

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018

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*“But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars
forever.” (Dn. 12:3)*

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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Newburyport 01950

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/17)

4:00pm **IC Mass of Remembrance**
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (11/18)

7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge, Adolf Benca**
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC Ann LaSelva** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (11/19)

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

Tuesday (11/20)

7:15am **IC William & Ann DePippo, Raymond & Hilda Hartnett, Lenny Currier** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (11/21)

7:15am **IC Sandy Lambert** (Fr. McLaughlin)

9:00am **School Liturgy** (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (11/22) Thanksgiving

8:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (11/23)

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

Saturday (11/24)

4:00pm **IC Stanley Jancewicz, Ernie Penta, Robert W. Cynewski, Jo Bridges** (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (11/25)

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

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

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

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

11:30am **IC Margaret Mary Heath** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember David Blaisdell, Claire Bibeau, Richard Doyle, Mark Walter Benson, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Back in 2002 when the clergy sexual abuse crisis first broke full-force in Boston, many priests and parishioners alike used to rate each day either being “top of the fold” or “bottom of the fold” — that is, whether the crisis would appear on the top of the newspaper fold, or at the bottom. It seemed that there was never a day when it wasn't on the front page of the paper somewhere. It was a bitter experience to confront again and again the Church's failure of leadership and betrayal of trust. It is hard to hear of such negative accounts about something that most of us have grown up to love and cherish. Our hearts ached for those who were harmed. Our anger boiled that nothing was done to curtail the abuse or keep it from spreading.

I don't know about you, but lately that same feeling has been creeping back into my daily ritual of reading the news, conjuring up many concerns and emotions that accompanied our painful journey more than 15 years ago. Just like in 2002, every time we think we have started to address an issue or move forward in a positive manner, some new, devastating revelation comes out that takes our breath away and forces us to realize we have much, much further to go if we are ever to rid our beloved Church of these sins and betrayals. It can feel like those in leadership can't find their way out of a paper bag these days...

Realizing that many of us are experiencing all kinds of conflicting emotions and carry many important questions in our hearts, I would like to invite parishioners from our Collaborative to a series of listening sessions next month. These will take place at **7:00pm on Tuesday, Dec. 4th at Nativity Hall in Merrimac, Monday, December 10th at St. Louis Hall in Newburyport and Tuesday, December 11th at St. Ann Church in West Newbury**. Each evening will begin with prayer and will offer an opportunity for those who wish to share their thoughts and concerns to speak. These will be lead by an outside facilitator and are not meant to be a question and answer session, but rather a time to share and pray together. I will be present in a listening posture so that I can best hear people's concerns and needs. We will work to make these evenings a safe and affirming environment for all who are able to be present.

I hope that you will be able to attend one or more of these evenings of prayer and sharing. As we begin our Advent Season and preparations for the joyful celebration of Christmas, it is good to spend a little time in prayer and reflection before the festivities reach their crescendo later in December.

May God bless us all with grateful hearts and generous spirits this Thanksgiving.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



Thanksgiving Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close at noon on Wednesday, November 21 and will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Offices will reopen on Monday, November 25 at 8:00 a.m.

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

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This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, November 19

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

HR Boy Scout Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, November 20

Pivotal Players Saints Series 10:00am, IC St Louis Hall

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, November 21

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

Collaborative Offices close at 12:00noon

Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Friday, November 23

Collaborative Offices Closed

Saturday, November 24

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Sunday, November 25

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church

New England Tenors Concert 2:00pm, IC Church

Mass Scripture Readings: Nov. 18–Nov. 25, 2018

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

- Sunday, Nov 18: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32
- Monday, Nov 19: Revelations 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Psalm 1; Luke 18:35-43
- Tuesday, Nov 20: Revelations 3:1-6, 14-22; Psalm 15; Luke 19:1-10
- Wednesday, Nov 21: Revelations 4:1-11; Psalm 150; Luke 19:11-28
- Thursday, Nov 22: Revelations 5:1-10; Psalm 149; Luke 19:41-44
- Friday, Nov 23: Revelations 10:8-11; Psalm 119; Luke 19:45-48
- Saturday, Nov 24: Revelations 11:4-12; Psalm 144; Luke 20:27-40
- Sunday, Nov 25: Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 93; Revelations 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at **8:00 a.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church.

The offertory at this Mass will benefit St. Vincent de Paul. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.



Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.

Pilgrimage to Ireland

Join us for an enriching journey through the Emerald Isle in 2019! We depart May 13, 2019 for a memorable pilgrimage through various sites of unparalleled beauty, historic significance, and religious importance. Our tour will include visits to Dublin, Galway, the Dingle Peninsula, Kilarney, the Ring of Kerry, Clonmacnoise, Knock, and more.

