

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

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*“Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together,
shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.
For the measure with which you measure
will in return be measured out to you.” (Lk 6:38)*

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

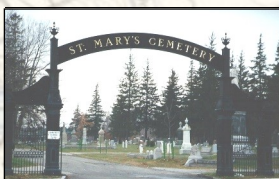
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (2/23)

4:00pm **IC** *Stanley Jancewicz, Kelly Martin, Phyllis Packer, Kathleen Horn Santo, J.J. Nicastro* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (2/24)

7:15am **IC** *Seamus Murray, Chris Riley* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

8:00am **Nativity** *Marion Carew* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

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

11:30am **IC** *Joseph H. Brown, Jr.* (Fr. O'Brien)

Monday (2/25)

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

Tuesday (2/26)

7:15am **IC** *Eugene & Rose Campiola* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (2/27)

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

Thursday (2/28)

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

Friday (3/1)

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

1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (3/2)

4:00pm **IC** *Phyllis Packer, Cliff Moody, Tom Kelly* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (3/3)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Faye M. Perkins-Santos* (Fr. O'Brien)

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

11:30am **IC** *Lorraine Sligh* (Fr. O'Brien)

In your prayers, please remember James F. Murphy, John F. Danilecki, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Over the years, I have enjoyed cooking, particularly when I have family or friends to entertain. I find the meal planning, food-prep, and actual cooking time to be relaxing, and prefer to do it with a good glass of wine poured and some gentle music playing in the background. I rarely, however, venture into the world of baking. Maybe it's the whole exactness of measurements that intimidates me, as I am much more of a "dash of this and smidgen of that" kind of guy. I'll make you beef stew or chicken enchiladas, but don't ask me to bake a cake.



I do recall, in one of my few baking ventures from years-past, coming across a measurement of flour that confounded me a bit: The recipe called for a cup of flour, pressed. Apparently, what it was looking for was flour that had been scooped into a measuring cup, then compacted down, to make room for more flour that was to be added; this process was to be repeated until no more flour could be added physically to the measuring cup. What I realized is that "pressed flour" was easily 1 1/2 times the original scoop. That's a big difference! That's the difference between tall, fluffy pancakes and thin-as-crepe blintzes. Depending on what you are in the mood for, getting this measure wrong will make or break the meal.

In today's Gospel passage, we are given many different sayings of Jesus that have all been collected into one long teaching. But at the end, it offers this image: that of God giving to us a "good measure," that is, one that has been pressed-down, shaken, and is overflowing. In other words, we will receive from the Lord that which we have given, but when God gives, He just can't help but being overgenerous and complete.

Ever buy a box of cereal or potato chips, only to open the container to find the package half empty? Tiny, legalistic print informs us that the product is sold by weight, not

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"The Mass" DVD Series

Whatever You Know about the Mass, It's Not This!

Bishop Barron's 6-part DVD on "The Mass" will keep you saying, "I didn't know that!" Experience superb preaching, imagery, music, and the wealth of our liturgy's sacred Tradition. Enter into the Mass's call-and-response in a more profound grasp of the sacred mysteries we take for granted. Sessions will be offered Thursdays (7:00–8:30 p.m.) at Nativity Hall, Merrimac. **Free** and life-changing! Highly recommended lessons marked *.

February 28: Preparing for Sacrifice

March 7: The Real Presence Creates Communion*

{Facilitated by Fr. Morin and the Adult Faith Formation Team}



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This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hricatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, February 25

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, February 26

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

Wednesday, February 27

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall
Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
Pivotal Players Video Series 10:00am, IC Charity Dining Room
Holy Quilters 1:00pm, 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 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, February 28

Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel
"The Mass" Video Series 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Friday, March 1

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
Ultreya Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room

Saturday, March 2

Holy Quilters 8:00am Nativity Hall
HR Religious Ed., Grade 1 Activity Day 1:00pm, St. Ann Hall
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Sunday, March 3

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
Coffee & Baked Goods Sunday 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Religious Ed., Grades 3-6 9:00am, Nativity Hall
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
IC Religious Ed. 10:00am, IC Parish Center
HR Religious Ed., Grade 9 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

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volume and that some settling of the contents may have occurred during shipping....Some settling indeed! Want some chips with that air? But not so with God. God fully fills the space, and then, once it has settled, goes back to add more, and then some more again...all until we can't possibly conceive of there being room for anything else, and then God adds even more so it overflows. All this just underscores how persistent and generous our God is in blessing us and calling us to new life.

God will not be outdone in generosity.

So, in the kitchen or not, here are a few questions that this weekend's Scriptures offer for us to ponder this week: What do I offer to the Lord? How generous am I in serving God? Where might I be tempted to "cut corners" or offer a short measure? What difference can it make if my service to God and others is done freely and without counting the cost, without holding anything back? What short-term advantages do I forgo in order to better serve the Lord in the long run? What difference does integrity and consistency make in my life?

