

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

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**I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever; John 6:51**

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”

St. Ann

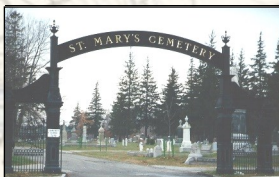
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/18)

4:00pm **IC** *Stephen & Loretta Furlong, Daniel P. Bradley, JoEllen Cox-Mulica, John K. Herlihy*
(Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (8/19)

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

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

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

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

11:00am **IC** *Laura Wayne* (Fr. O'Brien)

Monday (8/20)

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

Tuesday (8/21)

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

Wednesday (8/22)

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

Thursday (8/23)

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

Friday (8/24)

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

Saturday (8/25)

4:00pm **IC** *Mary Flore Dubuc, Stanley Jancewicz, George Laite, Christopher Laite, Johnny Anderson, Stephen Masarro* (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (8/26)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge, Harry Kalashian*
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

9:00am **IC** *Ronald "Ronnie" Corbett*
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Mary Lou Gannon, Barbara Gangi, Robert Richards, Jr., Walter Mills, Jr. and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Fr. Ray's Coffee

This project started in the parish of San Marcos, Ocatepeque where I was pastor between the years 1999–2008. San Marcos is in a valley 3,000ft. above sea level between mountains that reach more than 9,000ft., with a very scenic, cool climate and with some wonderful people.

One day at the meeting of the parish council, we touched on the theme of coffee. Much coffee was being produced in that part of the country. It was a lot of work and various members of the parish council and other committed lay people in the parish were small-scale coffee growers who earned little for their hard work. They were poor and owned little land. They could not afford to buy more land to plant more coffee and therefore were not able to sustain themselves economically growing coffee. Besides, they could only sell their coffee to "coyotes." These were not four footed animals but rather two footed men who went around the mountains buying up the coffee that small-scale coffee growers produced. The small-scale growers had no other way to sell their coffee and they were forced to sell it for a very low price, "take it or leave it."

That was the situation that we pondered in the parish council. What could we do? The solution was to find a way to get the coffee to a coffee cooperative called "COCAFELOL." COCAFELOL began buying the coffee and offered better prices for better coffee, taught many of our parishioners who are poor, small-scale coffee growers the techniques and methods of producing very good coffee, and helped us get the coffee to market. The principal market for their coffee is the parishes of Our Lady Help of Christians in Newton and our own Immaculate Conception Parish in Newburyport.

Our parish coffee growers in San Marcos had much to learn. For example, coffee picks up flavors of everything it comes in contact with in every step of its process. When the bees that pollinate the coffee flowers first visit peach trees, mango trees, orange trees, and many other flowers, that all affects the flavor of the finished product. Coffee tasters have very sensitive taste buds and can discern all the different flavors. If a 100 pound bag of coffee is left overnight on a dirt floor, without knowing this, when the tasters sample it they say: "It tastes like dirt," and that means it is no good. Our coffee producers from San Marcos had to learn all that, and many other details, and sometimes the hard way.

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Free Hair Cuts



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

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



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Collaborative Parishes**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 20

AA Meeting 10:30am IC St. Louis Hall

IC Parish Boosters Meeting 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, August 21

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

“Bread of Life” Lecture Series 7:00pm, St. Ann Church

Wednesday, August 22

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall

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

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Thursday, August 23

Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, August 24

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, August 25

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

Sunday, August 26

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

HR Activities Committee Planning Meeting 7:30pm, Nativity Hall



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Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm–5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative’s towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30am. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to “First Parish” and write “food pantry” in the memo) are always welcome.

Bulletin Information

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

The great improvement of the quality of their coffee, and the increase from \$1.00 a pound to \$7.00 or more means that they can now improve their houses and send their children to high school and beyond. In 2007, before I left San Marcos, we had a visit of four parishioners from Our Lady Help of Christians and they were able to see all the good that this project continues to produce for these good people of the parish of San Marcos.

Our small scale coffee growers from San Marcos are very thankful that you buy their coffee and now feel pride in producing good coffee and receiving its benefit and they derive satisfaction that they are producing fine coffee for your enjoyment.

For my part, I also would like to say “thank you” and “God bless you” for continuing to support this project that even after about 15 years continues to produce benefits for you and the 20 small-scale coffee growers of San Marcos.

