

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Jesus is the Messiah.

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 words are repeated over and over again?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What special qualities do you have that make you a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: How would you describe Jesus to himself?

Question for Adults: How do you wear Christ?

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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.



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 19, 2016

*Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.*



**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).

**NEW COLLABORATIVE
MASS SCHEDULE**
(Effective October 1, 2016)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9 a.m. at St. Isidore's,
9:15 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's

Saturday
4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's
5 p.m. at St. Isidore's

Sunday
9 a.m. at St. Isidore's
10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's
5 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's

Note: We will continue to follow the present schedule until Oct. 1, including the summer schedule at St. Isidore's. Over the coming weeks, we will settle many related details and tie up the loose ends, including the confession schedule, music ministry, GIFT, youth ministry, and many other things.



**DONATIONS GIVEN AT YOUR
SISTER PARISH**

Please be assured that donation envelopes given at either of our two parishes will go to the parish whose name appears on the envelope itself. In other words, St. Elizabeth's donation envelopes dropped into the collection at St. Isidore Church will be returned unopened to St. E's. Likewise, St. Isidore's donation envelopes given at St. Elizabeth's will also be returned unopened to St. I's. So those who use the donation envelopes will still be supporting their own parish even when attending Mass in their sister parish. The same holds true for checks made payable to either of our parishes. We are working on a simple way to extend this same system to cash donations. Until that time, cash donations support the parish in which they are given.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION NEXT
WEEKEND**

Next week's second collection supports the Holy Father in providing emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world. Contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection are given directly by the Holy Father to individuals who are suffering from immediate emergencies that are the result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please visit www.usccb.org/ppc for more information.

**AN INVITATION FOR SILVER AND
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES**

Cardinal Sean invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2016 to participate in the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on September 25th at 11:30. The celebration will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. Those who register by September 2 will be included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in September.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Our Growing in Faith Together Team is already busy planning an exciting year of all ages faith formation for 2016 - 17. Children in grades K - 12, young adults, parents, singles, grandparents, and empty nesters are all invited.

Registration Information is being sent to all households this week! For your convenience, we are offering online registration and credit card payments. Online Registration available Sunday, June 12.



www.seoh.org or
www.stisidorestow.org
Session placements will be
on a first come,
first served basis.

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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.

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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.

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)

If you would like to have our weekly bulletin electronically sent to you, please email your request to: janice@applevalleycatholic.org



READINGS THIS SUNDAY—June 19 (Cycle C)
Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— June 26 (Cycle C)
1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

**UPCOMING BAPTISMS
AT ST. ELIZABETH**

Saturday, June 25, 5:00 p.m.—Baptism
Sunday, September 18, 10:30 a.m. – Baptism

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.



**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. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 6/12/16:	\$ 4,342
Mail backs for Week Ending 6/11/16:	\$ 900
EFT for Week Ending 6/11/16:	\$ 4,652
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 6/11/16:	\$ 9,894
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 686,376
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 671,205
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2015:	\$ 15,172

Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, June 18, 5:00 p.m.
Dorothy Nevis, Memorial Mass

Sunday, June 19, 9:30 a.m.
Stephen Orsatti, Memorial Mass

Friday, June 24, 9:00 a.m.
Vito DiBenedetto, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Wednesday, June 22, 9:15 a.m.
Kevin Melia, Memorial Mass

Friday, June 23, 9:15 a.m.
Phyllis Pesaro, Memorial Mass

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. ELIZABETH

The Red Cross will run a blood drive this Thursday, June 23, 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. The Red Cross and people in need thank you for your donation.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

St. Isidore's
Parish Support Contribution Report
will return next week!



**THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST IN ST. ELIZABETH & ST. ISIDORE PARISHES
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR READING**

It has become abundantly clear that many aspects of parish life and ministry reflect customary ways of thinking and acting more than the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This anomalous situation gives rise to a shared responsibility to reorient our parishes from maintenance to mission. This fundamental shift will inevitably impact parishioners, parish leaders, and institutional arrangements, and it calls for everyone's participation. The following reading list is for all who want to understand what moving "from maintenance to mission" means in practice and why it is urgently needed. Each item on this list will generously reward a careful, thoughtful reading.

White and Corcoran, *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter*. This accessible, widely-read, eye-opening, and transformative book is a good place to begin. It brings the conversation about maintenance and mission down to earth, and provides background and language for our own discussions.