God is the ultimate Master Chef and can work with whatever is in our "pantry" at any given moment. However, the quality of the ingredients that we offer Him to cook with can make a big difference in the final outcome of what ends up on the plate and how it nourishes those we are called to serve.

May the Lord's abundant blessings be with us all this week.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Ash Wednesday Liturgies

Ash Wednesday is **Wednesday, March 6** and is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Ashes will be distributed at the following liturgies:

7:15am	Immaculate Conception
9:00am	Immaculate Conception (school liturgy)
9:00am	St. Ann
12:00noon	Immaculate Conception (service)
7:00pm	Immaculate Conception
7:00pm	Nativity



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Mass Scripture Readings: February 24–March 3, 2019

In praying with the Scriptures, we have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord while discerning His ever-gracious invitation to love as He loves us. Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to <http://www.hriccatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Feb. 24: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38
- Monday, Feb. 25: Sirach 1:1-10; Psalm 93; Mark 9:14-29
- Tuesday, Feb. 26: Sirach 2:1-11; Psalm 37; Mark 9:30-37
- Wednesday, Feb. 27: Sirach 4:11-19; Psalm 119; Mark 9:38-40
- Thursday, Feb. 28: Sirach 5:1-8; Psalm 1; Mark 9:41-50
- Friday, March 1: Sirach 6:5-17; Psalm 119; Mark 10:1-12
- Saturday, March 2: Sirach 17:1-15; Psalm 103; Mark 10:13-16
- Sunday, March 3: Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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 Immaculate Conception School, Pentucket Regional, or Newburyport Public Schools, are cancelled or delayed because of inclement weather. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com and we will make every effort to keep our own website and social media updated as well.



In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Again, please watch WBZ or consult the websites and/or social media 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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What can you do to reach out to a person you find difficult to love?

Child: What can you do this week to be nice to someone who is hard to get along with?

Collaborative Mission

Save the Dates

March 25–27 is our annual Collaborative Mission.

This year's topic is *Holiness: a Lifestyle Change*. All are invited to attend.

7:00 p.m., IC Church, 42 Green Street, Newburyport.

Presented by Fr. Michael J. Alello (padrehooch.com)

Topics include:

- Rehydrate Your Life: Beginning the journey towards holiness
- Wrestling with God: Overcoming injury & experiencing healing
- Marathon Training: Practical ways to get into the race

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.

Each month, we gather for an "Ultreya" (onward!) evening of Liturgy, sharing, food and fellowship at 7pm in St. James Chapel to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. Please join us! For more information, contact Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337 or Pat Forbes 617-899-0424.

The next Cursillo weekends are **March 7** (men) and **April 4** (women). The next Ultreya is **March 1** at IC.

Adult Faith Formation Team Lenten Events

4th Annual Lenten Soup and Spirit Lecture Series will focus on "The 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues" presented twice for your convenience: Thursday evenings at Nativity Hall (March 14–April 18) and again Friday mornings at IC St. Louis Hall (March 15–April 19).

4th Annual Collaborative Lenten Mission, Holiness: a Lifestyle Change with repeat guest presenter **Fr. Michael Alello** and hosted at IC (March 25–27) is certain to be uplifting!

Ukrainian Egg Workshop (offered for **adults** only) will accent an ancient Catholic tradition of painting eggs with elaborate designs and rich dyes. Experienced facilitators. Fee charged. Seating limited to 24 participants. Saturday, April 6 (9:30am–noon) at IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport.

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.

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Pilgrimage to Ireland

Join us for a prayerful and exciting Pilgrimage to Ireland that will leave **Monday, May 13** for a memorable spiritual journey through the Emerald Isle. This will be a spectacular opportunity to travel through various sites of unparalleled beauty, historic significance, and religious importance. Our tour will include visits to Dublin, Galway, the Dingle Peninsula, Kilarney, the Ring of Kerry, Clonmacnoise, Knock, and more.

Visit www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric for more information or contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661. Come on a Faith Journey with us!

