

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

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

**Christmas / The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

**December 25, 26 2021**



*“For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonder-Counselor,  
God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.”*

(Is 9:5)

*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

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985  
Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985  
**Phone: 978-346-8604**  
Email: [info@hricatholic.org](mailto:info@hricatholic.org)

## Nativity

Parish offices and church:  
4 Green St., Merrimac 01860  
Office Hours: By appointment  
**Phone: 978-346-8604**  
Email: [info@hricatholic.org](mailto:info@hricatholic.org)

## Immaculate Conception

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42 Green St., Newburyport 01950  
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## Weekly Mass Schedule

### Saturdays

4:00pm Immaculate Conception, Newburyport  
4:00pm Holy Redeemer (This Mass alternates monthly between Nativity and St. Ann. See the website calendar at [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) for dates.)

### Sundays

8:00am Nativity, Merrimac  
9:00am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport  
10:00am St. Ann, West Newbury  
11:30am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport  
(Summer: 11:00am Memorial Day–Labor Day)

### Monday–Friday Daily Mass

9:00am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

### Confessions

Saturdays 3:00–3:30pm, IC Church, or by appointment

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St. Ann, W. Newbury   Nativity, Merrimac   IC, Newburyport

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[Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception  
Collaborative Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Redeemer-Immaculate-Conception-Collaborative-Parishes)

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

- Friday (12/24) Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**  
 3:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)  
 3:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 5:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
 5:00pm **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 6:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
- Saturday (12/25) Christmas Day**  
 8:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 10:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
- Sunday (12/26)**  
 8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 9:00am **IC** *William A. Smith, Jr.* (Fr. Harrison)  
 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 11:30am **IC** *Fr. William O'Connell* (Fr. Stanley)
- Monday (12/27)**  
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
- Tuesday (12/28)**  
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
- Wednesday (12/29)**  
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
- Thursday (12/30)**  
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
- Friday (12/31) New Year's Eve**  
 9:00am **IC** *Jack Gorski* (Fr. Harrison)
- Saturday (1/1) Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**  
 10:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
- Vigil of Epiphany**  
 4:00pm **IC** *John & Carmella Herlihy, John & Katherine Kelley* (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
- Sunday (1/2)**  
 8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)  
 9:00am **IC** *Mary Francis Weiner* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)  
 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Roger J. Cyr, Joan M. Johnson, and all the faithful departed.

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

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

## 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.

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

There are few events, if any, that cause more joy in this world than the birth of a child. Hard-fought graduations, Marriage, long-overdue family reunions, against-all-odds reconciliations, a triumph over a life-threatening disease, a soldier coming home from afar... all these conspire to compete with the simple unadulterated joy of a newborn taking their first blinking look-around of our troubled world. Yet, a baby embodies hope and unlimited potential in a way for us that nothing else can. A birth is a fresh start, a new beginning and the promise of unmerited love.

All this and more we celebrate this weekend, as we mark the great feasts of Christmas and the Holy Family in our Church. While much of the secular world will become drunk and dizzy from unbridled commercialism, here in the Church we refuse to yield this awesome celebration of God's pure gift of love. Rather, we embrace its earthiness and relish the fragility of God's singular initiative to redeem our wounded human race from its slavery to sin and death. The Incarnation, if nothing else, is God giving all of us a "do-over," a chance to eternally benefit from one human life lived perfectly, honestly, and selflessly. That God would give us His only begotten Son, knowing everything that we

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## Face Masks Required



The Archdiocese of Boston is requiring all parishioners attending any indoor liturgy to wear a face mask for the duration of the service. This applies to Christmas and weekend Masses as well as Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, and any indoor prayer services. This requirement will be in place until

at least January 17. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Face masks will be available at the doors of all of our churches in case any parishioner needs one.



## January 1 Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Join us for Mass:

10:00am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

*Note: the Saturday evening Masses at IC and Nativity are the vigil Masses for Sunday, January 2 (Epiphany), not for the Holy Day.*

## Welcome! We're Glad You're Here

Merry Christmas! Our bulletin highlights many happenings in the Collaborative. There are a variety of activities for all interests. Come, join us. All are welcome!



