

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Family Parish – Concord

(St. Bernard's Church – 12 Monument Square,
Concord, MA)

- Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 4:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM
- Friday: 9:00 AM

St. Irene Parish – Carlisle

(St. Irene's Church – 181 East Street, Carlisle, MA)

- Sunday: 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM
- Monday: 9:00 AM
- Wednesday: Communion Service – 9:00 AM

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

- 1st Monday: St. Irene, Carlisle | 6:00–7:00 PM
 - 3rd Monday: Holy Family, Concord | 6:00–7:00 PM
- Other times by appointment — call 978-369-7442

PRAYER CHAPEL

Monday–Friday | 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

Join us for Silent Exposition & Adoration every Friday
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Please sign-up by contacting

Sally-Ann Limpaecher

sallyannq@gmail.com

Parish Center – 70 Monument Square, Concord, MA

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

70 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

Phone: 978-369-7442

Website: www.cc-catholic.org

Email: parishlife@cc-catholic.org

HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

Unable to attend Mass due to surgery, illness, or disability? We can bring Communion to you.

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Barb Ewen – 978-505-9625

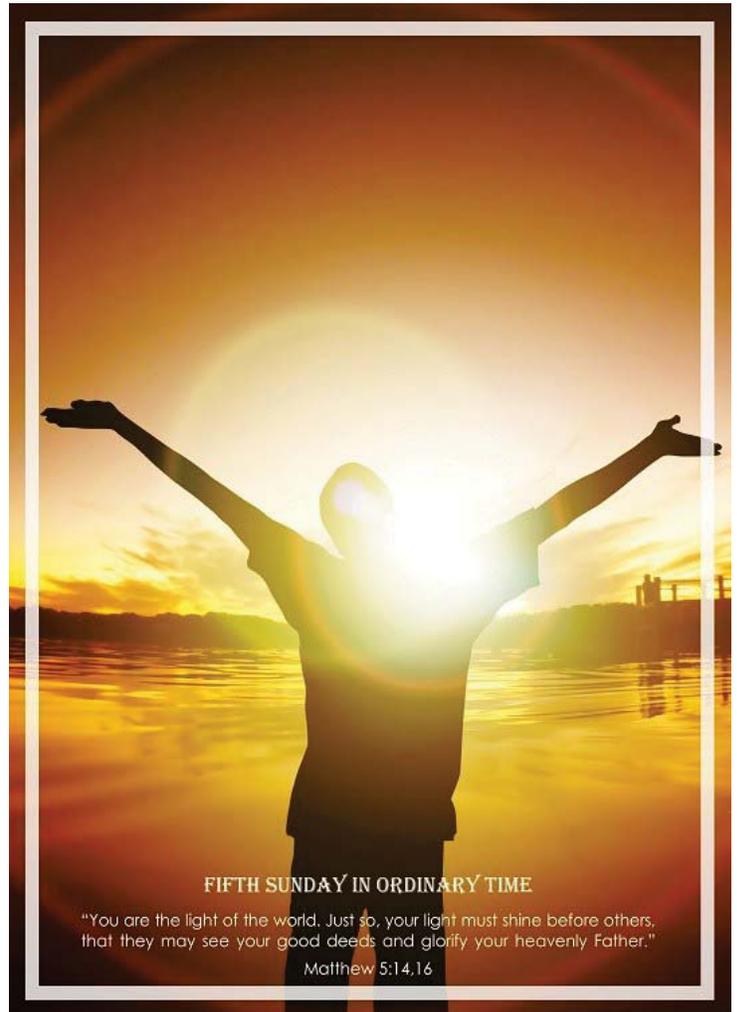
FAITH FORMATION

70 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

Phone: 978-369-7442 x 224

Email: Faithformation@cc-catholic.org



Welcome to our Collaborative!