Pelican Intervention Fund

Thank You

Many thanks for supporting our Summer Fundraising Events:

Maple Crest Farm Strawberry Picking, West Newbury
Dinner at The Deck -Salisbury

All day meals at Dos Amigos, Newburyport

With your generous support we raised \$1,790 at these three events.

We also greatly appreciate the spirit of many members of our Parish Collaborative who walked with the Pelican Intervention Fund at the annual Yankee Homecoming Parade. Walking together we celebrated the lives that have been changed by the incredibly generous donations and constant support of the communities we serve.

All who joined us also shared a message of hope to those who are still struggling with the disease of addiction. Thank you each and all for supporting us in so many ways.



In September our fundraising event will be at **Flatbread Pizza, Amesbury from 5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18**. We appreciate the generosity of businesses from the communities we serve.

For more information or to join the Pelican Intervention Fund please call: Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or Kim Keene, 978-430-1408

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Sunday and Daily Mass Scripture Readings: Aug. 19–26, 2018

We're all encouraged to spend time reading the daily Scripture passages, meditating upon their meaning, and conversing with the Lord in response to His Word. 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. Praying with the Scriptures daily is one sure way to become a more intentional disciple of Christ.

		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sunday	August 19	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalm 34	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Monday	August 20	Ezekiel 24:15-23	Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21		Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday	August 21	Ezekiel 28:1-10	Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab		Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday	August 22	Ezekiel 34:1-11	Psalm 23		Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday	August 23	Ezekiel 36:23-28	Psalm 51		Matthew 22:1-14
Friday	August 24	Revelation 21:9b-14	Psalm 145		John 1:45-51
Saturday	August 25	Ezekiel 43:1-7ab	Psalm 85		Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday	August 26	Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b	Psalm 34	Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32	John 6:60-69

Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about **Lectio Divina** as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go directly to <http://www.hricatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or go to www.HRICatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

Last call for Italy!



Venice

The chance to be part of this amazing Pilgrimage through Northern Italy this fall is rapidly closing. All pilgrims must be signed up by August 21. If you have ever dreamed of traveling through this amazing country, don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity! Please call Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661 or sign-up online at: <http://www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric>. Come on a Faith Journey with us!

Offertory Envelopes

You can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelope. Drop it in the collection and we will deliver it to your home Parish.

Ask A Priest

"Ask A Priest" Semi-final photos from Inn Street

"Ask A Priest" final meeting of the season was last Friday, August 17. Here are some photos from the previous week.



[sponsored by Adult Faith Formation Team]

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

“Bread of Life” Lecture Series

All lectures are at St. Ann Church, 7:00–8:30 p.m.



The gospel reading for every Sunday Mass in August is from the 6th Chapter of St. John’s Gospel. The Church gave us mid-July Scriptures about miraculous multiplications of bread as a preview for Jesus’ discourse about His Body & Blood. What more can be unpacked about this mystery, its controversy and challenges? Come for 90 minutes of prayerful reflection and be invited to receive a deepened reverence for the Supper of the Lord.

Tuesday, August 21 with Fr. John Kiley on the *Eucharist: What IT Calls Us to Be*

(Presented by the Adult Faith Formation Team)



Closing Prayer, week 2.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment.
HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass or by appointment.

Baptism

Call the Parish offices for information and to register.

Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

Questions of the Week

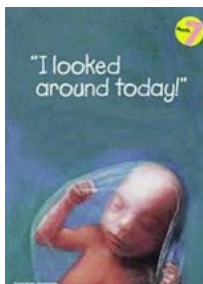


Adult: Which images from today’s readings touch your heart? Why?

Child: Jesus shares His life with us. How does Jesus help you share your life with others?

Spiritual Adoption Program

Seventh Month



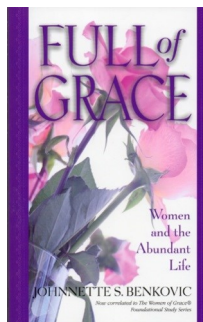
Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. Eyelids open and close, and the eyes look around. The baby can taste, touch, cough, yawn, and hiccup. S/he now recognizes his/her mother’s voice. His/her grip is even stronger now than it will be after birth. The hair on the head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of the body is disappearing. During this time the baby will receive antibodies from his/her mother providing immunity to a wide variety of diseases.

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.

Women of Grace Program

Become the woman of grace God created you to be!