Fact-Based Dramas that Inspire

Are you weary of moral ambiguity in the Church and in government? Follow the leadership stories of those whose convictions of faith and integrity led to tsunami changes in Catholicism and world history! **“Pivotal Players” is Bishop Barron’s superb DVD series** on men and women who lived their vocations to the fullest. These hour-long movies flow seamlessly as part travelogue, part biography. Be inspired: look, listen, learn, lean in, and see how the Saints can lead you to personal holiness in *your* life. Come to one, any, or all of the presentations and stay for refreshments and 30 minutes of lively, facilitated discussion. All presentations will be shown in the IC Charity Dining Room (10:00–11:30 a.m.) on these Wednesdays:

February 27: *G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist who shows that JOY is the fundamental disposition of evangelization.*

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God’s presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the IC Conference Room 209. Join us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

Just a Few More Drivers Wanted

The list of volunteers who will drive Fr. McLaughlin has practically filled up the available spots. A few still remain. The only catch is that drivers will need four-door automobiles (Fr. McLaughlin needs to keep his right leg extended). Please call him at 781 910 4944, or e-mail at wmhilary@gmail.com. **Many thanks.**

Sunday, March 3: 7:00am. From IC rectory to Nativity Church, Merrimac, then 9:15am from Nativity to St. Ann, W. Newbury. 11:30am. From St. Ann to IC Rectory.

Sunday, March 17: 9:15am–11:30am. IC rectory to St. Ann, W. Newbury and back to IC.

Friday, March 22: 8:00am–10:00am. From IC rectory to Nativity, Merrimac, and back to IC.

Saturday, March 30: 2:30pm–5:30 pm. IC rectory to Nativity Church, Merrimac (Deacon Paul will preach and may also provide transportation)

Youth SNOWCAMPS

SNOWCAMPS is a high-energy, activity-filled, spiritual growth experience weekend designed specifically for 7–8 graders and is held at Camp Brookwoods, Alton, NH. Get ready for lots of fun, friendships, music, games, and faith-sharing witness talks by teens and adults. Sign up soon for the best weekend of your life! Join the fun with the 100+ junior high kids from several different parishes throughout the Archdiocese. There is one more two SNOWCAMPS weekend: March 1–3. To learn more or to download an application, visit www.snowcampsparty.com. Contact Fr. George with questions, 978-462-2724.

Ukrainian Egg-Painting Workshop



This event within Lent is an Eastern Orthodox ritual, offered to **adults only** who want to experience the creative process of decorating eggs in the Ukrainian tradition of rich dyes as a backdrop to melted beeswax-applied designs! Limited seating to 24 (wait list for participants greater than 24)

Time: Saturday, April 6, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 noon.

Place: St Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

Fee: \$10

Facilitated tutorials and all supplies will be on loan. Door prizes. Collation. **Sign-up is necessary; deadline is April 1.** Call Mary to reserve your seat (978-462-6191) or email maryschmidthomepro@hotmail.com.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, February 16–17 **\$8,013.00**
St. Vincent de Paul **\$4,096.00**

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe, and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity to this collection will help fund the spiritual, educational, and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites:

1. CRS: usccb.org/crscollection;
2. Church in Africa usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-forgiving/solidarity-fund-forafrica/index.cfm
3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/centraland-easterneurope/collection/index.cfm;
4. Military Archdiocese www.milarch.org
5. Catholic Home Missions: usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholichome-missions-appeal/index.cfm
6. Black and Indian Missions blackandindianmission.org.

The second collection **next** weekend is Utility and Energy.

**IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
To Date \$76,680.00**



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 255.00
Poor Box	\$ 127.00
Total	\$ 382.00

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.

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School is strong and thriving. The Catholic Schools Office recently evaluated archdiocesan schools to determine areas of strength and opportunities for improvement in the areas of Catholic Identity and Mission, Academic Achievement, Financials, and Operational Vitality. The IC received the highest possible rating, which was achieved by only a handful of schools. Stakeholders in our school community, past and present, contribute to our achievements and to the educational experience that we offer our students. Together we make a great team!



Collaborative Coffee Hour



The Welcoming Priority will be hosting a coffee hour for all parishioners and newcomers on March 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in IC St. Louis Hall. We will be featuring homemade sweets as well as coffee and other beverages. Please stop by and catch up with old friends or maybe meet some new friends. All are welcome.

Call for Bakers



We are in need of bakers for our monthly coffee hours. This could be a good service project for a student or maybe just a way to use your “Star Baker” talents. If you would like to help, email Maureen Catino at

Maureenc@monumentmortgage.com.

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, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Inform the funeral director that you request this service when making arrangements.

The Compassionate Friends



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

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **February 25**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at barbarahopkinson@gmail.com.

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IC Religious Education

Religious Ed. Office: 978-462-2724

School Year Programs

Classes for Grades K–8 are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–11:05. We are always happy to enroll new students. For more information contact the Religious Ed. office.

Due to the February school vacation week, **classes will not resume until Sunday, March 3.**

Grades 1–8 Summer Program

At this time, we anticipate offering a week of Religious Education this summer for those students **entering** Grades 1–8 in September of 2019 **dependent on the availability of volunteers to teach and assist.**

There will only be (1) session this summer on the week of June 24–28 for this age group.