You are welcome here, just as you are

No matter your present status in the Catholic Church

No matter your family or marital situation

No matter your personal history, age, income, background, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity

No matter how you see your own holiness or worthiness or where you find yourself on your spiritual journey

Collaborative News

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2026

24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration

Praying for Peace, Justice, and Our Nation

Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 AM
through
Thursday, February 12, 7:00 AM

Saint Irene Church
181 East Street, Carlisle

In response to the invitation from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, our parish will hold **24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration**, praying especially for:

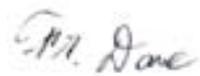
- Peace in our country
- Justice and compassion for immigrants
- A renewed respect for human dignity and due process of law

All are warmly invited to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. You are welcome to come for an hour or stay longer as your schedule allows.

This will be a **silent prayer vigil**, open to everyone. No sign-up is required—simply come and spend time with the Lord in prayer.

Let us come together as a community to pray for our nation and for all those in need of hope and peace.

Pax Christi,



Very Reverends David O'Leary, VF, S.T.L., D.Phil.
Pastor

Welcome to the Community Closet

Are you or someone you know in need of warm clothing this winter? The Concord–Carlisle Community Open Closet is here to help. Come shop for the clothing you need, **free of charge**. The only thing you need is a **voucher**.

To receive a voucher, visit our **Parish Center at 70 Monument Square, Concord**.

Community Closet Hours
Tuesdays, 12:30–2:30 PM

Private appointments are also available by emailing: closet@concordcarlislefoundation.org

Location

TriCon Church
54 Walden Street, Concord

This is neighbors helping neighbors, please don't hesitate to come and take what you need.

Questions or concerns? Please contact: closet@concordcarlislefoundation.org
faithformation@cc-catholic.org



Collaborative News

Selah: Young Adult Prayer Group (Ages 25–39)

Selah: A Hebrew word meaning “to pause” or “when God invites you to pause.”

Pause, pray, and connect with others in faith. Join us every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00 PM at the Catholic Parish Center (70 Monument Square, Concord) for silent prayer, Vespers, and casual discussion with snacks. Occasional social events included.



Upcoming Dates:

Feb 9 • Feb 23 • Mar 9 • Mar 23

Questions? Email: youngadults@cc-catholic.org



Why Do We Offer Masses for Special Intentions?

In the Catholic tradition, the Mass is the Church’s greatest prayer, making present Christ’s saving sacrifice offered for the life of the world. When a Mass is offered for a particular intention—whether for someone who has died, for healing, in thanksgiving, or for a special need—we place that person or intention before the Lord in the most powerful prayer of the Church.

Even while remembering a specific intention, the grace of the Mass benefits the whole Church and all who participate.

If you would like to request a Mass intention for a loved one or a special intention, please contact the Parish Office, and we will be happy to assist you.



NURSE JEAN

Our Parish Nursing and Health Ministry supports the well-being of the whole person — **body, mind, and spirit** — and is here to serve the needs of our community. Whether you have a health question, need a listening ear, or just want to connect, **Nurse Jean is here to help!**

Where & When to Find Nurse Jean 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Concord – Holy Family Parish Center, 3rd Floor
Fridays: February 13, 20, & 27
Carlisle – St. Irene’s Parish Hall
Wednesdays: February 11, 18, & 25

Let’s Walk Together!

Join me for a weekly walk — a great way to get some fresh air, gentle movement, and good conversation.
Wednesdays at 1:00 PM | *Meet in the parking lot at St. Irene’s*
(Check the bulletin for any date changes.)

Tips from the Heart ❤️

Happy New Year!

The cold weather has arrived. Things to do to combat the winter blues.

- Enjoy your coffee.
- Bundle up and go for a walk with your phone on silence.
- Get your flue shot.
- Create a family game night
- If feeling overwhelmed there is support (988)

As always, BE KIND to YOURSELF.

If I can help, please email, call or visit.

