

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021

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



Be doers of the word and not hearers only,  
deluding yourselves.

James 1:22

*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

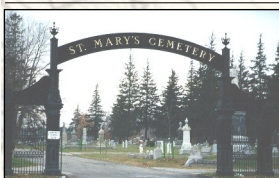
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday (8/28)**

4:00pm **IC** Brett Burkinshaw, Derek Hines, Michael Hines, Jamie Grabowski (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann** Frederick Faulkner (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

**Sunday (8/29)**

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)  
 9:00am **IC** Jeffrey Stone (Fr. Morin)  
 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)  
 11:00am **IC** Robert & Eileen Kealey, Beverly J. Tierney (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

**Monday (8/30)**

9:00am **IC** Lillian M. Foley (Fr. Harrison)

**Tuesday (8/31)**

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

**Wednesday (9/1)**

9:00am **IC** Mary A. Fosillo (Fr. McLaughlin)

**Thursday (9/2)**

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

**Friday (9/3)**

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

**Saturday (9/4)**

4:00pm **IC** Michael Aldrich, Mary E. Lefebvre, Virginia Reardon (Fr. Stanley)  
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Fr. John Higgins)

**Sunday (9/5)**

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. John Higgins & Deacon Moranski)  
 9:00am **IC** Jim "Moose" Dempsey (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. John Higgins & Deacon Dow)  
 11:00am **IC** Michael Filomia, Robert Colby (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Janet K. Ryan, Gerald F. Duggan, and all the faithful departed.

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*  
*Nativity—Merrimac*  
*St. Ann—West Newbury*

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

## Fall Mass Schedule Change

Beginning **September 12 (the Sunday after Labor Day)**, the Sunday Mass schedule at Immaculate Conception will change as follows:

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.  
**11:30 a.m.** (note time change)

## Confessions

We offer Saturday afternoon confessions from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church. No appointment necessary. 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, please contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.



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# PEP FEST

**(PRAY + EAT + PLAY)**

**ELKS CLUB, 25 LOW STREET, NEWBURYPORT**

September 19, 2021  
 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Collaborative outdoor Mass, food for purchase from Big Rig BBQ, games, family activities, dunk tank

Tickets (no charge) required. Sign up via Eventbrite ([link at hriccatholic.org](#)) or call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

You can sign up online to attend the PEP Fest. (No charge for tickets. We just need an estimate for the food truck.)  
 The signup link is on our website at [hriccatholic.org](#).



## Big Rig BBQ Menu

**A LA CARTE**

<b>Pulled Pork Sandwich</b> 9.00 <i>(Slaw on top optional) With pickle</i>	<b>Ribs-n-Slaw</b> 10.00 <i>Bed of slaw with 3 ribs</i>
<b>Pulled Chicken Sandwich</b> 9.00 <i>(Option with Alabama white sauce) With pickle</i>	<b>Vegetarian</b> 14.00 <i>Smoked stuffed pepper (rice, beans, tomato, and herb) with cornbread, slaw, and beans</i>
<b>BBQ Nachos</b> 12.00 <i>Tortillas, pork or chicken, salsa, nacho cheese, sour cream, jalapenos</i>	<b>Hamburger/Cheeseburger</b> 7.00
	<b>Hot Dog</b> 3.00

**DINNERS**

**Choice of Pulled Pork, Chicken, or Ribs**  
*Comes with slaw, cornbread, baked potato, and beans*

**15.00**

*Big Rig BBQ is a mobile BBQ catering service. We come with the RIG in tow, cooking fresh, authentic wood-fired BBQ on site.*

## Bulletin Information

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

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, August 30**

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

**Pastoral Council Meeting** 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Tuesday, August 31**

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

**Wednesday, September 1**

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

**Centering Prayer (In Person)** 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

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

**Thursday, September 2**

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

**Evangelization Support Team Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Friday, September 3**

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

**Saturday, September 4**

**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.

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Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click on "Sign up." Our organization name is "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) Follow the prompts to join and log in.

## Women at the Well Bible Study

*We Are Meeting Virtually*

Please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com) to join us.

*Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Looking for 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 A COMMUNITY FULL OF

*women just like you*

Wherever you are in your faith journey, join us as we meet weekly for *Blessed Is She* bible study, community and friendship as we grow together in Christ.

WE ARE MEETING VIRTUALLY  
DURING THE PANDEMIC  
EMAIL US TO JOIN!

MONDAY NIGHTS  
6:30PM-8PM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com) if you have any questions

## Face Masks Recommended

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

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



## Holy 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*. When Holy Communion is received on the tongue, it is very likely that the communicant will breathe on the hands of the priest or minister. It is very possible that small droplets of saliva or mucus from the mouth or lungs (which could contain COVID) could be transferred onto the hands of those distributing Communion and possibly passed on to others.

It is for this reason that those distributing Communion would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to on the tongue. If we had to do this for everyone, the Communion procession would take an inordinate amount of time and become hopelessly cumbersome. 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.