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

Pivotal Players: Saints Who Inspire

A New Series for November

Engage in the lives of saints who uniquely shaped the life of the Catholic Church and influenced the course of Western civilization. This DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron gives spiritual weight to November as the month of holy souls while encouraging our own call to personal holiness. Each facilitated DVD runs an hour with time for an overview and fellowship.

Place: IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport

Time: 10:00am–11:30am

Dates: Tuesdays in November (specific schedule below)

Nov. 20: Francis of Assisi, the Reformer

Nov. 27: Catherine of Siena, the Mystic

Dec. 4: Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Collaborative Baptisms

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

Collin John Abenante • Reese Margaret Baran • Bianca Margarida Colaco Burge • Mj Cerasulo-Titus • Claire Sophia Colby • Sofia Grace Diaz • Morgan Claire Fronius • Jaxon Thomas Landry • Molly Catherine LeSage • Parker Rush McElroy • Tucker Robert Oslin • Sophia Rose Pike • Penelope Ann Sherr • Gwendolyn Bailey Tetanski • Olivia Katherine Zamarro

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Pounds for Pelican Fundraiser

Pelican Intervention Fund Fundraiser

This event is spearheaded with gratitude by a recipient of Pelican funding who is using his skills to give others the same opportunity to reclaim their lives as he received.

Mitch Cohen, Pelican Intervention Fund recipient and Competitive Power Lifter, will compete at the 2018 RPS Powerlifting Championships on December 1–2 at KDR Fitness, 75 Bank St., Lebanon, NH. He is raising money for the Pelican Intervention Fund. If you would like to sponsor Mitch, make checks payable to: *"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF,"* add *Mitch's Event* in the memo line and mail to:

Essex County Community Foundation
175 Andover Street
Danvers, MA 01923

Credit card donations online @
www.pelicaninterventionfund.org Add *Mitch's Event*
(Tax ID # 04-3407816)

The Pelican Intervention Fund exists to provide the opportunity for recovery through long-term, 12-step-based residential treatment. Please help us support the journey from addiction to recovery. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions please contact:

Elizabeth McCarthy 978 462-7483
Kim Keene 978 430-1408

Pelican Quilt Raffle

Pelican Intervention Fund Fundraiser

The Pelican Intervention Fund Travelling Quilt will be on display and raffle tickets will be available after the following Masses this weekend in the Collaborative:

4:00pm: Immaculate Conception Church
8:00am: Nativity Church
10:15am: St. Ann Church
11:30am: Immaculate Conception Church

Please stop by after Mass, see the quilt, and take a chance at winning while supporting the Pelican Intervention Fund.

Festival of Wreaths & Trees

Pelican Intervention Fund Fundraiser

Please join us on November 23–24 for the annual Festival of Wreaths and Trees at the Old South Presbyterian Church in Newburyport.

Tickets: \$5 admission fee good for Friday and Saturday.

Raffle tickets: \$10 for 25 chances to win wreaths, trees, and other raffle items including the Pelican Intervention Fund Travelling Quilt.

All proceeds from the festival will benefit the Pelican Intervention Fund. The Pelican Quilt will be displayed and raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

New England Tenors Concert

Sunday, November 25, 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of wonderful music to begin the Advent and Christmas season.

The New England Tenors will be performing a Christmas Concert next Sunday, November 25, at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

Cost: adults: \$20 per person. Under 12 years: \$12 per person.

Tickets:

- Available from any IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul member
- After all IC Masses on the weekend of November 18
- At the door the day of the show

Complimentary refreshments will be available in the IC School cafeteria at the show's intermission.

{Proceeds benefit the IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul}.



Scene from last year's wonderful show.

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Advent Adventure with Icons

Eight parishioners look forward to others enrolling in the road trip to the Clinton, MA Russian Icon Museum!

If you liked the Boston trip to the MFA Botticelli exhibit, Eastern iconography will enthrall you with spiritual and mystical presence. Open to parishioners and non-parishioners.

Date: Wednesday, December 5

- transportation from IC parking lot, departure 9:00am and return at 2:30pm
- one hour as a private docent-directed group explanation of the icons on exhibit
- free time to shop in downtown Clinton, visit the tea room, ponder the icons, or eat your bag lunch

Tentative fee: \$20 per person

Tentative departure/return: 9:00am–2:30pm

Registration required. RSVP Mary Schmidt: 978-462-6191 or maryschmidthomepro@hotmail.com.

