

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** The Holy Spirit instructs us in everything we do.

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

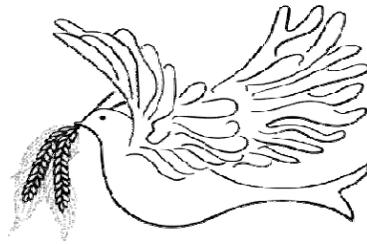
As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?  
What lingers in your memory?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus told us to trust in the Holy Spirit to help guide our lives. How can you be open to what the Holy Spirit might say to you?

**Question for Adults:** How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?



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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.*



*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 1, 2016*

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.*



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).

Dear Parishioners,



This Saturday, Bishop Robert Hennessey joined us at St. Isidore Church to celebrate Mass and confirm eighteen of our younger parishioners. Congratulations and many blessings to them and their families! Along with many others I look forward to their continuing growth in faith, hope, and charity within our Catholic family. I also pray that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will help them to know more personally the depth of the Lord's love for them, and be more ready to go forth to share that same love with others. That is also the best way for them—and the rest of us—to appreciate the true meaning and goodness of our lives, come what may. I lift up the same prayer for those who will be confirmed at St. Elizabeth's later this month, and for the rest of us without exception.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our many visitors this weekend. We are glad to have you worship with us and hope you'll join us again.

Fr. Walter

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Cardinal Sean has authorized a special collection to be taken up this weekend for the relief efforts to those areas devastated by the powerful earthquake that struck Ecuador. The Catholic organizations that have been working in Ecuador in recent years providing medical and family support services will be using these proceeds of this special collection to assist these organizations, which are now joining in the emergency response efforts. Parishioners are asked to make their checks out to SEOH or St. Isidore and put on the memo line Ecuador Collection.

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASS SCHEDULE—THURSDAY MAY 5 (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore  
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth

### SUMMER ENRICHMENT EVENTS FOR ADULTS It's Movie Time!

Escape the heat and join us for two evenings or mornings to watch and chat about two great movies. Come 15 minutes early to socialize etc. Bring your favorite movie snack to share!

#### The Way

Wednesday, June 22  
10:00 a.m., St. Isidore Church Hall

#### Friday, June 24

7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center

#### Babette's Feast

Wednesday, August 3  
10:00 a.m., St. Isidore Church Hall

#### Friday, August 5

7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center

You will find synopses on these videos at the Internet Movie Database: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1441912/> and <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0092603/> Questions? See Steve Ryan or Diahne Goodwin

### KIDS AND TEENS: COME HANG AT VBS! CaveQuest 2016



Save the date: August 8-12, 2016  
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church and Parish Center  
Games, Bible drama, music and dancing  
science fun - we've got it all!

For kids age 4 by September 1, through 6th grade. Teens entering 7th grade through adults are invited to help our junior spelunkers have fun and meet Jesus in their lives! Registration and Volunteer Forms are available on our website [seoh.org](http://seoh.org), or in the St. Elizabeth Welcome Center, outside of the Religious Education office at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center, or at St. Isidore's Parish Office. For more information, contact Lisa Lapinski, [lisalapinski@verizon.net](mailto:lisalapinski@verizon.net).

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St. Elizabeth Parish:



### 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.

### OUR PARISHES:

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**  
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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 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 & Friday.

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASS SCHEDULE—THURSDAY MAY 5 (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore  
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth

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)

**READINGS THIS SUNDAY—May 1 (Cycle C)**  
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— May 8 (Cycle C)**  
Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

## ST. ELIZABETH 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](mailto:cathleengriffin@comcast.net).



## ST. ELIZABETH & ST. ISIDORE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our parishes St. Vincent de Paul Conference assists needy persons in our community by providing food vouchers, household goods, or other necessary help. The local Conference has been able to carry out its work of person-to-person charitable assistance only because of your generous support and it is more grateful for it. You can continue to help by placing your donations in the SVDP Offering box at the rear of the church, or sending them to the parish office.

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 4/24/16:	\$ 5,204
Mail backs for Week Ending 4/23/16:	\$ 2,349
EFT for Week Ending 4/23/16:	\$ <u>23,592</u>
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 4/23/16:	\$ 31,145
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 606,886
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ <u>593,838</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2015:	\$ 13,048

\*Target is \$705,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.  
Thank you very much!

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

### St. Isidore:

Saturday, April 30, 5:00 p.m.  
For the 2016 Confirmation Class

Sunday, May 1, 8:00 a.m.  
For All Parishioners of our Collaborative

Sunday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.  
Dick Quinn, 1st Anniversary Mass

### St. Elizabeth:

Wednesday, May 4, 9:15 a.m.  
Richard Ricciardi, Memorial Mass

Friday, May 6, 9:15 a.m.  
Betty Saganich, Memorial Mass

**Prayers for the Departed:**  
Col. Lionel Charles Allard



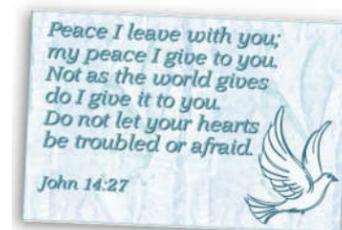
### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

Total Offertory last Sunday 4/24/16:	\$ 2,249
Total EFT for week ending 4/23/16:	\$ <u>1,983</u>
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 4/23/16:	\$ 4,232
Total Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 191,899
Target Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ <u>197,800</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/15	\$ (5,901)
St. Vincent DePaul collection:	\$ 41.00

Thank you for your generous support!

