a comparison to Bishop Fulton Sheen helps to underscore the giftedness of Bishop Barron as an effective communicator of the Gospel and our Catholic faith.

**You and everyone in our Collaborative now have free access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library.** You can watch any of Bishop Barron’s films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

To access the resources of Word on Fire’s ENGAGE, please register at [flocknote.com/hriccollaborative](http://flocknote.com/hriccollaborative) or by texting **HRIC** to **84576**. Once you register, you will have access to ENGAGE.

We are excited to bring ENGAGE to your attention. Along with **FORMED** ([formed.org](http://formed.org)), we now 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.

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** As you begin to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, are you doing all that you can to be prepared for when He comes again?

**Child:** What are some things you can do to stay ready for when Jesus comes again?

## Women at the Well Bible Study

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## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Confessions

We are offering face-to-face, individual Confessions by appointment only. These will take place with one of our priests and will be held outside in the fresh air. The weather must be amenable for the appointment; both priest and penitent **must wear a face mask** and practice proper social-distancing during the Confession.

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

### Centering Prayer and 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. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God's words as we continue by reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina.

For the next 30 minutes we listen to God's words, ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now, and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God.

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Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.



## IC PARISH

### IC St. Vincent de Paul



The Immaculate Conception, Society of St. Vincent DePaul **needs your help.**

First and foremost, we pray that you and your family are healthy and safe during these challenging times.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Immaculate Conception Conference, had to **cancel two major fundraising events** (the Walk for the Poor and New England Tenors Holiday Concert) due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. In lieu of these two events we are reaching out to our parish family and benefactors asking that you consider **donating to SVdP**. Any amount you can contribute will help us to continue helping the needy in our area.

We have recently launched our new website: [www.svdnewburyport.org](http://www.svdnewburyport.org) where you can make your donation online and we are also sending letters to all previous donors asking for your help at this time.

We continue to serve our weekly meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at 4:30 p. m. at the entrance to the parish center. All are welcome!

If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are still ready to assist.

If you choose to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "SVdP of Newburyport." You may drop it into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 or use our **Newly established** website and donate online at [www.svdnewburyport.org](http://www.svdnewburyport.org).

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!

### SVdP Christmas Tags

IC SVdP is collecting for those in need this Christmas. Please remember to pick up a tag from the trees by the front doors when you exit Mass. We would like to ask everyone to be safe and if they touch a tag, please take that tag. "Help us to help others"

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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.) 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 or the Online Giving link on our homepage, 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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## 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.”**

We are grateful for your continued generosity during the pandemic. May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti.

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## Christmas Volunteers



We are in need of additional **Greeters and Cleaning volunteers** in the church for the fast approaching holiday season.

If you can assist IC in continuing to be able to have “in-person Masses” please contact Kathie Williamson at [kathie108a@gmail.com](mailto:kathie108a@gmail.com) or 978-992-6450.

Greeters need to arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass time to check people in and perhaps take temperatures (if we are still in the Red Zone).

## St. Mary’s Cemetery Price Increase

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary’s Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. **Effective December 1,** prices will increase. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.





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## IC PARISH



### IC Boy Scouts

Newburyport Scout Troop 21 held a food drive at Plum Island Airport on Saturday, October 24, which benefited the Pettengill House food pantry. On behalf of Scoutmasters Len Wallace and Dr. Michelle LaFlamme and Newburyport Troop 21 Joint Units, we wish to thank our amazing and generous community for the numerous food and nonfood donations and additional monetary gifts for this very important and worthy local cause!

We also wish to thank Troop 21 Committee member Rob Ciampitti for the leadership in organizing this Troop 21 Food Drive event, and of course to all the parents and scouts who participated in making our Troop 21 Food Drive a great success for our dear friends at The Pettengill House Food Pantry!

In all, Troop 21 collected \$560 in cash, \$600 in \$50 Market Basket gift cards and over 3,000 pounds of food donations.

Again, thank you for supporting our local scouts and needy families!



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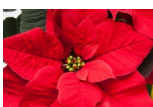
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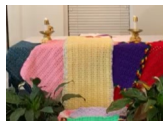


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### HR Prayer Shawl

Thank you for taking the time to pass on the names of our parish family members who could use some comfort from a prayer shawl. Keep the requests coming! It can be for anyone, anywhere—there is no cost, it is free.