Registration forms are now available. If you have not yet received one or you are able to volunteer, please contact the Religious Ed office.

Confirmation

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this fall, please note that Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, September 22** here at IC. More information will be provided as details become available.

Confirmation Summer Program

A summer session will be held the week of July 15 for those students **entering** Grade 9 in September.

For those students **entering** Grade 10 in September, classes will be held the week of July 22.

These summer confirmation classes will be held in the evenings from 5:30–8:00 p.m.

Registration forms are available. If you have not yet received one, please contact the Religious Ed. office.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please keep in mind that there are no Baptism classes scheduled until after the celebration of Easter which is April 21 this year.

Please call the Parish office for information regarding the next **Baptism class** scheduled for **Sunday, May 5** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on May 12.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Please Note: Due to a conflict in Fr. George's schedule, the "Teaching of the Mass" which was planned for Sunday, March 3 will now take place on **Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m.** Please adjust your calendars.

Adoration

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in IC's St. James Chapel on Fridays from 8:00am–12:00noon.

IC Knitting Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, scarves for charity.

Come join us; we meet every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

Our Neighbors' Table

Our Neighbors' Table would like to announce that we've opened a new market in Newburyport—so come and shop with us for free.

The ONT Newburyport Market is open Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We are located at Community Service of Newburyport, 35 Summer Street, in the lower level of St. Paul's Church. For your convenience we have several saved on-street parking spots in front of the market.

Each ONT location offers a beautiful, modern market where fresh, healthy food is made available to anyone in need—at no charge! There are no income requirements, just bring an ID with you.

We look forward to showing you around our Newburyport Market. If you have any further questions call Our Neighbors' Table at 978-388-1907.



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Knights of Columbus

Local Knights are encouraged to ensure email addresses are on file so that volunteer opportunities can be communicated. Please contact us to update your information at membership@kofc231.org.

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

IC Liturgical Ministers

All liturgical ministers must fill out a CORI every year for us to submit to the Archdiocese. We are still missing some minister's CORIs. If you have not yet filled out your CORI, please complete and submit the form to the Parish Office as soon as possible as they are past due. Forms are available in the church sacristy.

Also, be aware that the Archdiocese **will not** accept copies so please submit your form in person or by mail.

Remember when submitting your CORI form by mail, a **picture ID** must also be submitted for verification purposes.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, February 9–10	\$2,915.00
Monthly, February 9–10	\$1,912.00
Offertory, February 16–17	\$2,783.00

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe, and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity to this collection will help fund the spiritual, educational, and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites:

1. CRS: usccb.org/crscollection;
2. Church in Africa usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-forgiving/solidarity-fund-forafrica/index.cfm
3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/centraland-easterneurope/collection/index.cfm;
4. Military Archdiocese www.milarch.org
5. Catholic Home Missions: usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholichome-missions-appeal/index.cfm
6. Black and Indian Missions blackandindianmission.org.

HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$20,185.00



Women's Evening of Prayer

The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church. All women of the collaborative are invited to attend this evening of prayer and song. Invite your friends.

Lenten Food Drive

We will be having a food drive during Lent to benefit the senior centers. We will start collecting donations from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday. We will be collecting nonperishable dry goods, canned goods (Please check expiration dates.) and gift certificates to local markets. Donations may be left in the backs of both churches.

HR Prayer Shawl



Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.

Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, March 7.**

HR Religious Education

- Sat., 3/2** **Grade 1 Activity Day** at St. Ann Hall, 1–3 p.m. Team Leaders are needed. If you'd like to help, please email Mrs. O'Leary at: reledhrp@gmail.com. *Students are asked to bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided*
- Sun., 3/3** **Grades 3–6 classes** at Nativity Hall 9–10 a.m.
Grade 9 class at Nativity Hall 6–7:30 p.m. Our speaker is Linda Thayer. *An adult needs to attend with the student.*
- Tues., 3/5** **Grades 7 & 8** at Nativity Hall 6–7:30 p.m.
- Sat., 3/9** **Grades 3 & 4 Activity Day** at St. Ann Hall, 1–3:30 p.m. *Students are asked to bring a snack to share; water and juice will be provided.*

All families can find registration forms, class schedules, and calendar events online at: hriccatholic.org. Click on *Faith Formation*, then *Holy Redeemer* tab. Collaborative bulletins can be found on this site, too.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: reledhrp@gmail.com)

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. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry.



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. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, February 27.**

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

Activities Committee

Open Enrollment & Meeting

Sign up with **no fee!** Our group organizes the **social events** of our Parish and, if we are lucky, we make some money. Come check us out at our next meeting, **Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.** at Nativity Hall, Merrimac. All are welcome to join.