The Women of Grace Foundational Study, *Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life*, is a dynamic program for Catholic women, encouraging study participants to come to a fuller understanding of their dignity and vocation as daughters of God. They’ll dig deep into Catholic teaching to examine their gift of authentic femininity using the study text *Full of Grace*, Sacred Scripture, the *Catechism*, citations from Vatican II and other Magisterial documents, as well as the biographies of 16 Catholic women saints. As they learn the great gift of authentic femininity and how to live it out in the world today, hearts are healed, lives are changed, and souls are saved!

Morning and evening sessions offered:

Wednesdays: 10:00am–12noon or 6:00pm–8:00pm

(10 weekly sessions begin on September 26, 2018)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH

\$45.00 for materials (Financial assistance available if needed).

Registration deadline: September 10, 2018

For more information, contact Kathy Allen: [603-957-0048](tel:603-957-0048), kallen77@gmail.com.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 11–12 **\$3,203.00**
Monthly **\$2,156.00**



Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$22,862.00**
To Date **\$19,935.00**



\$22,862
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000

We are pleased to share that Holy Redeemer has raised \$19,935.00 toward the parish goal of \$22,862.00. Thank you to all who have already pledged support. If you have yet to give, we need your help! Please give today to help us reach our goal. Gifts can be made online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or by completing a pledge form available in the backs of the churches.

EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has you covered. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.
<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

Activities Committee Meeting

The HR Activities Committee will hold an organizational/planning meeting for the upcoming year on Sunday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Nativity Hall. All are welcome. Please plan on attending and bring some ideas for future activities for all members of Holy Redeemer Parish...and our surrounding community.

HR Sandwich Program

The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in Lawrence. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry.



We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, August 22.**

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

HR Religious Education

Rel. Ed. Families, all class schedules and registration forms are now online: hricatholic.org. Click the Faith Formation tab, then Holy Redeemer tab. Please submit registration forms to the Holy Redeemer office, Attn: Doreen O'Leary,

Confirmation

Incoming 11th graders who have completed grade 9 and 10 classes: your **Retreat Day** is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 16 at the hall in Merrimac from 11:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (lunch is included). Please bring cash or check in the amount of \$25.00 made out to Holy Redeemer for the robe rental fee. The robes are worn during the Confirmation Mass.

Confirmation Rehearsal is Wednesday, September 26 at St. Ann Church in West Newbury at 7:00 p.m. Please attend with your sponsor, if possible, or a parent.

Confirmation Mass(es) are at St. Ann Church at 1:00 p.m. and a smaller group at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, **September 29, 2018.** Bishop Hennessey will be presiding at both celebrations. If any candidates, sponsors, or parents would like to serve during the Mass, let me know on Retreat Day. Attendance for all of the above is mandatory.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



There is a wonderful way to honor someone who has requested "No gifts, please." You can send a check to Holy Redeemer Saint Vincent de Paul at 4 Green Street in Merrimac. Your donation will honor someone's celebration and will also help those in need. A note will be sent to let that someone know about the donor's meaningful gift. Donations can be made to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant occasions.

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

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann** in West Newbury on **August 25.**

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, September 6.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 11–12 \$10,126.00
Monthly \$ 1,558.00

The second collection this weekend is **Restoration/Renovation**.

The second collection next weekend is **Fr. Ray**.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 5.00
Poor Box	\$ 223.00
Total	\$ 228.00

Breaking Bread

The Breaking Bread dinner program is in need of a dedicated volunteer to help in the kitchen once or twice per month. We serve every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. The time commitment would be no more than 2 hours. Cooks and servers are doing well, but the very small group that keeps the kitchen sink area clean and organized needs help.

We are a “family” of happy and caring volunteers. **You** would be blessed to be a part of our group. We always leave the Parish Center happy to be a part of such a wonderful group of “kitchen angels.” Please join us!

Contact: “Bunny” Chiasson, Co-coordinator for the St. Vincent de Paul Breaking Bread dinner. 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

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 cfnewburyport.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 **August 27**.

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

Archdiocese Web Site

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

Consolers Circle Meal

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

Immaculate Conception School



The renovations to our junior high classrooms and the library are complete! Shiny blue and white floors, freshly painted walls and gorgeous LED light fixtures are ready to greet the students.

It's been fun to see the excitement in the teachers as they visit the classrooms for the first time.

We can't wait to see the reaction in the children! The IC is grateful for the opportunity to improve the students' experience and surroundings. Our school community will enjoy the improvements for years to come.



