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*St. Isidore Parish, Stow
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough*

Celebrating God's love in Jesus Christ. Going forth to share it with all.



*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2016*



*A warm welcome to our visitors.
We are glad to have you among us!*

*If you are new to the parish, please let us know so
that we can welcome you personally!*

The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach (Pope Francis, *Joy of the Gospel*, 28).

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE~ FEBRUARY 10

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

9:15 a.m. -Mass and Distribution of Ashes

4:30 p.m. -Liturgy of the Word and
Distribution of Ashes

7:00 p.m. -Mass and Distribution of Ashes

St. Isidore Parish

9:00 a.m.-Mass and Distribution of Ashes

12:00 p.m.-Liturgy of the Word and
Distribution of Ashes

7:30 p.m. - Mass and Distribution of Ashes

LENTEN GUIDELINES 2016

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies, and the catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises. (Ceremonial of Bishops, 249).

Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016 and Good Friday, March 25, 2016, are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Abstinence— Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast— Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

ST. ELIZABETH:

Sunday , February 7

5:00 p.m. Mass

SPECIAL COLLECTION ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday's collection supports the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe. These collections help the Church spread God's Word and train Church leaders of tomorrow, help needy families materially and spiritually, rebuild churches that have fallen into disrepair, and support the sisters and brothers who have suffered for the faith.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

Join our parish community and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl today and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app at crsricebowl.org/parish. Remember what you give up for Lent changes lives.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we welcome Iris Kate Torgersen, daughter of Daniel and Lindsey; Connor Edward MacEwen son of Gregory and Elizabeth; Connor Victor Larkin, son of Edward and Alicia in the sacrament of Baptism. Please join us in keeping them all in prayer as well as their parents and godparents as they continue to nurture them in a life of faith.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Elizabeth Parish:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of the Month 5 p.m. (Oct-March)

St. Isidore Parish:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of the Month 5 p.m. (Oct-March)

Daily Eucharist this week:

St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Wednesday-Friday.
St. Elizabeth—9:15 a.m., Wednesday-Friday.

For current information check the parish website or call the parish telephone number .

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 4:00-4:30 (both parishes)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, February 6, 5:00 p.m.—Jennifer Zupicich
Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.—Gaetano Angelico
Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Thursday, February 11, 9:15 a.m.—James Durben
Memorial Mass

Friday, February 12, 9:15 a.m.—John B. Walsh
Memorial Mass

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Theme: We are continually invited to follow Jesus.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What is a way that you can follow Jesus?

Question for Youth: Following Jesus can mean leaving some things behind. What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in your life?

Question for Adults: When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?

ST. ELIZABETH

Hearing Loop Receivers are available for those who wish to listen through the Hearing Loop. Please see Mary Ryan before Mass, if you would like to try one.

READINGS THIS SUNDAY (Cycle B)

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY (Cycle B)

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

MISSION TRIPS– SUMMER OF 2016

**Olancho Aid Foundation
Juticalpa, Olancho – Honduras**

June 13 to June 21

Cost - \$1200

Open to all graduating high school seniors, college young people and young adults.

**Our Own Mission Trip Co-Sponsored with Young
Neighbors in Action**

Omaha, Nebraska

June 26 to July 2

Cost - \$850

Open to all young people presently in high school.

**Catholic Heart Workcamp – Next Level
Champaign, Illinois**

July 3 to July 9

Cost - \$850

Open to all young people entering high school in the Fall of 2016.

**Just5Days – Center for Ministry Development
Springfield, Massachusetts**

July 18 to July 22

Cost - \$400

Open to all young people presently in 7th and 8th grade.

**Catholic Heart Workcamp
N. Arlington, New Jersey**

July 24 to July 30

Cost - \$650

Open to all young people entering high school in the Fall of 2016.

REDISCOVER JESUS

We are offering opportunities to come together in small groups to discuss what unfolds in the book, *Rediscover Jesus* and discuss what it means for us. Dates and times are listed below. You are invited to attend any session that is convenient for you. **Pre-registration by emailing Diahne Goodwin is helpful for planning purposes, but drop-in participation is welcome!**

Thursday, February 11

Part 2 (sections 21-40)

7:00-8:30 p.m.

St. Isidore Parish Rectory

Monday February 15

Part 1 (sections 1-20)

7:00-8:30 p.m.

St. Isidore Parish Rectory

Monday February 22

Part 2 (sections 21-40)

7:00-8:30 p.m.

St. Isidore Parish Rectory

Additional discussion sessions may be scheduled, especially during Lent. Please check the parish web site or the Sunday bulletin for any updates.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
UPCOMING EVENTS**

All High School Youth Welcome!

Starting February 12, 6:15 a.m.

Friday Morning Lenten Breakfast & Prayer

February 16-17

Ski Retreat, 1:00 p.m.

Permission Slips and payment due by February 10.

All event details are on St. Elizabeth of Hungary Youth Ministry Facebook Page or stop by Jim's office or email jim@applevalleycatholic.org for additional information and permission slips.

The Annual Youth Ministry Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, from 6:00–10:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

**IMPORTANT MEETING FOR
ALL MISSION TRIPS**

Monday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center Hall.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend!