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, December 27**

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

**Women at the Well Mtg.** 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

**Compassionate Friends** 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

**Tuesday, December 28**

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

**Wednesday, December 29**

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

**Thursday, December 30**

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

**Friday, December 31**

**Collaborative offices close at 12:00noon**

**Saturday, January 1**

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

To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

## Holy Communion in the Hand

One COVID-related restriction we are still being asked to do by the Archdiocese is to *receive Holy Communion only in the hand*.

Those distributing Communion on the tongue would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to. So at this time everyone is being asked to only receive Communion in the hand. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

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would do to Him—the misunderstanding, jealousy, hatred, rejection, torture, revilement, betrayal, and crucifixion—is a reminder to us all that in sending Jesus, God held nothing back in His love for us. God's plan of salvation is complete in Jesus Christ.

So we are festive this day, basking in the glory that God has showered upon our world in Christ. For any one of us who has ever been wounded by sin, has ever been crushed by the sins of another, who has ever suffered pain and despair, a longing for something better and a deeper meaning from what might seem like a futile existence... Christmas means true hope and lasting peace. For any one of us who has ever felt the sting of rejection or the rebuke of being misunderstood, for any who have been inhumanly judged, misjudged and prejudged, for any who have been cast away from all that is familiar, evicted and ejected, made homeless in a cold and uncaring world...Christmas means the promise of a new and lasting home where there is freedom to live life to its fullest, unencumbered by the past. For any one of us who have struggled with cancer and disease, battled addiction and dependency, longed for an inner wholeness that is only a dream...Christmas means that true healing will be made real for all.

The promise of Christmas is: finally...at last...we will have a right-relationship with God and with one another that will persist far longer than our few tepid efforts to make it so seem to convey. It will be real, permanent, and eternal. In Christ, we can have confidence that peace will truly be ours.

Just as a newborn child turns any household upside down and rearranges even the most well-planned home life, so will this gift of Jesus Christ wonderfully transform our hearts and re-order our world if we open ourselves to the reality of His love. This weekend and always, may we relish the many ways that God has first loved us in Christ and ready ourselves for all that this precious gift will bring to bear among our family and friends, wider community and world. It is and will be pure joy!

Merry Christmas to all!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



### New Hope Family Support Group

First & Third Wednesday of every month



For More Info:

Corey Beaver

781.854.2541

3foldrecovery@gmail



HOSTED BY *Corey Beaver*  
INTERVENTIONIST & RECOVERY COACH

## Help Wanted

**Bookkeeper/administrative Assistant (Full Time)**  
**Immaculate Conception Parish**

Immaculate Conception Parish is looking for a full-time bookkeeper/administrative assistant.

The position provides financial and administrative support services for: Immaculate Conception Parish and School, Holy Redeemer Parish, and St. Mary's Cemetery. This support includes accounts payable, payroll, deposits, and other revenue as well as maintaining records of all parishioner revenue including offertory/tithing.

This is a full-time position with benefits. Work schedule is 30 hours per week in a church office environment.

To learn more, visit our website, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org), or to apply, email a cover letter and resume to [dlamalfa@hricatholic.org](mailto:dlamalfa@hricatholic.org). References required.

## 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  
Jerry Mullen  
Vincent Oberhofer

Maureen Russell  
Rob Schweitzer  
Mary Shachok  
Ruth Sullivan  
Ron Sylvester  
Michael Tucker  
Jim Williamson

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## New Year's Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close on Friday, December 31 at 12:00 noon for New' Year's Eve. Offices will reopen on Monday, January 3, at 9:00 a.m.



## Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm  
IC Parish Center Library

For More Info:

Matt Blanchette

978.697.5135

kofc231@gmail.com



## 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 and the Zoom link, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978- 462-7483.

## 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](https://flocknote.com/hriccollaborative) or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

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

## 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](https://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.)

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, or just receiving a call or note from us to cheer your day, please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.

## Winter Weather Mass Cancellations



Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Religious Education classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Chanel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at [boston.cbslocal.com](https://boston.cbslocal.com).