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

3rd Annual Advent Vespers

For two Wednesday evenings this Advent, come for a rare opportunity to pray with Russian icons as a complement to our traditional Western antiphonal Evening Prayer. This reflective and beautiful way to add prayer to Advent is sure to inspire with word, song, silence, and images.

Wednesday, December 12, featuring Russian Madonna icons presented by Mary Schmidt

Wednesday, December 19, featuring icons of St. George presented by Fr. George Morin

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Feast of the Holy Family “Open House”

Give to the grandparent or child in your life the gift of a lively celebration in which your loved one will delight in seeing manger scenes from countries around the world, displayed by parishioners loaning their personal mangers just for 3 hours during this “Open House.” Nativity Hall is the perfect place to share a nativity and indulge in treats, activities, and family lore. Please come—invite friends—and honor the Holy Family as we close out 2018 with images that inspire reverence and spotlight this Catholic Tradition that secular culture overlooks.

Place: Nativity Hall, Merrimac

Date: Sunday, December 30

Time: 1pm–4pm

Set-Up Schedule: Saturday, December 29 (9am–4pm) and Sunday, December 30 (9am–noon)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. This is solely to assure floor or table display space. Contact Mary Schmidt at 978-462-6191 or email maryschmidthomepro@hotmail.com for more details.

{Hosted by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Cursillo and Ultreya

The Cursillo weekend is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love into your daily life. Many of your HRIC brothers and sisters have experienced this “short course in Christianity” at St. Basil’s Salvatorian Center in Methuen, MA and we invite you to include Cursillo as part of your faith journey.

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

Cursillo weekends 2019

January 3	Women
February 7	Men
March 7	Women
April 4	Men
May 2	Women
June 6	Women
October 3	Men
November 7	Women

Ultreya Evenings

December 7	January 4
February 1	March 1
March 29	April 26
May 31	

Centering Prayer

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: If today was your last day, what would you do with it?

Child: If Jesus came to visit you today what would you do? What would you say? How would you act?

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholicTV.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America’s Catholic Television Network.

Women’s Evening of Prayer



The next Women’s Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church, West Newbury.

All women of the Collaborative are welcome to this wonderful evening of reflection through prayer and music.

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HR Offertory Collection

Today's second collection is used to assist religious communities to provide for the retirement and health care needs of Sisters who have served in the Archdiocese. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to the Sisters who have served the Church of Boston so generously for so many years. Your contribution does make a difference. For more information, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637 or Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org.

**HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$11,935.00**



HR Prayer Shawl



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

Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, December 6.**

Coffee & Donuts After Mass

Please come join us on Sunday, November 25 after the 8:00am Mass in the Nativity Church Hall. This is a great time to catch up with your parish family or maybe meet a new friend.



Fair Prep this past week



Left: Krispy Sushi snacks for the bake sale. Yumm!

Below: Many baskets to choose from!



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HR Religious Education

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

- Sun., 11/18** Grades 3–6 at Merrimac Hall, 9–10 a.m.
Grade 2 at Nativity Church, 9–10 a.m.
Grade 10 class (Student & Adult) at Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30 p.m.
- Tues. 11/27** Grades 7–8 at Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30 p.m.
- Sat., 12/1** Grade 3 Activity Day at W. Newbury Hall, 1–3:30 p.m.
- Sun., 12/2** Grades 3–6 at Merrimac Hall, 9–10 a.m.
Grade 9 class at Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

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



Thank you to all who donated for the Veterans. Helen Thumser, along with others, were able to make 58 gift bags to give out for Christmas.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Our Conference recently delivered ten Thanksgiving turkey dinners to our clients. We have also helped with the purchase of a cooking stove, provided Market Basket and gasoline gift cards, arranged for the purchase and delivery of beds for an entire family, and paid toward past-due electric and propane bills.

None of this would have been possible without your support. Thank you and hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul to help expedite our banking.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, November 10–11 **\$9,624.00**
Monthly **\$1,911.00**

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The second collection next Sunday is Restoration/Renovation

**IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
To Date \$40,755.00**



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 43.00
Poor Box	\$467.00
Total	\$510.00

Merrimac Heights Academy

There will be a benefit fundraiser concert on Saturday, December 1 at the Belleville Congregational Church. *Broadway Heights for Hope* promises to be a fun-filled event with singing performances by local young talented performers followed by a string quartet concert by musicians from the Longwood Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$50.00. All proceeds will benefit Merrimac Heights Academy and the continued success of a school serving students with special needs. You may purchase tickets on line at www.mktix.com/mha or contact the school at 978-0384-8290. Thank you for your support.

