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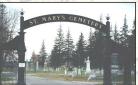
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### **Mass Schedule**

#### Saturday (9/18)

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

#### Sunday (9/19)

8:30am **Nativity** *Joseph Kardas, Marion Carew* (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

#### Monday (9/20)

9:00am IC Jeffrey S. Stone, For the intentions of Mrs. Adolf Benca (Fr. Harrison)

#### **Tuesday (9/21)**

9:00am IC Jeffrey S. Stone (Fr. Harrison)

#### Wednesday (9/22)

No Mass Scheduled

#### Thursday (9/23)

9:00am IC Jeffrey S. Stone (Fr. Morin)

#### Friday (9/24)

9:00am IC Jeffrey S. Stone (Fr. Harrison)

#### Saturday (9/25)

11:00am IC Confirmation

1:00pm IC Confirmation

4:00pm IC Mary E. Lefebre, Jeffrey S. Stone, Peter & Florence Boschetti (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon

Moranski)

#### **Sunday (9/26)**

8:30am **Nativity** For the intentions of Carolyn Johnson (Fr. Morin)

9:00am IC Jeffrey S. Stone (Fr. Harrison)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC** Gordon P. Mitchell, Jr., Nadine Bishop (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Shirley Fitzgerald, Ryan F. Childs, and all the faithful departed.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury



Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through

<u>Facebook</u>: (<u>Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception</u> Collaborative Parishes)

### Mass Schedule for Sept. 19

There is no 10:00 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

Celebrate the PEP Fest on Sunday, September 19. Bring a lawn chair and join us for Mass at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Club, 25 Low St., Newburyport. Details at right.

### From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In Law School, I am told, one of the first things they teach you is not to ask a question in court that you don't already know the answer to. While Jesus certainly was no attorney, one could apply this same wisdom to His questioning, as it is often presented in



the Scriptures. The caveat being, if Jesus were to ever ask you a question...presume that He already knows the answer and conduct yourself accordingly!

Today's passage is a good example of this. Jesus, of course, already knows that His disciples were arguing among themselves about who was the most important and jockeying for position in their little clique. In many ways, this was not unexpected for men in His time and culture. As we saw in last week's Gospel passage, people sought knowledge of themselves through the eyes of others, including their perceived-greatness in comparison to one another. The criteria that the disciples were using could have been anything: muscle and brawn, intelligence, the ability to read and write, their alleged skill at a trade, how attractive they thought they were to the ladies...who knows?! All we do know is that Jesus had had enough of it and was calling them to something more.

Real greatness, Jesus teaches, is achieved by humbling yourself to be the servant of all. In a time and place where genuine service was that action of a slave who had no intrinsic value or place in society, the very idea of lowering yourself to take on that non-status was ludicrous. People seek to maintain their honorable status in families and communities and may even aspire to greatness. They don't willingly surrender it in order to place others before and ahead of themselves. On purpose. Who does that?! A disciple of Jesus does. That's who. The reason is that in

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### This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, September 20

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

Women at the Well Meeting 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, September 21

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* IC Catechist Training, Gr. 3–5 7:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room* IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church* 

Wednesday, September 22

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, September 23

IC Catechist Training 6:45pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 24

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

Saturday, September 25

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, September 26

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

IC Faith Formation 10:00am, IC Parish Center

IC Confirmation Prep: Parent & Teen Mtg. 3:30pm, 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.

### **Daily Mass Schedule**

There will be no Daily Mass celebrated at Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, **September 22**.

### **Bulletin Information**

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to  $\underline{\text{hricbulletin@gmail.com}}.$ 

### **Confessions**

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

### San Marcos Coffee Sale

#### September 25-26

We will roast a large order of Honduran coffee for purchase at all Collaborative Masses on September 25–26. As Catholics, we are called to help the poor to rise out of poverty. Your purchase makes it possible for the poor coffee farmers in Honduras to receive a fair wage for coffee beans grown on their small family-owned farms. Call or text Karen with questions or advance orders 978-270-0183.

Muchas Gracias!

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God, and through the saving action of Christ, we have so much inalienable confidence that God will uphold our personal honor and dignity, we can take on the lowliness and gentleness of even the most humble servant and not surrender our indelible identity of being a son or daughter of God, with full inheritance rights to the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life. God's love and care for us is enough and wholly satisfying in and of itself. We do not need the approval, positive judgement, or affirmation of any human being to find complete and total fulfillment. God, and God alone, provides this.

If we stop and think about it, we spend an enormous amount of time and energy promoting and maintaining our relationships that convey status and place in this world. We network constantly to improve our employability, we honor and acknowledge others' contributions sometimes as a way of affirming, in time, our own. We compare and evaluate. We consider and appraise. "Am I being paid what I am worth?" "Are my contributions being appreciated and respected?" "Am I making a difference?" "I am really putting myself out there—is the return on my efforts worth it?"

With Jesus, we already know the answer to these questions when our efforts are to be the best servant possible, seeking nothing more than to imitate our Master and reflect His love, mercy and compassion back out into the world. If we keep our focus on being a servant, then whether we are judged to be the greatest or the least, we will have the joy of simply belonging in His company, which means eternal life. And there is nothing better than that!

September blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

### **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

### **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

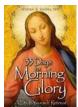
### **Knights of Columbus**



The Knights of Columbus meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month. Please email us for a detailed schedule and the meeting location kofc231@outlook.com.