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 1/31/16:	\$ 5,159
Mail backs for Week Ending 1/30/16:	\$ 770
EFT for Week Ending 1/30/16:	\$ 731
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/30/16:	\$ 6,660
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 438,401
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 432,142
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2015:	\$ 6,259

*Target is \$705,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

We also collected \$468 last week towards Parish Sharing.
Thank you for your generosity.

*101% of Target

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory last Sunday 1/31/16:	\$ 3,381
Total EFT for week ending 1/31/16:	\$ 1,581
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/31/16:	\$ 4,962
Total Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 135,786*
Target Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 142,600
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/15:	(\$ 6,814)

Grand Annual
(118% of \$30,000 goal from 76 parish families): \$ 35,406

St. Vincent DePaul collection: \$ 63

Thank you for your generous support.

* Typo caused incorrect total to be reported last week.

24 HOURS WITH THE LORD

On April 11, 2015, Pope Francis announced “an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy that is to have God’s mercy at its center.” The season of Lent is an especially graced opportunity to celebrate and experience God’s abundant mercy. Therefore, Pope Francis has asked that Churches all around the world offer 24 Hours for the Lord on the Friday and Saturday of the weekend of the 3rd Sunday of Lent, March 4-5.

The Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative liturgy, faith formation, and youth ministry teams have come together to offer a very special 24 Hours for the Lord experience. Our focus for the event is based on the theme “Merciful like the Father.” We have worked very hard to prepare events in both parishes that will offer prayer, reconciliation, adoration and praise, works of mercy, and community. We are offering events that will engage a variety of ages, interests, and spiritual needs.

There will be planned events and open times for prayer offered at St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore from Friday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. – Saturday, March 5, 6:00 p.m. Participate in any number of events during the 24 hours. Mark your calendars and make it a priority! You will be glad you did!

If you are interested in helping us, we need assistance in the following areas:

- Participation in Adoration, which will be offered late Friday evening in both parishes.
- Participation in the overnight vigils in both churches.
- Greeting people at the door throughout the event.
- Kitchen support in both parishes helping to prepare, serve, and clean up meals throughout the weekend.
- Helping out with the Food Pantry projects in both parishes. We need people to help deliver groceries on Saturday, March 5.

If you are interested in being part of the 24 Hours for the Lord Team, please contact Barbara Dane at barbara@applevalleycatholic.org

CATHOLIC HOSPITALITY TRAINING INSTITUTE

The Archdiocese of Boston is pleased to welcome a hospitality workshop called "Entertaining Angels."

The decision to stay at your parish may be made in as little as the first 3 minutes a visitor spends on our campus, and that includes the time in the parking lot! It is vital that they experience our church as a warm, welcoming place. Entertaining Angels is a unique one day hospitality training seminar aimed at helping members of our parish communities be an open door to Jesus Christ. The training is intended for both staff and volunteers who interact with guests. We encourage any St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore parishioners who would like to be that open door to our visitors! The workshop cost will be covered by the parishes. If you are interested in attending, please let Diahne Goodwin know by February 14th. She will give you registration instructions.

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

A New opportunity for you to share your gifts! We are seeking to form a small team consisting of people from both parishes to help our communities stay on top of written, electronic and social media so that the community and within and beyond our doors can stay well connected and informed. This is a great behind-the-scenes activity and a fun way to contribute to your parish! Please see Diahne Goodwin if you are interested and we can discuss more details.



ST. ELIZABETH RESOURCE ROOM

Stop in at our Welcome and Resource center, located to the right of St. Elizabeth Church in the old rectory. It is a staffed place to be after Masses to stay connected, sign up for events, get Mass Cards, find a good book, etc.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE



Join us this weekend!
Sunday, February 7
Hospitality Sunday
Coffee and Donuts
Parish Hall

Following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses

Tuesday, February 9
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Please join us! Knitters
and crocheters
of all levels of ability
are welcome.



ST. ISIDORE

Alter Servers Needed– Youth and Adults

A sure way to learn more about the Mass, grow in your faith and become more connected to the community is to participate in the altar server ministry. The presence of servers is important to the flow and success of quality liturgy for all. Young people grade 5 and up are invited to consider participating. We also need help in organizing and supporting current and future servers.

We also have a serious need for adult servers to assist at morning Masses and funeral liturgies. Training, guidance and support will be provided!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Diahne Goodwin at diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org.

Ushers Needed

St. Isidore is in need of ushers for all masses, but especially for the 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturdays and the once a month 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. If you can help, please call Robin in the office at 978-897-2710.



THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH:

Sunday, February 7
Youth Choir Rehearsal and Set Up
3:30-5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Mass
5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 8
Book Discussion Group
Parish Center Hall
9:45-11:30 a.m.

Mission Trip Meeting
Parish Center Hall
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9
Spiritual Writing Group
Parish Center Room 3
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10
Music Ministry Rehearsal
Parish Center Hall
8:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, February 12
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Parish Center Room 4
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 13
Choir Rehearsal
Church
4:00-5:00 p.m.

PARDON OUR DUST, BUT WIRE THE CHURCH WE MUST

For the next few weeks, you may notice work going on in the church - speakers in different places, ladders, tools, new wires not yet tucked away. Our sound system team and vendor are installing our new system at St. Elizabeth's. We think you'll find the temporary inconvenience will be well worth it when we're done.