James Mallon, *Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission*. This new and highly-regarded book draws on the experiences of St. Benedict Parish in Halifax, NS, and the wisdom of its extraordinary pastor. It has already become a major, even indispensable resource for pastors, staff, and parishioners who want to be more faithful to the Lord.

Sherry Weddell, *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*. This source sharply focuses attention on the why, wherefore, and mission of parishes, and underlines the need to be deliberate and intentional in our discipleship.

Disciples in Mission: A Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Boston. The text can be downloaded at <http://www.disciplesinmission.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Disciples-in-Mission.pdf>. This official document provides the background and norms for the work of a collaborative in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*. Available in hard copy and online at http://www.seoh.org/images/adultfatihformation/2013.11.24_Evang_Gaud.pdf. If we get what Pope Francis is saying (especially in the Introduction and Chapter 1), we'll also get why parish life—and our own personal and spiritual lives—require radical and ongoing transformation. A commentary is available at <http://www.seoh.org/resources/joy-of-the-gospel>. Look in the "Helpful Resources" box.

Draft Pastoral Plan for the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative. Once approved by Cardinal Sean (expected soon), this pastoral plan will be the official guide for our work over the next several years. It is available at: <http://www.applevalleycatholic.org/resources/AppleValleyCollaborative%20PastoralPlanDraftApr04-16.pdf>

THIS WEEK AT ST ISIDORE

Wednesday, June 22
Babette's Feast Movie
10:00 a.m., St. Isidore Church Hall



THANK YOU !

Thank you to all who generously donated vegetable plants, and to our garden volunteers who gave their time last weekend to organize and plant the Collaborative Vegetable Garden. We could not have done this without you, and we appreciate all that you do.



ST. ISIDORE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Saturday, June 25, Parish Hall
Please register in advance.



ST. ISIDORE SUMMER WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Begins This Weekend, June 19/20

Saturdays—5:00 p.m.
Sundays—9:30 a.m.

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!

Babette's Feast

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

Friday, June 24

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

Movie yet to be determined

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 at the Internet Movie Database: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1441912/> and <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0092603/> See Steve Ryan or Diahne Goodwin for questions.

"My mission of being in the heart of the people is not just a part of my life or a badge I can take off; it is not an "extra" or just another moment in life. Instead, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self. I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world."

-Pope Francis

ST. ELIZABETH "CLOTHING CLOSET" IN THE ENTRANCE HAS CHANGED TO THE "CLOTHING BIN" IN THE PARKING LOT

We have a new spot for clothing donations. The closet in the entrance will no longer be used for clothes. We now have a Saint Vincent de Paul Society clothing bin outside, in the corner of the parking lot, next to the 'Got Books' bin. It is for clothing only – nothing else. As donors have done in the past, please do not put non-clothing items in or next to the bin. Thank you for your attention this change and thank you for your donations to repurpose your used clothing to aid help those in need.

PARDON OUR DUST ABOVE AND BELOW AT ST. ELIZABETH

Above - We in the process are repairing the ceiling above the (the old confessional) in the church. It was sagging, but has been secured, plastered and will next need to be texture painted after a drying period. Below - We are doing asphalt repairs, working on repairing sidewalks and improving our access ramps to the church and parish center offices and hall. Some of these repairs are final, but several are in process. Thank you for your patience while they're being worked on.

KIDS AND TEENS: COME HANG OUT 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, 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, lisa-lapinski@verizon.net.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Friday, June 24
Babette's Feast Movie Night
7:00 p.m., Parish Center

YOUTH MINISTRY APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY UPCOMING JUNE/JULY EVENTS

BOSTON RED SOX/
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS 
Tuesday, July 19, 5:00 p.m.

This is a Catholic night at Fenway Park.! We will join parishes from all over the area. Please purchase your tickets and submit your **permission slip before July 10**. We will meet at St. Isidore's at 5:00 p.m. ALL High School Youth Welcome! Contact Jim Flanagan with questions: 617-922-0024 (cell) 978-263-4305 x23, or email at jim@applevalleycatholic.org

Thursday, June 23
Kimball's for Mini-Golf and Ice Cream
7:00-9:30 p.m. Meet at Kimball's.

June 26-July 2
Nebraska Mission Trip

July 3-9
Illinois Mission Trip

Wednesday, July 13
Hampton Beach Fireworks
6:00-11:30 p.m. Meet at St. Isidore Parish

July 18-22
Just5Days Mission Trip (Jr. High)

Tuesday, July 19
Red Sox Game. Meet at St. Isidore 5:00 p.m.

July 24-30
New Jersey Mission Trip