

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

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*He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly  
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,  
and be killed, and rise after three days.*

(Mk 8:31)

*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

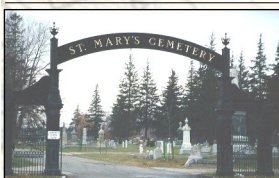
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (9/11)

4:00pm **IC Rose Rowe** (Fr. Harrison)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

### Sunday (9/12)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)  
9:00am **IC Joseph Risti** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)  
11:30am **IC George Martin, Josephine Minalio** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Monday (9/13)

9:00am **IC For the intentions of Ms. Lubica Benca** (Fr. Harrison)

### Tuesday (9/14)

9:00am **IC Jack Burrell** (Fr. Stanley)  
10:00am **IC School Mass** (Fr. Harrison)

### Wednesday (9/15)

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

### Thursday (9/16)

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

### Friday (9/17)

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

### Saturday (9/18)

4:00pm **IC Michelle & Daniel Bradley, Carmella Herlihy, Jeffrey S. Strone, James Carew, Gertrude O'Brien, Laurie Ann Freeman** (Fr. Harrison)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Sunday (9/19)

8:30am **Nativity Joseph Kardas** (Fr. Stanley)  
9:00am **IC Jeffrey S. Stone, Alan Chu** (Fr. Morin)  
*No 10:00 Mass at St. Ann*  
11:00am **PEP Fest Mass Mary Merrill** (Fr. Harrison, Deacon Dow & Deacon Moranski)  
*No 11:30 Mass at IC*

In your prayers, please remember all the faithful departed.

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

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

## Fall Mass Schedule Change

Beginning **September 12 (this weekend)**, the Sunday Mass schedule at IC will change as follows:

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

## Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in August.

**Leiland McCarthy Cohen • Liam Joseph Gill • Eleanor Maeve MacKinney • Tessa Cheryl-Carole Mattola • Xavier James Ragan • Nolan Matthew Rooney • Parker James Wilson.**

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



It was just a friendly game of cards. Recently on vacation, I enjoyed a few late-night games of poker with some old friends. Full disclosure: I am not into gambling, have never enjoyed going to casinos (even on cruise ships) and am not particularly good at games of chance. I am well aware of the addictiveness of gambling and the heartache it has caused many. But this was just a few hands of cards among old friends that lasted deep into an evening, the wee hours of the next day, I guess. We were playing “Texas Hold ‘Em,” one of the most popular forms of poker. As in all games of cards, having what many would call a “poker face,” was critical to success. Because whether you had a good hand of cards or not, as long as you could subtly convince your buddies across the table that: you DID have—or possibly might have—or potentially could have—or probably didn’t have but I’m not quite so sure. . . a good hand of cards, well that made all the difference in the world. On more than one occasion over several games, all was won or lost on the fine art of reading or misreading your opponents. There were two winners here: the one who bluffed their way into convincing everyone else to fold because they must have a Royal Flush, and the one who quietly persevered, confidently meeting each bet and slowly but surely raising each round of betting until finally the cards were called and to everyone’s shock and disbelief it was revealed that they actually DID have the highest hand! As the motto of ABC’s Wide World of Sports used to ring out on TV decades ago: “Ahhh, the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.” Good friends, good games, good respite. (I think we are all still talking to each other afterwards. . . .)

I think of poker and the utter conviction and subtle, but sure, confidence that comes from having a clear, unambiguous winning hand when I encounter this weekend’s Scriptures. Both in Isaiah’s words that are part of what is known as the Servant Songs as well as in the Gospel with Jesus proclaiming His ultimate fate in Jerusalem, there is a profound confidence in what God will do. Even if there are moments of pain and suffering, even if there are embarrassing incidents, shameful and unwarranted attacks. . . . God will absolutely and without question uphold the dignity and righteousness of the faithful servant. Just as certain as the unquestioned winning hand in a game of chance, God is ultimately holding all the cards. The deck is stacked in God’s favor. There really isn’t any question as to who will win the prize. There is a certain outcome that is clear and unambiguous. It only seems like there is a contest going on in the eyes of this world, but the reality is that God has won a total and complete victory in Jesus Christ.