We would like to drop off prayer shawls or lap blankets to anyone you know who needs comfort in our Holy Redeemer Parish family. So, if you know of anyone, 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.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Nov. 20 \$1,282.00

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**Holy Redeemer Parish**  
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## HR Sandwich Program



Since we are still unable to bring food to the Good Shepherd Center at this time. Please be aware that Lazarus House is looking for \$25.00 Market Basket gift cards to share with the Project Bethlehem families. If you are interested, please mail the cards to Lazarus House Ministries, c/o Monique Morimoto, PO Box 408, Lawrence MA 01842.

## Looking for Volunteers

We are in need of **greeters, cleaning volunteers, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers** for the churches for the fast-approaching Christmas season.



If you would like to assist HR please contact Sue Noyes [susanjnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:susanjnoyes@gmail.com) to learn more.

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## HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your generosity and willingness to help those in need during these difficult times. We provided Market Basket gift cards to ensure that our clients had a Thanksgiving dinner. We also have ongoing requests for help with rent and utilities. Please consider donating and making a difference. All donations are used to benefit people living in West Newbury and Merrimac.

Checks can be made out to Holy Redeemer St. Vincent de Paul and mailed to



**HR SVdP**  
4 Green Street  
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## Holy Redeemer Christmas Giving 2020

As with all things this year, our gift giving will be different. Thank you to all who are able to help this year.

- We will be doing online ordering for **Emmaus House**. Go to Target.com, then gift registry. First name: Emmaus, last name: inc. There will be items of different values. There will also be a shipping fee. Items will be sent directly to Emmaus House.

- **Pregnancy Care**: disposable diapers (sizes 3,4,5,6), hooded towels & washcloths, baby & receiving blankets, baby wipes & diaper rash cream, blanket sleepers & onesies sizes NB–24 mos., new outfits size 0–24 mos., baby wash & lotion, & baby food (stages 1,2,3). Please call Dottie Carr (978-363-2909) to arrange for drop off by December 6.

- **St. Vincent de Paul** is asking for monetary donations, which may be left in the metal boxes at the doors of the churches. Please make checks out to HR St. Vincent de Paul.

- **Merrimac Holiday Helpers** is looking for children's pajamas for boys & girls ages 0–18, with the greatest need for elementary-aged children. These need to be received by **December 5**. There will be a drop off box at the Merrimac Fire station.

- We have added a West Newbury project to our list this year. **Fostering Care** seeks to help children in foster care and their foster families by providing basic necessities and personal care items. Help by putting together a backpack for a child. Only new-with-tags items please. All items should be packed into a new backpack. Label the bag as to gender, size, and season either with a note tucked in the pocket, a piece of tape, or tie a note to the top handle. There is a drop box at The Big Scoop at Long Hill Farm, West Newbury. Items needed:

*Infant–size 3:*

*Clothing:* pajamas, 2 pairs of socks, diapers

*Toiletries:* baby wipes, tear-free body wash, fluoride-free toothpaste and toothbrush, baby hairbrush or comb

*Other Items:* baby bottle, pacifier, crib- or lap-size blanket, small stuffed animal, board book

*Sizes 4–9:*

*Clothing:* Pajamas, 2 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of underwear

*Toiletries:* body wash or soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrush, hairbrush or comb

*Other Items:* blanket, small stuffed animal, small activity such as a coloring book, puzzle, Legos, etc., age-appropriate book

*Sizes 10–18:*

Same as above with the addition of deodorant and feminine hygiene products.

Gift cards to CVS, Target, Walmart, and Amazon are always welcome. Whenever possible, we include gift cards in the teen backpacks.

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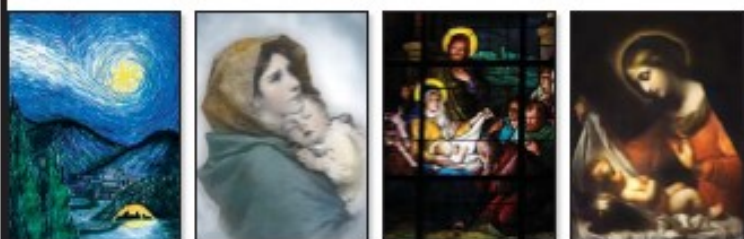
  
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