Be well,

Nurse Jean

jgifford@cc-catholic.org | 978-369-7442 x235

Prayer & Worship

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 7 |
4:00 pm **Holy Family**
David Smith Memorial

Sunday, February 8 |
9:00 am **Holy Family**
Fred Woodworth Memorial

11:30 am **St. Irene**

5:00 pm **St. Irene**

Monday, February 9 |
9:00 am **St. Irene**

Wednesday, February 11 | Communion Service
9:00 am **St. Irene**

Friday, February 13 |
9:00 am **Holy Family**
Partick Madden Memorial

Saturday, February 14 |
4:00 pm **Holy Family**
Jeff Berger Memorial

Sunday, February 15 |
9:00 am **Holy Family**

11:30 am **St. Irene**

5:00 pm **St. Irene**

To schedule a Mass intention or to add a name to the parish prayer list, please send an email to parishlife@cc-catholic.org or call 978-369-7442.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father, your son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick sisters and brothers. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in His suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen
(Catholic liturgical prayer for the sick)

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Feb 8	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
MONDAY Feb 9	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
TUESDAY Feb 10	<i>Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i> 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5+10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
WEDNESDAY Feb 11	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
THURSDAY Feb 12	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37+40/Mk 7:24-30
FRIDAY Feb 13	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/ Mk 7:31-37
SATURDAY Feb 14	<i>Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop</i> 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/ Mk 8:1-10
SUNDAY Feb 15	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6 -10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Pilot Bulletins



Readings To-Go!

*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2026*

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!



Rosemary Jeans, Ray Snay, Joan Quigley, Mary Taylor, Juana Castro, Ignacio Casimiro, Dr. Norton, Kina Castro, Michael Castro, Cristina Nunez, Julian Casimiro, Juliauna Williams, Jace Williams, Jonathan Miller, Ted and Mary Snow, Joseph Donnelly, Lucrecia Choto, John Barbadoro, Gert Sullivan, Greg Symko, Henry Johnson, Julian Perez, Randi Tartaro, JoAnn Pozericky, Vanessa Duffy, James Walter, David Mello, Raimonda Beqari.

Note: If you or a loved one is in need of prayers due to illness, please contact the parish office to request inclusion on our prayer list. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless we are notified that continued prayers are needed.

Prayer & Worship



February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10 | 1 Cor 2:1-5 | Mt 5:13-16

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My understanding of prayer changed when I read St. Teresa of Calcutta's statement that says, "I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things." Prayer is not an incantation that can change the will of God. It is the act of raising our hearts and minds to God, and of opening ourselves — our will, our understanding, our joys, and our sorrows — to be sanctified. The prophet Isaiah seems to be saying something similar in the first reading. He lists off the commands of the Lord to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and shelter the homeless, and then tells the faithful that if they do these things, "then your light shall break forth like the dawn." We certainly serve those who are vulnerable because each person has immeasurable dignity and deserves to be cared for as a child of God. But the act of caring for another also changes us. We are made more fully into who we were created to be — not an individual living in isolation, but one who is deeply connected in community to the rest of humankind.

SERVE

The corporal works of mercy are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. This is not a list meant to overwhelm, but rather to provide opportunities to care for God's children. What act of service can you and your family engage in this week to allow the light of Christ to shine through you?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT
An act of service, then, is much bigger than simply donating money or giving of our time. In caring for our neighbor, we proclaim God's goodness to a world in darkness, bearing witness to the love of God which is the source of all our actions. In the Gospel, Christ calls his followers to be "the light of the world," reminding us that he wants to shine his light through us. But we are not the source of the light. Even when we are the ones serving, we still remain only the vessel the true light shines through. When we love others, we are changed because we allow ourselves to be conformed more closely to Christ, allowing others to encounter his love in our actions.



VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 14

"But what do we mean by 'love?' Is it only a feeling, a psychophysical state? Certainly, if that is it, then we cannot build on anything solid. But if, instead, love is a relationship, then it is a reality that grows, and we can also say by way of example that it is built up like a home. And a home is built together, not alone!"

- Pope Francis' address to married couples, Valentine's Day 2014.