Which makes God the world’s best poker player, so to speak. Only God doesn’t want our chips, rather God wants us all in, totally-committed to following and trusting in His Son, Jesus.

There are few more dramatic moments in poker, however, when a player who may be a bit down on their luck or feels backed into a corner, suddenly declares that they are “all-in.”

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, September 13**

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

**Tuesday, September 14**

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

**IC Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm, IC Church

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

**Wednesday, September 15**

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

**HR Activities Committee Meeting** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

**Thursday, September 16**

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

**Laudato Si Series** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Friday, September 17**

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

**Saturday, September 18**

**IC Confirmation Retreat** 9:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

**Sunday, September 19**

**PEP FEST** 10:30am–3:00pm, Newburyport Elks, 25 Low St.

**RCIA** 9:00am, IC Parish Ctr., Room G19

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We've all seen it in movies or on TV—a player pushes all of their chips into the center of the table, betting everything they have on the cards in their hand. All other players must match their level of commitment and enthusiasm or forfeit any right to the chips on the table. It is an all or nothing experience for everyone! I think God wants that of each of us.

God does not want us to hold anything back in our commitment to follow Him. Not even our best intentions can get in the way of pursuing the path that Christ has blazed before us. This is why Peter received such a strong rebuke from the Lord when he tried to deter Jesus from the path of suffering and death. Nothing can get in the way of following Christ wherever He may go. It is an all or nothing commitment. You must either follow the Lord unconditionally or not at all. There is no “bargaining with Jesus” to convince Him to do it some other way that won't involve such a high cost. We must remember here that as God, Jesus has supreme confidence that God will vindicate Him entirely, no matter what slight of hand or bluffs this world may otherwise suggest. Again, God holds all the cards and the winning hand. It is a certain outcome.

For us who would dare to follow the Lord, we can take one thing from this: that as long as we are faithful, we have victory in Christ. There is a quiet and humble joy in following the Lord knowing that no matter what turmoil might lie in front of us, no matter what cost may be extracted, and even if we are beset by failures or setbacks along the way: we will be redeemed by the One who first loved us. We must have confidence in Christ who reminds us, “In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.” (Jn 16:33)

So—courage, confidence and perseverance are the order of the day...so it goes in poker as well as in life itself. May we all experience true and lasting victory in Christ!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## 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.

## Parish Cast Communications

The Pastoral Council has been working on upgrading the software used by the Collaborative which will allow better communication to parishioners through email, voicemail and text. We will be testing the new software in the coming weeks. As we iron out any “bugs” in the system, you may get more than one message from Fr. Tim depending upon the contact preferences you established when you registered with the parish. Once you receive the message or messages, you may contact the office to update your preferences for future contact.

We look forward to using this new system to advise of Mass schedule changes, meeting cancellations due to weather, and other important Collaborative-wide communications. Thank you for your patience as we work through the launch of this new system.

## 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 Huble  
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer  
Mary Shachok  
Ruth Sullivan  
Ron Sylvester  
Michael Tucker

## Laudato Si Series

**The Homegrown National Park**

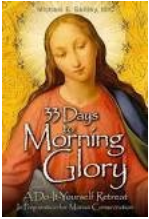
**When:** September 16, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** IC St. Louis Hall

Our fourth installment of the Laudato Si series will inspire you to join the Homegrown National Park movement. We will screen a talk from Doug Tallamy and discuss ways to restore productive native plant communities. Doug invites small efforts by many people. All are welcome. Please join us!

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## A Consecration to Mary



Following a well-received 33-day Consecration to St. Joseph, the Knights of Columbus Council 231 are preparing a 33-day Consecration to Mary.

From the intuitive format of Fr. Michael Gaitley's book *33 Days to Morning Glory*, this at-home mini retreat will help you reflect and then share in large-group, team-led talks and communal prayer. The Knights will reserve a **free** copy of the retreat book when you email [kofc231@gmail.com](mailto:kofc231@gmail.com).

