

WHEN YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER DIES

When a brother or sister dies everything changes in your family, in your life, and your dreams. Know you are not alone in your grief and loneliness. A Surviving Sibling Support Group is now offered at Saint John the Evangelist Old Parish Hall, 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, MA on the last Saturday each month for surviving siblings of all ages and for any reason. All are welcome to a safe place to share their story, find comfort, hope and encouragement as you continue a new path in life. Meetings will begin: Saturday, April 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will continue to meet on the last Saturday of each month.

TRAGIC LOSS

A bereavement workshop focusing on untimely death due to accident or suicide

Wednesday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Pastoral Center, Braintree

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Theological Institute at St. John's Seminary and the Archdiocese of Boston. Ideal for clergy, Pastoral Associates, DRE's Youth Ministers, and anyone working pastorally with the community. Registration is \$20 - free of charge for Phase 1-4 collaborative parishes. For information and registration contact Karen Farrell at kfarrell@rcab.org or 617-746-5843.

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THE EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

One Day Retreat

Saturday, April 23, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Chelmsford, MA

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents, a recent Partner in Ministry with the RCAB, is offering a one-day retreat for Catholic grieving parents. The Ministry serves the spiritual needs of grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause—no matter how long ago. Overnight a parent's life changes drastically and dramatically. Questions of faith abound. For many parents, focusing on their spiritual grief journeys and the promise of eternal life is the only source of peace and comfort to be found.

The goal of the ministry and the RCAB is to offer one parent-led spiritual retreat for grieving parents in each of the Archdiocese's five regions once a year. to register and to find out details about this retreat and other upcoming retreats please visit <https://www.emfgp.org/registration/>

“Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world.”
- Pope Francis -

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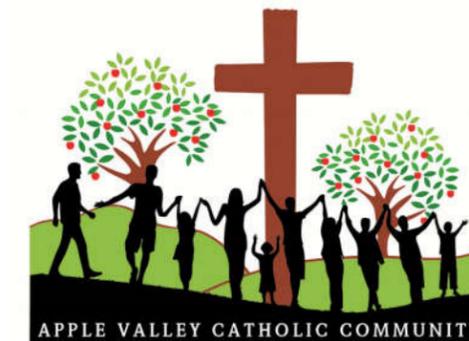
St. Isidore Parish, Stow
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough

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



*Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 17, 2016*

My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.



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).

**YOUTH MINISTRY—OMAHA NEBRASKA
MISSION TRIP
JUNE 26—JULY 2
OPEN TO ALL YOUTH PRESENTLY IN
GRADES 9 THRU 12**



We are very excited to have the opportunity to work with Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) in Nebraska this year! We will be the only parish working alongside them during this week partic-

ipating in a mix of different Christian service opportunities (working with Habitat for Humanity, families in the community, agencies in the area that are in need of assistance). Young neighbors in Action offers teens a week of participating in mission, growing in faith, joining in prayer and serving those in need. *Please feel free to invite your friends to join us—whether they are from the parish or not.* We are also still in need of adult leaders—especially women.

The cost is \$850 covers the cost of flight, meals, room and board. If the reason that you can't go on this trip is financial—there is scholarship available. Please get your \$100 deposit and [reservation form](#) into the youth ministry office by Thursday, April 28, which will be our first mission trip gathering. This will give you an opportunity to hear more about the trip. For more information about Young Neighbors in Action, check out www.cmdnet.org/

**YOUTH MINISTRY AUCTION
QUILT RAFFLE**

The Kentucky Derby Youth Ministry Auction will display a gorgeous multi-colored quilt made with love by the Women's Quilting group at SEOH. This spectacular work of art will be the last opportunity to support the Youth Ministry Auction after all Masses by purchasing one raffle ticket for \$5 and three tickets for \$10. all proceeds will support the youth Ministry Auction. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**ST. ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC
APPEAL UPDATE
THANK YOU!**

On Wednesday, April 13, we were informed by the Archdiocese that Saint Elizabeth's had exceeded BOTH of its Catholic Appeal goals! Any further donations will mean our Parish will get a cash rebate! Thank you very much to all of you who have contributed to this year's Appeal. As of 4/13 we have given or pledged \$59,515 toward our goal of \$58,175. This is fantastic! We now are at 102%! Our other goal was for participation. We are at 211%! Wow! Thank you all.

If you have not yet contributed, please take a look at the video provided to us by the Archdiocese. You can view the 2.5 minute video here <http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/> After viewing, you can click on the DONATE NOW button on the same web page. Thank you.

RECONNECTING ...

Have you felt distant from the church? Are you wrestling with your faith in God? Are you seeking to fill a spiritual hole in your life? We are happy to meet with you to explore your questions and offer support and guidance along your journey of discovery. Please contact Diahne Goodwin at 978 263-4305 x13 or diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org if you would like to begin a conversation or seek more information.