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

## Collaborative Pastoral Council

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 meet once a month. We invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings on Zoom. Watch the bulletin for upcoming meeting dates. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council, contact Jim: [Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](mailto:Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com).

### HRIC Pastoral Council Members 2021–2022

#### IC

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

#### HR

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

## 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.**

## Confessions

We offer Confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Adoration



Join us for Adoration at IC Church two times during the week.

All are welcome. No experience necessary.

**Thursdays: 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**Fridays: immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.**

*Note:* If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for “Sacred Silence” only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information. The calendar link can be found on our website: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org).

### Questions of the Week

**Adult:** In what ways are you too called to our Father’s house as Jesus was?

**Child:** Do you find it hard sometimes to obey your family’s rules? Ask Jesus to help you to obey as He did.

### IC Haiti

Thank you to all who contributed to IC Haiti’s December collection. Our commitment to the school community in Puit Chacha, Haiti, is totally reliant upon God’s blessings and your generosity throughout the year when quarterly collections are taken up. Through IC Haiti, let us continue to support the Father Marc Piché Elementary school and its graduates. Let us continue to provide both a daily hot lunch program and dental care. And, when an emergency, such as a natural disaster, occurs, let us continue to respond generously as we have consistently done since 2009. Finally, may we all be grateful for this specific mission we have been called to by God to respond to the needs of the people of Haiti.

Should you choose to donate to IC Haiti, please **make out checks to “IC Haiti.”** You may put your donation into the second collection boxes around the churches or send them anytime to: **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

### Family Prayer Group



Some of our parishioners have formed a group to pray for families and do so on the last Friday of the month, calling the prayer group “Final Fridays for Families” or “FFF” as a result.

It is not burdensome or time-consuming and simply involves receiving a reminder on the last Friday of each month and saying a prayer for families at a time and place that is convenient to you on that day. The group particularly prays for all members and their families and their special intentions. If you would like to join the group and receive the monthly prayer reminder, please let Sheila Cruise or Linda Temple know in our Collaborative office. They can be reached at (978) 462-2724 or email at: [info@hricatholic.org](mailto:info@hricatholic.org).

### Christmas Collections

The Christmas collections will benefit Clergy Trust so that they can continue caring for the health and well-being of our wonderful diocesan priests in good standing. By supporting this collection, you are helping our active priests receive the support they need to continue their ministry, and our senior priests live in community with access to quality care. This collection is a primary source of funding for the Trust and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping support our priests this Christmas.

Visit [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org) to donate online.



All Christmas Collections



healthier priests.  
stronger communities.

The strength of our communities depends on the well-being of our priests who tirelessly serve others.

SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS THIS CHRISTMAS

donate now

— OR —

SCAN HERE for Venmo, Google/Apple Pay, PayPal via Givebutler.



Supports our priests in good standing

### 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!

*We meet every Monday 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: IC Charity Dining Room, Newburyport  
Zoom: Email [hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com](mailto:hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com) for the link.



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Synod on Synodality

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in the Synod on Synodality. What does that mean? Here in Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that.



So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask "How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?"

The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people.

## 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.

Donations can be made to:

**"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"**

Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street  
Danvers, MA 01923

Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit [www.pelicaninterventionfund.org](http://www.pelicaninterventionfund.org) to learn more.

## RCIA

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or for youth that have not yet received the sacraments in the traditional years. If you would like to learn more about this program, contact Deacon John Moranski, 978-432-1443, [jmoranski51@gmail.com](mailto:jmoranski51@gmail.com).

*A scene from our  
Faith Formation Advent/  
Christmas Family Festival  
Nativity play on  
December 12.*



*Watch for information on  
the Lent Festival on  
February 27, 2022.*

# 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 2021–22 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, January 9 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

### Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 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).

## Consolers Circle Meal

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

## 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 in need.

## The Compassionate Friends

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

Our next monthly support meeting is **December 27** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara for questions at [barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com).