Let this mini retreat be a prayerful prelude to Advent, a season of expectation where we, with Mary, await Jesus. Mary will teach you to inspire others when the retreat teaches you how to become "a contemplative in action"!

**Dates:** Sunday, October 31 (orientation) and Wednesday evenings in November through December 8, (7:00–8:00 p.m.) at IC Church. Watch the bulletin for more details.

## Mass Schedule for Sept. 19: PEP Fest Weekend

**Note:** There is no 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ann and no 11:30 Mass at IC on Sunday September 19.

**Mass schedule for Sunday, Sept. 19:**

8:30 a.m., Nativity

9:00 a.m., IC

11:00 a.m., Elks Club, Newburyport

We are celebrating the PEP Fest on Sunday, September 19. Please join us for Mass at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Club, 25 Low Street, Newburyport. See details on right.

## 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!

Starting October 18 we will begin a new Bible Study from *Walking With Purpose, Opening Your Heart!* We invite all women, no matter where you may be in your relationship with Christ to come join us. We can't wait to meet you!

**Introductory Session Monday, 9/20 at 6:30 p.m.,  
In-person and via Zoom**

In-person: Pastoral Center at Immaculate Conception.  
Zoom: Email [hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com](mailto:hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com) for the link.

Then, every Monday starting October 18 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.

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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 [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org)) or call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

**Last week to register for final food count**

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

## September 11 Remembrances

This weekend, we mark the 20th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks on our nation. Most of us, like generations before who recall the attack on Pearl Harbor or the Assassination of John F. Kennedy, remember where we were and who we were with that day. The iconic images of commercial aircraft crashing into the Twin Towers on live TV combined with the reports and video from the Pentagon and that fateful field in Pennsylvania countryside echo in our minds even today. Many of us knew people who perished that day—innocent men, women, and children who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. We continue to marvel at the breathtaking heroism of the first responders who ran towards danger and certain death with the hope of saving as many as possible. Many of us know service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in laying down their lives in service to our nation and the spirit of freedom in the two decades of armed conflict that followed in Afghanistan and beyond. Many of us were shocked and saddened to see the collapse of the Afghani government and the rise of the Taliban in the wake of our nation's withdrawal from the country. We are deeply grieved over the loss of yet 13 more service men and women who perished in the final hours of that evacuation. We ache and continue to pray for those from our country who were left behind and those Afghans who helped to support our mission there and now are being persecuted or worse.

As a people of faith, we can rightly wonder what all of this has meant? The sacrifices have been so bitter, the cost of trying to promote freedom so high. What does our faith tell us? Where can we find answers to the vexing questions of our day?

On the one hand, Jesus tells us that we ought not be surprised when these things happen, as they are part of the bigger culmination of history. Jesus tells us in Matthew's Gospel: "You will hear of wars and reports of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, but it will not yet be the end. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be famines and earthquakes from place to place. All these are the beginning of the labor pains." (Mt 24:68) Not exactly comforting words, other than that God knows all about it and has anticipated our needs in the midst of these calamities. Jesus goes on to remind us to stay faithful and that the one who perseveres will be saved. So, there is hope in the midst of it all.

But our Scriptures also remind us to work for peace and not be resigned to the violence of our age. St. Paul teaches us, "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." (Gal 5:22-23) He also admonishes us that in the end there are 3 things that last, Faith, Hope, and Love, and that the greatest of these is Love. (From I Cor 13) So this is where our hearts ought be focused and ultimately what we ought to treasure.

On the annual World Day of Peace on January 1, 1972, then Pope Paul VI referencing Isaiah 32:17 said, "the invitation we give to celebrate Peace resounds as an invitation to practice Justice: 'Justice will bring about Peace' We repeat this today in a more incisive and dynamic formula: 'If you want Peace, work for Justice'." But the peace we need to seek is not defined only as a lack of conflict or moment when we are simply not killing one another, but as a time that truly seeks a right-relationship between the peoples of the earth as well as our collective humanity and God. Jesus reminds

us that "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (Jn 14:27) We echo His words at every Mass as we lead up to the Sign of Peace, a reminder that we all participate in bringing about the fullness of the Kingdom of God through our relationships with others. Just as Abram's faithfulness was credited to him as righteousness (from Genesis 16), so will our trust in the Lord be in this present age.