**THE COLLABORATIVE
PASTORAL COUNCIL**

At this time we need to replenish the membership of our collaborative pastoral council (CPC). The principal tasks of the CPC are to enhance communication and make suggestions concerning pastoral work; review the draft collaborative pastoral plan and assist with a reconsideration of parish activities in light of the pastoral plan once it becomes official. The normal term of service is 3 years, but a shorter period is possible. Please speak to Deacon Charlie, Diahne Goodwin, or Fr. Walter if you have questions or wish to serve on the council.

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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.

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Stow, MA 01775
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Fax: (978) 461-0577
www.stisidorestow.org

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Elizabeth Parish:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of the Month at 5 p.m. (Oct-April)

St. Isidore Parish:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of the Month at 5 p.m. (Oct-March)

Daily Eucharist this week:
St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Wednesday-Friday.
St. Elizabeth—9:15 a.m., Wednesday-Thursday.
There will be no daily Mass at St. Elizabeth's on Friday, April 22.

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

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

ST. ELIZABETH'S PRAYER LINE

Are you looking for a way to give back? Do you have 10-15 minutes a week to pray? We have an email prayer line that generates a few emails per week requesting prayer. It is amazingly comforting to know that a group of people are praying for you. We would love for you to join us! And, if you need a prayer, you can use the same email. We only use first names, or no name, to protect your privacy. Please email Cathy Griffin at cathleengriffin@comcast.net.

READINGS THIS SUNDAY (Cycle C)
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY (Cycle C)
Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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 or older 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. *This trip is now filled. Applications are now waitlisted.*

Catholic Heart Workcamp N. Arlington, New Jersey

July 24 to July 30—Cost - \$650

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

This trip is now filled. Applications are now waitlisted.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 4/10/16:	\$	5,931
Mail backs for Week Ending 4/9/16:	\$	870
EFT for Week Ending 4/9/16:	\$	4,972
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 4/9/16:	\$	11,774
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$	570,840
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$	556,391
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2015:	\$	14,449

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

Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, April 16, 5:00 p.m.
Joseph Orzell

Sunday, April 17, 8:00 a.m.
Bruce Harris and Joseph Pitts

St. Elizabeth:

Wednesday, April 20, 9:15 a.m.
Purificacion Villasenor, Anniversary Mass

Thursday, April 21, 9:15 a.m.
Megan Durand, Memorial Mass



ST. ELIZABETH WELCOME & INFORMATION CENTER

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

Total Offertory last Sunday 4/10/16:	\$	2,775
Total EFT for week ending 4/10/16:	\$	1,983
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 4/10/16:	\$	4,758
Total Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$	183,243
Target Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$	188,600
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/15	\$	(5,357)
St. Vincent DePaul collection:	\$	75

Thank you for your generous support!

Easter is the season of new life. May our joyful celebration of the sacraments with the young people and families of our parishes lead us all to a fuller commitment to live the life they, and we, have received.

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

- Saturday, April 30, 5:00 p.m.— First Communion
- Sunday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.—First Communion
- Sunday, May 8, 2:00 p.m. – Confirmation
- Saturday, May 14, 5:00 p.m.—First Communion
- Sunday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.—First Communion
- Saturday, May 21, 5:00 p.m. – Baptism
- Sunday, May 22, 2:00 p.m. – Confirmation
- Sunday, June 12, 10:30 a.m. – Baptism
- Sunday, June 25, 5:00 p.m.—Baptism



ST. ELIZABETH'S NEW PARISH AV MINISTRY

The installation of our new sound system gives us the awesome opportunity to begin a new liturgical ministry in our parish! The Audio Visual (AV) Ministry's objective is to provide audio-visual support at all Masses and liturgies that take place in the church to ensure that all participants can hear the spoken word. It may also expand its scope to include audio and visual support at gatherings in the church or parish center halls. We hope to have a large enough team so that people will support a mass about once a month. We will provide training for those who have an interest in this type of technology and volunteer work. If you want to be a part of this new ministry or have any questions, please contact Dave Sacra at dsacra@verizon.net (or speak to Mary Ryan after Mass).

ST. ELIZABETH'S EASTER FLOWER FUND

We welcome your contribution toward the flowers and decorations that will adorn our church for the entire Easter Season. Please contact Mary Ryan at mgr@applevalleycatholic.org or at 978-263-4305 X35 if you have any questions.

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ towards the 2016 Easter Season Flower Fund. I am making this donation in memory of _____

(please print clearly)

I would like the above name/s published in the bulletin on the Feast of Pentecost. Yes__ No __

My name is _____

Check here to donate anonymously _____

Mail to: John Morris, 89 Arlington St., Acton, MA. Or, put it in an envelope marked 'Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAVE QUEST

**August 8—12
Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Come hang out at VBS this summer! We've got it all— Games, bible drama, music, dancing and science fun at St. Elizabeth's Church and Parish Center.