## DO YOU PRAY THE ROSARY? SHARE THE GIFT OF PRAYER WITH OTHERS!

St. Elizabeth parishioners have been visiting residents at the Life Care Center of Acton for over 30 years. Currently we visit to pray the rosary and celebrate a communion service together the first and third Wednesdays of the month (immediately following morning Mass.) We are down to one semi regular volunteer to help lead the rosary. We have also had to reduce our weekly visits to monthly visits because of the limited number and availability of the Eucharistic Ministers. Please see Diahne Goodwin if you could help with either praying the Rosary, bringing communion, or both. The commitment is about 45 - 90 minutes, (depending on what you do) twice a month. This is a beautiful work of mercy and a wonderful way to support those in our community who are unable to join us on Sunday.



## ST. ELZABETH AUDIO VISUAL (AV) MINISTRY

Our newest parish liturgical ministry needs your help! We need enough teen and adult team members to serve in rotation about once a month to provide AV support at each Mass. Training will be provided for those who have an interest in AV technology. If you want to be part of this exciting new ministry or have questions, contact Dave Sacra at [dsacra@verizon.net](mailto:dsacra@verizon.net) or speak to Mary Ryan after Mass.

## ST. ELIZABETH LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Sunday May 8 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH:

**Wednesday, May 4**  
Music Ministry Rehearsal  
7:30-9:00 p.m., Church

**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 OF INITIATION AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

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

## SHORT TERM CUSTODIAL HELP NEEDED AT ST. ELIZABETH

St. Elizabeth is looking for a reliable individual for some regular, part time and likely short term custodial and buildings & grounds work here. The position can be paid or volunteer service. If you're looking to spend some time each week to help your church or to earn something, there's something to do here for you. Several people have helped in the past and are currently helping and it seems to work well for them. Interested candidates, please call or email John Morris at 978-263-4305 x11 or [john@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:john@applevalleycatholic.org). Thank you.

## SAVE THE DATE—TAIZE PRAYER

**Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.**  
**St. Elizabeth's Church**



## THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE:

### Sunday, May 1

Sunday Hospitality following Masses  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### Friday, May 6

5:00 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal for:  
Saturday, May 7, 5:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AT ST. ISIDORE

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

## USHERS NEEDED

St. Isidore is in great need of ushers for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Sunday masses. If you can help please call Robin in the office 978-897-2710.

## CALLING ALL YOUTH! ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED AT BOTH PARISHES

A lot happens to help our worship during Mass. The service provided by altar servers contributes to this greatly. We often don't notice their impact unless they are not there! Thank you to our faithful and dedicated servers! Let us show our appreciation to them and commitment to our community by adding to their numbers! We invite youth age 10 and up to consider participating in this wonderful ministry. It is a great way to learn about and get more from liturgy, to get involved, share your gifts with the community and have some fun! Hey, you're coming to Mass anyway, why not make the most of it and get involved! The more we have the less of a burden of commitment it is for everyone! Parents, talk to you kids about this – it is a great way to grow caring, committed, responsible and faith-filled young people! Please talk to Diahne Goodwin, Fr. Walter, Fr. Paul or Deacon Charlie for more information. We'd love to get a few on board soon so that we can hold a training before the end of the school year.

## APPLE VALLEY COLLABORATIVE CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE THANK YOU!

Both parishes have met and exceeded our financial and participation goals and are eligible for cash rebates for donations in excess of our financial targets. As of 4/26 we have pledges and gifts totaling \$62,835 at St. Elizabeth's and \$22,473 at St. Isidore's. Your generous support will profoundly impact the ministries of mercy throughout the Archdiocese as well as in our parishes. If you have not had a chance to do so, donations can still be made online at the Appeal web site <http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org> or by completing a pledge form available at the Church exits. Thank you very much.

## 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.



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

## 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 by June 4 at [www.disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciplesForming](http://www.disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciplesForming). Disciples in Mission provides a comprehensive exploration of six core areas:

- 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 council and committee members. All are welcome!

## 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 Dorothy 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](http://www.SacredThreadsCenter.org). Contact Rosemary Mulvihill at [rosemary@sacredthreadscenter.org](mailto:rosemary@sacredthreadscenter.org) or 617-894-0119 for more information.

## 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](mailto:enrichment@wwmema.org).

## 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 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 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.

## SPRING CLEANING?

Donations Needed at Household Goods

Household Goods, 530 Main Street, Acton on Rte. 27, is currently in need of donations, especially blenders, food processors, coffee makers, lamps (not halogen), microwaves (countertop models only), slow cookers, toasters, toaster ovens, and televisions manufactured in 2000 or later. Also: sewing kit items (threads, including partial spools; small scissors, sewing needles); comforters, blankets and sheets - especially Queen size, and crib-size baby sheets. Donations are gratefully accepted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, visit their website: [www.householdgoods.org](http://www.householdgoods.org).