Immaculate Conception Parking

In the weeks ahead, there will be several challenges to parking in the vicinity of Immaculate Conception Church due to construction and community events in the immediate area of the church.

On Saturday, September 1, the free Riverfest Concert featuring a number of popular bands will take place from Noon to about 7:00 p.m. down at the waterfront. City officials are estimating crowds in excess of 20,000 for this event. Every effort will be made by parish staff to close-off the IC parking lot and to reserve it for 4:00 p.m. mass-goers, but parishioners should anticipate that side streets in the general area will be unavailable for parking. To avoid the crowds and inevitable parking headaches, everyone is urged to consider attending one of our Sunday masses that weekend.

Also, please be aware that as construction begins downtown on the new parking garage, there will be parking restrictions during weekdays on certain side streets. In the IC parking lot along Court Street there will be spaces reserved for city and police vehicles while this construction takes place down on Titcomb Street. To our knowledge, weekend parking in the IC lot will be unaffected. We anticipate these weekday parking restrictions to begin around **September 5** and last through the end of September. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

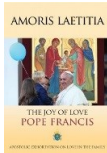
IC Annual Back-to-School New Socks and Underwear Drive

Our Annual Sock and Underwear drive is underway. Bins for your donations are at the doors of the IC Church. Please donate socks and underwear for school children ages 5–18 years old. Packages collected will go to the Community Service Center and will be distributed to those in need. Thanks so much for your generosity.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis



Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. We continue to review the various statements from the Holy Father.

Some Resources: In #226: Young married couples should be encouraged to develop a routine that gives a healthy sense of closeness and stability through shared daily rituals. These could include a morning kiss, an evening blessing, waiting at the door to welcome each other home, taking trips together and sharing household chores. Yet it also helps to break the routine with a party, and to enjoy family celebrations of anniversaries and special events. We need these moments of cherishing God's gifts and renewing our zest for life. As long as we can celebrate, we are able to rekindle our love, to free it from monotony and to color our daily routine with hope.

Fall Religious Programs

Fall Registration is available now. www.hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education.

Classes begin Sunday, September 16, 10:05–11:05am and Monday, September 17, 5:30–6:30pm.

Baptism

Baptism info.: www.hricatholic.org/Baptism

Please pre-register for the class.

Sept. 9 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room	1:00pm
Aug. 19 Group Baptism—Church	1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation Years 1 and 2: Please be working on your service activities. You need 24 hours over a two-year period.

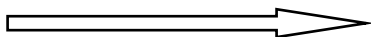
Confirmation Junior—Grade 11 will have their retreats on Saturday, September 8 from 10:00am–2:00pm and Sunday, September 9 from 1:00–5:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Please keep them in prayer.

Note: We have added a Confirmation Mass. Candidates will celebrate their Confirmation on Sunday, September 23 at the 11:30am Mass or the 2:30pm Mass with Bishop Hennessey. Candidates are to confirm their Mass preference time with the Religious Education office and number of guests.

Confirmation Orientation for parents only on Sunday, September 16 at 2:00pm in the Church. This meeting is for parents with candidates in Year 1, catholic school candidates in Year 2, and any family that is new to Confirmation at IC.

Confirmation session is October 28 at 1:00pm in the Church for Years 1 and 2.

IC Parish Boosters: We are looking for people to join us in planning fundraising events to support our parish ministries. [Read more](#)

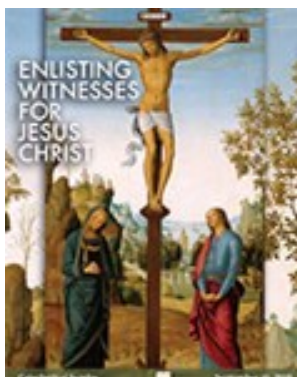


Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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.

Catechetical Sunday

This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** on September 16. The 2018 theme will be "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



We will celebrate the blessing of catechists on Sunday, September 16 at the 9:00am liturgy.

Adoration

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

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.hricatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.

IC Parish Boosters

Consider becoming an ICP Booster! Our mission is to be an extra support of funding for our parish ministries as well as provide community spirit.

Our first planning meeting will be on **Monday, August 20** at 6:30pm in the IC Charity Dining Room for anyone interested in becoming an IC Parish Booster to help with our special fundraising events. Our upcoming events are:

Saturday, September 29—Yard Sale and
Saturday, December 1—Christmas Fair

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