### 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 <a href="mailto:kofc231@gmail.com">kofc231@gmail.com</a>.

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.



### **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.



women at the well

### 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 for the link.

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!

We meet 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.

### **ENGAGE & FORMED**

We have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at <u>flocknote.com/hriccollaborative</u> or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

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



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Starting **October 21st at 6:30PM**, and on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30PM following, we will meet in the Youth Ministry Room of the Pastoral Center at Immaculate Conception Parish in Newburyport.

Please join us *any* third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM. If you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:hrichlaze@gmail.com">hrichlaze@gmail.com</a>.

### **Lions Food Drive**

The Newburyport Lions will be holding a Food Drive to benefit the First Parish Church of Newbury Food Pantry. They will be collecting items under the tent in Shaw's parking lot on Saturday, September 25 from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Please stop by and donate.

The food pantry services Newbury, Newburyport, West Newbury, Rowley, and Merrimac.

### **Facebook Mass**

#### To watch our Saturday 4:00 p.m. live-stream Mass:

- Go to our Facebook page (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/">https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/</a>) 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.
- Click the "videos" link on the page.
- 3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

### Like Us on Facebook





### It's Cori Time

2022 CORI forms are now available. Remember that all Collaborative volunteers are required to fill out a CORI form every year.

If you are attending the PEP Fest at the Elks Club, please stop by the CORI table there and fill yours out. In addition, there are CORI forms in all the churches' Sacristies. Please have any Clergy verify your ID.

#### **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.

### 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.

### **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: <a href="mailto:info@hriccatholic.org">info@hriccatholic.org</a>.

### HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

### **HR Offertory Collection**

HR Offertory, Sept. 11–12 \$1,194.00

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Mailed In Offertory, week ending Sept. 10 \$1,425.00

Catholic Appeal \$18,565.00

The second collection this weekend (September 19) is Clergy Benefit Trust. The second collection next weekend (September 26) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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.

### **Clergy Benefit Trust**

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information or to donate online, please visit <a href="https://www.clergytrust.org">www.clergytrust.org</a>.

### **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, <a href="hricatholic.org">hricatholic.org</a> 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.

### St. Ann Retaining Wall Project



The retaining wall work should be finished soon.

Once finished, we will do some pavement patching and repairs in the parking lot. Parking restrictions will continue until after the parking lot repairs.



### **HR Faith Formation**

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at 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: <a href="https://hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda at <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

#### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: <a href="https://hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at <a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda at <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

#### **Baptism**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

#### Confirmation

Information regarding the Fall 2021 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: <a href="https://hrito.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron <a href="mailto:aggiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

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### **HR Prayer Shawl**

If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please give their name to Helen <a href="hvktax@aol.com">hvktax@aol.com</a> 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.



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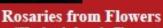


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Monthly, Sept. 11–12 \$ 981.00

Mailed In Offertory, week ending Sept. 10 \$ 893.00

Catholic Appeal \$48,980.00

The second collection this weekend (September 19) is Clergy Benefit Trust. The second collection next weekend (September 26) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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.

### **Clergy Benefit Trust**

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information or to donate online, please visit <a href="https://www.clergytrust.org">www.clergytrust.org</a>.

### 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: <a href="https://www.svdpnewburyport.org">www.svdpnewburyport.org</a>. 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 at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

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### 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.

### **Immaculate Conception School**



Immaculate Conception School officially opened for the 2021–2022 school year on Tuesday September 7. We welcomed 200 students, 15 teachers, 4 instructional aides, and additional staff who returned for the 2021–2022 school year with smiles, anticipation, and

excitement. Seven new teachers join the faculty at the IC, bringing with them a wealth of experience and the desire to be part of a caring community.

The IC is able to reinstate several programs and experiences for the students. Before Care and Aftercare programs are providing much-needed support for families who need childcare before and after school. We also gather each morning to pray in the gym, using the grand space to distance the children. We will also attend Mass in the church as a school family. The cafeteria is used for lunches with students seated at a safe distance, accomplished by adding banquet tables to maximize the seating in the room.

Remote learning continues to be offered to all students to support best practices when symptoms of illness keep a child home from school. The option to always have access to the learning was a key factor for the ICs success last year.



Pictured: Kindergarten students enjoy their very first lunch in the cafeteria!

### **Questions of the Week**

**Adult**: Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

**Child**: Do you like being first in line at school? Or being the first to do something fun at home? Is it important to you to be first? Why do you think it would be good to let someone else be first?

### **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."

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.

### **IC PARISH**

### **IC Faith Formation**

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at 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: <a href="https://hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda at <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

#### Confirmation

Information regarding the Fall 2021 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: <a href="https://hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron <a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

#### **Baptism**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

#### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: <a href="hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at <a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda at <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

### **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.

To learn more visit our website, <a href="hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a> and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

### **Free Hair Cuts**

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

### **COLLABORATIVE NEWS**

### **Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina**

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God's words as we continue by reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina.

For the next 30 minutes we listen to God's words, ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now, and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978- 462-7483.

### **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

### **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**. 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.)



### The God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called *The God Minute*. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free.

Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. www.thegodminute.org

### Adoration

### Adoration

Join us for Adoration every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at IC Church. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

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.

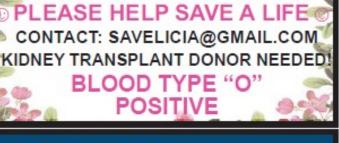


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