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

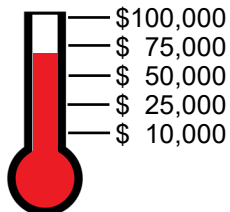
Catholic Appeal **\$50,275.00**

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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving](http://hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving).

**IC Grand Annual  
Goal \$100,000  
To Date \$67,473.00**



## 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, you can visit our website to donate online at [www.svdpnnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnnewburyport.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!

## Win Cash!

IC School annual holiday calendars are now available.

For over 20 years, IC School has run a holiday calendar fundraiser. Each \$10 calendar gives individuals 40 chances to win a grand total of \$5,000 in cash prizes. A winner is drawn each day from January 8–February 15 to receive a cash prize of \$100, \$200, \$300, or \$400.

Calendars are available at IC School, IC Church lobby, and the IC Parish Center.

To enter, fill out the buyer's name and contact information in the space at the bottom of the calendar. Cut it off and return both the ticket stub and the money to the school office or to the Parish Center office. Check payments should be made out to Immaculate Conception School or cash is accepted.

## St. Mary's Cemetery

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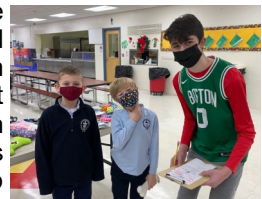


The Immaculate Conception School Christmas Store is a Christmas delight. This long-lasting tradition, which helps the 8th grade class raise funds to cover the cost of graduation, has served as a community building event once again. With the help of many parents, a stock pile of items are collected to create the IC Christmas Store each December. The array of items, for people of all ages, creates an impressive store-like atmosphere for the younger students to browse as they shop for gifts for their family. Each young shopper has an 8th grade helper, who sees the



experience through to wrapping and tagging the child's purchases. Each little one goes home with a bag full of wrapped gifts to go right under the tree. Like all things, covid has shifted some experiences for our students. The Christmas Store in particular, is a tradition that has been

greatly improved as covid protocols have been followed. Last year's change included one 8th grade helper to see the entire shopping and wrapping experience through from start to finish. The conversations about family and the type of gifts each member likes were memorable. This year, the Christmas Store was set up in the cafeteria which has proven to be another new adaptation to this event that is highly successful. Having access to the cafeteria tables to use as wrapping stations for each eighth grader and younger student pair fostered an extended time together as wrapping paper was cut and tags were written out.



Spending quality time together is especially important around the holidays. Our school families support this tradition and make a significant difference for our 8th grade graduates. Merry Christmas!

## 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. 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, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.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.



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Catholic Appeal

\$18,565.00

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**Holy Redeemer Parish**  
**4 Green Street**  
**Merrimac, MA 01860**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving](http://hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving).

HR Grand Annual  
 Goal \$25,000  
 To Date \$13,670.00



## HR St. Vincent de Paul

The Holy Redeemer Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generosity during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We have had numerous calls for help with Market Basket food cards, rent, overdue utilities, new mattresses and bedding, and gasoline cards.

We would be unable to help our local clients without your assistance. All donations go directly to those in need.

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.

May all of you have a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022.

If you would like to mail in a donation, make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to

HR SVdP  
 4 Green Street  
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## HR Prayer Shawl



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl (or would like to learn more about our group—we are not yet meeting in person), contact Helen [hvktax@aol.com](mailto:hvktax@aol.com) or 978-771-4673.

We can deliver a prayer shawl to someone who may need one.

Contact Helen with their information and maybe a favorite color would be helpful, but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

## HR Faith Formation

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

### School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.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@hricatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hricatholic.org) or Melinda at [burrell@hricatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hricatholic.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: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at [agiard@hricatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hricatholic.org) or Melinda at [burrell@hricatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hricatholic.org).

### Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, January 9 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

### Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron [agiard@hricatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hricatholic.org) or Melinda [burrell@hricatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hricatholic.org).

## Saturday Masses at Holy Redeemer

Our 4:00 p.m. Saturday Masses at Holy Redeemer alternate every month between St. Ann, West Newbury and Nativity, Merrimac.

Please note that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** for the month of **January**.

## 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, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.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.



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