## New Staff Email Addresses

We have launched our new Collaborative-based email addresses using the [@hriccatholic.org](mailto:@hriccatholic.org) domain. See the new addresses on page 2 and remember to update your address book to reflect the changes.

## 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  
Charmaine Haan  
Hillar Haan  
Bridie Hubley  
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer  
Mary Shachok  
Ruth Sullivan  
Ron Sylvester  
Michael Tucker

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org). There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

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. 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); click on HRIC Pastoral Plan; and then click on Lectio Divina.

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



## 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.

## RCIA

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you. RCIA is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or 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).

## 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).

## Archdiocese Collection for Haiti

On August 14 an earthquake struck Haiti causing enormous damage and resulting in a significant loss of life.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) announced that it "is sending teams to provide clean water, sanitation, shelter and emergency supplies."

Recognizing the suffering of the Haitian people and growing need for assistance, Cardinal Seán has asked that a special collection for Catholic Relief Services and the Church in Haiti be taken **August 28–29** in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston.

The parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston have consistently stepped forward during times of natural disasters to assist our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. Thank you for your generosity to this collection.

## Pregnancy Care Center Walk for Life

**Date: Saturday, September 18, 2021**

**Time: 8:30 a.m. registration, 9:00 a.m. walk begins**

**Location: Swasey Field Haverhill, MA**

The Pregnancy Care Center's annual Walk for Life fundraiser is right around the corner! For over 37 years, the PCC has been providing free and confidential services to improve the quality of life for children and their families through counseling, education, and material support.

- Only two short miles, you can walk or run and everyone can participate at their own speed
- A family-friendly event
- Bring an umbrella: we will walk rain or shine or you can walk on your own another time
- Receive a free t-shirt when you raise \$50 in pledges
- Can't make it September 18? You can walk on your own and send in your pledge form or donate online

The Pregnancy Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry committed to saving lives physically, spiritually, and emotionally, one life at a time. We offer life-affirming services designed to empower men and women in making informed choices about unexpected pregnancy, sexual integrity, and recovery from post-abortion trauma. For more information on our Mother & Child Services Programs visit [www.PCCFriends.org](http://www.PCCFriends.org). Questions? Contact Anne Magnus: [annem@pccnortheast.org](mailto:annem@pccnortheast.org) or 978-590-3285.

## Foster Care

**Is there room in your home and heart for a foster child?**



There is a need for foster homes in our area to provide children a supportive and healing home during a difficult time. Learn more from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) about Foster Care and Adopting through Foster Care.

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-foster-careadoption-informational-meetings>

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Food for Thought Begins with Food for the Journey

As haute cuisine depends on a balance of seasonings, why not season your journey inward by savoring God's abiding Presence served in sacred silence in the monstrance? Hunger & thirst for spiritual satiety is guaranteed when Jesus Himself is the Host. No reservation required. There is ample seating so "Come & Be!" Sample how each season contributes to how the LORD converses with you when you linger in His house after dusk.

Doors open on Green Street at 7:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. after Benediction and the ringing of the bell.

Join us for Adoration Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., IC Church. All are welcome.



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with fundamental needs such as grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, etc., please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteers would love to give you a call to chat or send you a note. We know that this is a difficult period for everyone, particularly to those who live alone. Let us help brighten your day! If you would be interested in receiving a call or note, please call the HRIC offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 (ext. 1000) and leave your name, address, and phone number and we will reach out to you.



## 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/](http://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.**

## Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us **in person Wednesday, September 1, 6:00–7:00 p.m.**, at IC Nazareth Library for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer. 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. For more information and the Zoom and in-person schedule, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978- 462-7483.

## 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  
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Danvers, MA 01923

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

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** The question Jesus poses for us today is: Do you live by the letter or the spirit of the Law?

**Child:** Today we hear Jesus say to be careful what we say and do. Do you think about what you say to your family and friends? Do you think about how you say it?

## Word On Fire Engage

**Everyone in our Collaborative now has free access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library.**

**WORDonFIRE ENGAGE** 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 you. 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.

## The Emmaus Ministry Retreat

*The Emmaus Ministry: Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents Whose Children of any Age Have Died by Any Cause, No Matter How Long Ago.*

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.



**Weekend In-Person Spiritual Retreat:**

**November 5–7, Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA**

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Aug. 21–22 **\$3,311.00**  
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Aug. 20 **\$2,280.00**

The second collection this weekend (August 29) is the Archdiocese collection for Haiti Earthquake Relief (See page 5 for details).

No second collection next weekend (September 5).