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Faith Formation

Imagining God Together: A Joyful Weekend in Family Faith Formation

What a joyful and inspiring weekend we shared in our **Family Faith Formation Program**! Families gathered for Mass and then participated in a beautiful activity inspired by the children's book *Drawing God* by Karen Kiefer, which tells the story of a young girl named Emma who tries to draw God and inspires her friends to express their faith through art.

Our children and families took part in an "Imagining God" activity, and the results were truly moving. We discovered so many talented and imaginative young artists in our community! One young disciple beautifully captured the spirit of the day, drawing God as a bright sun surrounded by darkness and bravely explaining, "God is the light in this dark world."

What powerful faith expressed by one of our second graders! Many others also shared heartfelt drawings and reflections that touched everyone present.

Moments like these remind us how alive faith is in our children and families, and how important it is to create spaces where they can explore and express their relationship with God together.

Thank you to all our families who participated and helped make this such a grace-filled and joyful gathering. We encourage families to continue the conversation at home—keep imagining God, keep drawing, and keep sharing your faith with one another throughout the week.

If you are not yet part of our **Family Faith Formation Program**, we warmly invite you to join us! It is a wonderful opportunity for families to grow together in faith, prayer, and community.

Thank you for being such a vibrant part of our parish family.

God bless you!

—Your Faith Formation Team



A Joyful Celebration in Our Parish Community

Our parish was filled with joy this past weekend as **our remaining students celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation**, bringing the total number of children who have received the sacrament this season to **38 students**. Surrounded by their families, they encountered the loving mercy of God in this beautiful sacrament of healing and new beginning.

The prayerful participation of parents and families made the celebration especially moving, reminding us how faith grows within families and throughout our parish community. It was truly a grace-filled moment for all who were present.

As these children continue their journey of preparation for **First Eucharist**, we invite our community to keep them and their families in your prayers and to congratulate them when you see them.

We are also looking for **10 more Spiritual Grandparents** to support our students with prayer and encouragement. If you feel called to this meaningful ministry, please contact the parish office.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a joyful and Spirit-filled celebration for our children and families. Please congratulate the following students and continue to pray for them:

Conrad Benjamin	George Judge	Grant Rus
Connor Browne	Patricia Keefe	Emmie Saia
Connor Burke	Adair Klinge	Benjamin Scioletti
Caoimhe Carr	Cal Kucinski	Jacqueline Shea
Alice Constable	Beatrix Lively	Maxine Sillari
Daniel Cook	Sarah Loncto	Grace Sinnott-Giobbi
Sebastian Curran	Reid Mahoney	William Stearns
Linnea Dahlberg	Summer Malcolm	Laura Wielicki
Thomas Doherty	Theodore Nicholson	
Henry Faiia	Ava O'Bren	
Mariana Fiorenza	Roger Pavlik	
Henry Gelinis	Mia Prendeville	
Devin Harney	Thomas Risley	
Nora Hogan	Liana Robinson	
Virginia Hogan	Grant Rose	



February 14th is World Marriage Day!

On this World Marriage Day, we thank our heavenly Father for the gift and blessing of marriage and the family. As we strive to live our particular vocations and respond to the Lord's grace in our lives, let's also consider how we might dedicate renewed prayer and attention to marriage and the family.

As a start, here are possible areas we might consider:

First, we begin with prayer: Let's remember to pray with and for marriages and families throughout our nation: for marriages in crisis, for families struggling with unemployment, for broken or wounded family relationships.

Second, let us reclaim Sunday as the Lord's Day, a day of rest when we can focus on being together as a family. The celebration of Holy Mass together is the first essential way to honor this day. But is there something more the Lord is inviting us to when we go back home? Set aside some time to pray a decade of the rosary, enjoy the outdoors together, play ball, eat dinner together, have a game night!

And third, let us remember that the Church is the family of God and a family of families. As a family, how can we share Christ with other married couples and families? Do we have any friends and family members who are struggling in their marriage, alone during this time of isolation, or particularly afflicted by this pandemic? When was the last time we checked on our elderly neighbors? Is there someone in the parish that we haven't seen in a while? How can we—as a family—reach out to those who are in need?