ST. ELIZABETH BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will run a blood drive this Thursday, April 21, from 12-8 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall. To participate, please call **1-800-RED CROSS** or visit their website at red-crossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome also. St. Elizabeth's, the Red Cross and people in need thank you for your donation.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE:

Sunday, April 17

Bible Study
6:00 p.m., Rectory Dining Room

Saturday, April 23

Boy Scouts
Troop 1 Stow Electronics Recycling Day

Tuesday, April 26

Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Church

Friday, April 29

Confirmation Rehearsal
7:00 p.m., Church

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS AT ST. ISIDORE'S

Saturday, April 30, 5:00 p.m.—Confirmation
Saturday, May 7, 5:00 p.m.—First Eucharist
Saturday, May 21, 5:00 p.m.—First Eucharist
Sunday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.—First Eucharist

MILITARY ARCHDIOCESE, HOME MISSIONS, AND BLACK & NATIVE AMERICAN COLLECTION

Next week's second collection supports three important national Catholic missions. The Military Archdiocese collection provides for Catholic chaplains throughout the world for American servicemen and servicewomen. The Home Missions collection subsidizes the evangelization and formation activities of mission dioceses. The Black and Native American collection strengthens evangelization and outreach programs that serve the Native American, Alaska Native, and the Black Catholic communities in the United States. For more information, please visit www.milarch.org, www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-home-missions-appeal/index.cfm, and www.blackandindianmission.org/.

COLLABORATIVE VEGETABLE GARDEN

Help Still Needed!

Volunteers are still needed for one-time only as well as multiple chores in order to make our garden a success this year. We welcome all from both St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore for this year's Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative vegetable garden.

Please consider signing on and helping out. Contact Robin at the St. Isidore office at 978-897-2710 for more information.



ST. ISIDORE CORI FORMS AVAILABLE

Available after every Mass in April

All St. Isidore volunteers must fill out 2016 CORI forms. Personnel will be on hand after every Mass in April, beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Mass on April 9, in the work sacristy with the forms you need to fill out. Please remember to stop by and fill out a new CORI form.

ST. ISIDORE'S CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE THANK YOU!

On behalf of Cardinal Seán, our pastor, Fr. Walter, and Fr. Paul, the Catholic Appeal team has a heartfelt and special thank you to all who have supported the 2016 Catholic Appeal. So far, we have exceeded our financial and goal of \$19,000 with donations and pledges of over \$22,000! Your generous support will profoundly impact the ministries of mercy throughout the Archdiocese as well as in our parish. We are blessed with very generous parishioners.

If you have been unable but still wish to make a contribution, you may visit the Appeal site <http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org>. Together may we walk in faith with Christ's blessings. Thank you, again, for your generosity in sharing yours.

SACRED THREADS PRESENTS WISE AND HOLY WOMEN

Art and Stories with Bro. Mickey McGrath

Saturday, May 21 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
St. Julia's Parish Hall, Weston

Join with artist and author Bro. Mickey as he shares images and stories from his award winning books. You will laugh, cry and get reacquainted with great women from across the ages in church history. From Mary and Elizabeth, through the four Doctors of the church to, Corothy Day and Thea Bowman in our own time, we will encounter women as sources of hope and inspiration from our church and world. The cost is \$50 and lunch is included. Register on-line at www.SacredThreadsCenter.org. Contact Rosemary Mulvihill at rosemary@sacredthreadscenter.org or 617-894-0119 for more information.

FORMING DISCIPLES IN MISSION

Workshop in Parish-Based Evangelization

Saturday, June 11, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Braintree, MA

The archdiocesan Pastoral Center is excited to offer the next Forming Disciples in Mission workshops and would be happy to have you join in! Learn more and register at www.disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciplesForming. Disciples in Mission provides a comprehensive exploration of six core sessions:

- The New Evangelization: Teaching the Art of Living
- Disciples: Embracing the Call to Holiness
- Witness: Sharing Personal Testimony
- Forming Disciples: Living the Great Commission
- Evangelizing Parishes: Becoming Centers for the New Evangelization
- Gateway Moments: Evangelizing through Parish Life

The day also includes time together in prayer, as well as lunch and a light breakfast. This workshop is free for any and all collaborative participants. This workshop is free for any and all collaborative participants. All are welcome!

APRIL CURSILLO WEEKEND FOR MEN

Thursday—Sunday, April 21-24
Champion Center, Weston

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be a witness of Christ in the world. This weekend runs from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. There is still room available! Please check the Boston Cursillo website: www.bostoncursillo.org or call the office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 for more details. If you would like some general information about Cursillo, feel free to talk to Diahne Goodwin.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Eight Week Session

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.
St. Catherine Church, Westford

The St. Vincent De Paul conference of Westford is launching Financial Peace University, a method that teaches God's way of handling money. They will use the Dave Ramsey course curriculum that has been implemented all over the country for the last 20 years. Through video teaching and class discussions, FPU presents practical steps to get from where you are to where you dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend, save and give wisely. The next 8-week session begins April 27. For more information contact Tom Skahen tskahen@gmail.com. For registration details please go to <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1017437>.

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE

Saturday, May 21, 6:00 p.m.
Christ the King Parish, Concord, NH

What's the most important word in a marriage? What do you wish your spouse knew about you? What are the key ingredients to a healthy and happy marriage? Come listen to Dr. Allen Hunt from Dynamic Catholic answer these questions at the Passion & Purpose for Marriage event. Co-sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. All are welcome! To register contact Debbie and Doug Sousa at 508-646-3902 or at enrichment@wwmema.org.