One of my favorite quotes from St. (Mother) Theresa of Calcutta is, "we are not called to be successful in this world, but faithful." It addresses the unmet needs and the utter frustrations of trying

to bring about good in the bigger structures of our world, where there only seems to be chaos and disorder. While never giving up our hunger and thirst for justice and righteousness in "the here and now," it reframes our present moment in the light of our universal call to holiness that offers our own individual witness to God's love in the service of the Divine Master, only through Whom can there ever be a true and lasting peace. Perhaps this prayer attributed to one of our greatest saints sums it up best:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

May this day, and all those that will come from now until the time when each of us are brought face to face with our Creator, be filled with the simple joy of reflecting back into our world the love of God with which we have first been blessed.

May God's peace reign in our hearts,  
Fr. Timothy Harrison



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Sept. 4–5	\$1,124.00
Mission Appeal	\$ 918.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Sept. 3	\$ 205.00
Catholic Appeal	\$18,565.00

The second collection this weekend (September 12) is the Monthly. The second Collection next weekend (September 19) is Clergy Benefit Trust.

If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to

**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).

## Clergy Benefit Trust

Next week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information or to donate online, please visit [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org).

## 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.

## HR Prayer Shawl

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.

## St. Ann Retaining Wall Project

The retaining wall work should be finished soon. Once finished, we will be doing some pavement patching and repairs in the parking lot. Parking restrictions will continue until after the parking lot repairs.

## Coffee after Mass

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the 8:30 Mass at Nativity, Merrimac on Sunday, September 12. Come enjoy coffee, muffins, and conversation.

## HR 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).

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

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## HR Holiday Fair Meeting



The Activities Committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in Nativity Hall. We will be meeting to discuss the Holiday Fair and the Coronavirus impact on us.

## 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 Packets

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## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 4-5	\$5,544.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Sept. 3	\$1,356.00
Catholic Appeal	\$48,980.00

The second collection this weekend (September 12) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (September 19) is Clergy Benefit Trust.

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to  
**Immaculate Conception Parish**  
42 Green Street  
Newburyport, MA 01950

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

## Clergy Benefit Trust

Next week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information or to donate online, please visit [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org).

## 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!

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What is the cross that you carry today? How do you follow Jesus in the workplace and at home?

**Child:** What do you think it means to follow in Jesus' footsteps?

## IC Haiti

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."**

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

We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Immaculate Conception School



### Please Join Us for Golf, Dinner, or Both!

*Our Fall Fundraiser is an exciting day of golf and an evening of fun to socialize!*

**Monday, September 27, 2021**

Renaissance Golf Club  
377 Kenzoa Street, Haverhill, MA

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.

Shotgun Start: 11:30 a.m.

Classic BBQ Dinner: 4:30 p.m.

### Golf Outing Includes:

[Register Here for Golf](#)

Greens and Cart Fees for 18 Holes of Golf  
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### BBQ Dinner Social:

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**All families** are invited to join us under the Renaissance Tent for a fun evening.

We will have live music by Alex Anthony and a Classic BBQ served **4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**

### Silent Auction:

**Don't miss your chance to bid on 3 exclusive packages!**

[View Packages and Register](#) now for online bidding so you are ready to bid from your mobile device while enjoying the course, at the dinner social or even from home if you aren't able to join us.

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during the Golf Outing and Dinner Social.

See the online bulletin for all registration links:

[hriccatholic.org/publications](http://hriccatholic.org/publications).

All proceeds will benefit the Immaculate Conception School of Newburyport.

## 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).

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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.

## IC Online Giving

Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

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## Adoration

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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.

## 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). 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.)



## 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

## The God Minute

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## Knights of Columbus



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## Turkey Classic

Join the Knights of Columbus Council 231 for a fun filled day of golfing while raising money for charity at the 2nd annual Turkey Classic. Proceeds will be used to help local families in need on Thanksgiving. For more information, to register, to donate, or to sponsor please call Matt Blanchette: 978-697-5135.

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