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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Week of January 25, 2026

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In:	\$3,794.25	\$584.00
Electronic Giving:	\$2,606.25	\$2,056.00
Church in Latin America	\$506.00	\$70.00

Week of February 1, 2026

In Church & Mail In:	\$4,424.25	\$2,238.00
Electronic Giving:	\$4,374.00	\$1,475.00
Church in Latin America	\$75.00	\$30.00

TOTAL: \$15,779.75 \$6,453.00

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Supporting our parish has never been easier! Visit our website at www.cc-catholic.org and click on the Donate Online tab to set up your weekly or monthly contributions. You can also make your offering by simply scanning one of our QR codes. For more information, please contact Gerry Armstrong at 978-369-7442 x227 or finance@cc-catholic.org



Holy Family



St. Irene

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community! Your support is deeply appreciated and needed.

PLANNED GIVING

A Tax-Savvy Way to Support the Catholic Collaborative of Concord-Carlisle (Holy Family and St. Irene Parishes).

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you have any questions, please contact Eileen Murphy at the Archdiocese of Boston at 857-504-7204.

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

91 families have contributed **\$91,350.00** to **Holy Family**, and **50 families** have contributed **\$65,100.00** to **St. Irene**.

For those who have not yet participated—or who are new to our Collaborative—the Grand Annual provides essential funding for major projects across our buildings and helps cover the ongoing maintenance of our facilities.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

YEAR END TAX STATEMENT FOR 2025

Contribution statements will be available midFebruary and will be provided upon request. Please contact the parish office at 978-369-7442 or email Gerry Armstrong at finance@cc-catholic.org to request your statement. Please put 2025 Tax Letter in the subject line.

Friends From Afar Migrant Ministry

“It takes a village to raise the children.” Let us continue to help raise the children that were in the Concord Shelter. Even though the shelter has closed, our services to the children are still needed. Use QR code here to help!



Open Table's "Most Wanted" items for the month of January are: Vegetable Cooking Oil, Ground Coffee (no K-Cups), Tea, Salt, Sugar, Flour, and Hearty Soups or Stews.

Food donations for Open Table can be placed in the food collection bins located at the entrances to our churches. Thank you!

Note: Please bring your paper grocery bags for reuse.

PARISH INFORMATION



INFANT BAPTISM

Celebrated on the second (HF) and third (SI) Sundays of each month. Participation in a pre-Baptism session is required for parents presenting their children for the Sacrament of Baptism. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your engagement! Couples preparing to celebrate marriage in the Church are asked to make arrangements at least six months in advance. Call the Parish Office for details.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered to those whose health situation has been affected by illness, accident, or age. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for receiving the Sacrament in your home or health care facility.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Interested in Becoming Catholic? Have you been attending Mass or felt drawn to the Eucharist? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) offers a welcoming path into the Catholic Church for all ages and backgrounds.

To learn more, contact Marie Noel at 978-369-7442 or faithformation@cc-catholic.org

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We seek to provide support to individuals and families in the Concord-Carlisle community who are in need of short term assistance and support possibilities.

For more information go to:
www.svdpcconcordcarlisle.org or call
978-341-3151



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS– Council #287

Serving Holy Family (Concord), St. Irene's (Carlisle), and Hanscom AFB

Website: KofC287.org

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month,

6:00–8:00 PM

Monument Hall, 62 Monument Square, Concord

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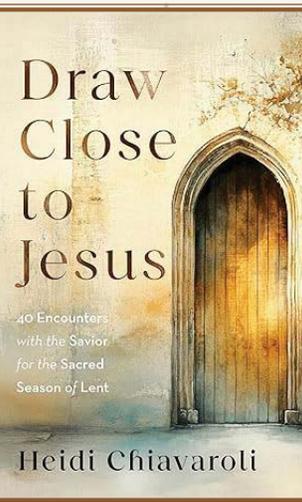
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