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## Catholic Appeal

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## IC Haiti Update

We have received word that our school community in Puit Chacha is safe and that the school itself remains structurally sound following the devastating earthquake on the southern peninsula of the island. However, several thousand people closer to the epicenter sadly lost their lives, and many more are suffering from serious bodily injuries. Homelessness and a lack of food supplies, clean water, and shelter continue to afflict hundreds of thousands.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley requested all parishes throughout the Archdiocese to take up a second collection this weekend to aid Catholic Relief Service's response to the urgent needs of the Haitian people. IC Haiti fully supports this relief effort. We were also hoping to help Saint Boniface Hospital in Fond des Blancs as many earthquake victims have been transferred there for immediate medical attention. The hospital is setting up additional emergency operating rooms to deal with the constant flow of people needing surgery. Hospitals closer to the epicenter have either been badly damaged or are now inundated with patients. Lest we forget, covid is still on the rise in Haiti.

St. Boniface Hospital is run by Health Equity International, our partner in Haiti. This is why we (IC Haiti) would like to help to defray the cost for the construction and equipping of the additional operating rooms. If you would like to help in this endeavor, please donate to IC Haiti any time after this weekend, designating your contribution specifically for this purpose or just indicate "OR construction" on your check. We thank you in advance for your generosity on behalf of the people of Haiti.

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## Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School will open for in-person learning on September 7, 2021. Masks are required for all staff and students, regardless of vaccination status. Remote learning will remain an option for all students, all year. Before Care and After Care programs will run, and in-person specials such as Gym, Music, and Art will resume. Instrumental music instruction will also resume for in-person learning. The Cafeteria will also be reopened for students to eat lunch.

Last year, the entire school community worked together to take care of each other by following the protocols, exercising extreme caution when exposure to COVID was suspected, and keeping the kiddos home if they had the slightest symptoms of illness. The option to learn remotely on any given day was a key factor in families' willingness to take such precautions. With God's continued help and the community's commitment to each other, we are planning for another successful year.

The IC is currently accepting applications for Grades K, 1, 4, 5, & 6. [www.icsnewburyport.com](http://www.icsnewburyport.com).

*Pictured: Josh Casaletto, incoming 6th grader, checks out the sizes at the Uniform Exchange.*



## 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 still ready to assist.

You can now make online donations on our website: [www.svdpnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnewburyport.org). If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**SVdP of Newburyport**" and drop it 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

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed from 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

## St. Mary's Cemetery

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. 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.



# 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).

### School Year Programs

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

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### Baptism

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### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

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## Consolers Circle Meal

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

## Family Support Group

The Knights of Columbus present New Hope Family Support Group. New Hope seeks to support family members of those battling addiction. Meetings are held in IC St. Louis Hall at 7:00 p.m., on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Meetings are hosted by Corey Beaver, a certified family-focused interventionist. For more information, please call Corey: (781) 854-2541



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# HR PARISH

## St. Ann Retaining Wall Project

Work has begun on the new parking lot retaining wall at St. Ann. During this time, parking lot restrictions will be in place until the project is completed. This is one of the projects that is part of our Capital Campaign. We look forward to completing this much needed work!

## HR Prayer Shawl



Fr. Tim  
blesses the  
prayer  
shawls  
during Mass

If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please give their name to Helen [hvktax@aol.com](mailto:hvktax@aol.com) or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

## HR Faith Formation

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# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Aug. 21–22 **\$1,446.00**  
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Aug. 20 **\$2,055.00**

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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: [hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving](http://hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving).

## Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$22,270.00**  
To Date **\$18,465.00**

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## HR Online Giving

HR provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the “Links” tab, then “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

## Saturday Mass at Nativity

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

## EWTN: Catholic News

Your Online Catholic Resource. <http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

## HR Holiday Fair



The Activities Committee is planning a “scaled down version” of our Holiday Fair, keeping a watchful eye on the CDC recommendations.

The fair will be held **Saturday, November 20**, in the Nativity Hall. Mark your calendars!

## Annual Parish Mission Appeal

*The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette will preach the annual parish mission appeal.*

Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. “They went forth and preached everywhere” (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture, and way of life—beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, “Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people,” echo Jesus’ Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission-orientated. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar, and the Philippines. With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God’s reconciling message to the poor.

Special note about Speaker: Fr. John Higgins, is a La Salette priest who has ministered in Argentina for over 21 years and 11 years in Bolivia. As a native of the Boston area, he currently is in active ministry as Senior Priest now serving at the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows in Hartford, CT. Fr. Higgins finds great joy in sharing his missionary experiences with the parish families as he gives the Mission Appeals.

Holy Redeemer Parish’s Mission Appeal is scheduled for the weekend of September 4–5.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

Our conference continues to help those in need and could not do this without your generous offerings. We help with rent, utilities, and food and gas cards; these are the biggest needs right now.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to  
HR SVdP  
4 Green Street  
Merrimac, MA 01860

You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

## Monthly Envelope Packet Update

Starting in September there will a new envelope added to your monthly envelopes. You will begin to see a monthly Ongoing Church Maintenance envelope. The funds from this collection will be specifically for that purpose—maintaining Nativity and St. Ann. We thank you for your continued generosity in helping to maintain the beautiful churches of Holy Redeemer Parish.

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