IC Knitting Ministry

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

The Compassionate Friends



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

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **November 26**. Contact Barbara with questions: barbarahopkinson@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception School



The IC Leadership Team is organizing a Thanksgiving dinner collection for eleven area families. The students in each class contribute specific food items for a delicious Thanksgiving meal, and the PTO provides a gift card for each family to purchase a turkey. The Leadership Team will deliver the completed dinner baskets to the Newburyport Community Service for distribution to needy families. The Team also delivered Halloween candy, donated by our students, to the orthodontic office of Dr. Povlo, who will send it to US Troops. Bags and bags, as pictured here, will provide a sweet treat for our military overseas. Members of the Leadership Team are not only leading our school in meaningful service projects, but are learning to collaborate with local and school organizations to make a difference.



Storage Space Needed

IC North Pole Express is in need of storage space (10ft x 12ft x 8ft) for our large Polar Village wooden items from 12/1/18–12/7/19.

Please contact Tara McQuaid (tmmcquaid@comcast.net) if you are able to help. Thank You!

November: A Time to Remember the Faithful Departed

As has been our custom at Immaculate Conception Parish for many years, we continue this year inviting parishioners to bring a small picture of their deceased loved one and place it on the side altar near our Baptismal Font as a way to remember those who have gone before us into the mystery of death and our great hope of being with them again in the resurrection. There is also a place to write their name in the Book of the Names of the Dead. We will keep these in place throughout the weekends in November. Parishioners are asked to retrieve their pictures after Thanksgiving weekend.

The Mass of Remembrance will be on Saturday, November 17 at 4:00pm.

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IC Religious Education

Fall Programs

Classes for Grades K–8 are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–11:05. Registrations still being accepted. For more information contact the Religious Ed Office.

We would love to have a list of **substitutes** to call upon should one of our catechists not be available. Please consider helping us in this capacity.

Classes will not take place next week (Nov. 25) due to the Thanksgiving holiday. They will resume Sunday, December 2.

Confirmation

Registrations are still being accepted for those students in Grades 9 & 10 who wish to prepare for Confirmation. Please call the Religious Ed Office for more information.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Baptism information: www.hricatholic.org/Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for information regarding what is needed to **pre-register** for the next Baptism class scheduled for Sunday, December 2 at 1:00pm. The next group Baptism will take place Sunday, December 9.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

We are beginning the process of preparing students for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please contact the Religious Ed. office at 978-462-2724 to register your child or for more information.

Liturgical Ministers

The signup sheet for those wishing to serve at one of the Christmas Liturgies and for New Year's Day is now available in the sacristy. If you know what Mass you will be attending, please don't wait to secure a spot!

Also, remember when submitting your CORI form by mail, a **picture ID** must also be submitted for verification purposes. Complete and submit this form to the Parish office as soon as possible as they are now past due. Forms are available in the sacristy. Be aware that the Archdiocese **will not** accept copies so please submit your form in person or by mail.

Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is: (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has got you covered. Check this link daily for news about the Catholic Church, and the latest issues in Catholicism. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.

www.ewtnnews.com/

Christmas Fair

IC Parish Boosters

Saturday, December 1, 2018 9am–2pm, IC School Gym. (Setup: Friday, November 30, 2018 5:30–8:30pm.)

Parishioners! We need your help to make our Fair a success!

Do you have a new or slightly used item to donate to our Grandma's Attic Table or a decoration you no longer use for the Christmas Table? How about something small that a child might buy to give Mom or Dad for Christmas?

If you love to bake, we would love homemade pies, sweet breads, cookies, cakes, or candy.

Christmas Fair Contacts:

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Call for crafters: Cost: \$25 for space & table. (Those selling personal items are to take with them what does not sell.)

The parish will host a 50/50 raffle and a **Grandma's Attic** table for **any items that people would like to donate to the Fair**. We are asking for the following:

- Donated candies, homemade baked goods, fudge
- Items for children to go shopping for their parents
- Craft items
- Books
- DVDs
- Be creative!

Children's Area

Children's area to shop for Christmas

Food

Chili and cornbread, coffee, pastries, hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water, desserts

Silent Auction

We are looking for donated items to support the Silent Auction. Crafters will also donate items for the raffle table.

Florida Hurricane Relief

The family in Panama City whom we have been helping has finally been able to return to their home, although they still face many repairs and challenges going forward as they attempt to rebuild their lives. At this point, the best way to continue to help them is through the GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/gxv84-hurricane-michael-relief>

Thank you so much for your generosity! We will keep you updated as to their progress. Please continue to keep them and all those affected by Hurricane Michael in your thoughts and prayers.