

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** Give as God gives - in humility and love.

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to the reading today, what did you hear God saying? What word or phrase touched your own heart and is memorable for you?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who do you tend to shun or not be nice to?

**Question for Youth:** God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?

**Question for Adults:** Who are the people living near you that you would find it most difficult to invite to a meal in your home? Or to invite to be part of your life?

#### Pastoral Leadership Team

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Finance Council—John Morris  
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(Child Abuse Protection)  
Jack Deasy

*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.*



## *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 28, 2016*

*God, in your goodness,  
you have made a home for the poor.*



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).



## COFFEE & COMMUNITY ST. ELIZABETH & ST. ISIDORE

We hope you enjoy(ed) our gatherings after the Sunday morning Masses this weekend at St. Elizabeth! It is our goal to be able to offer this time of fellowship every Sunday in both parishes once the new Mass schedule begins in October. To make this happen we need your help! Many hands are needed:

**Ministry chairperson(s):** coordinates and schedules volunteers, makes sure enough food and supplies are on hand and is the general liaison with staff.

**Runners:** manage supplies for each week: shopping for extra items needed, picking up donuts, checking on paper goods, etc.

**Set up team:** Make the coffee; set up everything prior to the end of Mass.

**Serve & Clean up team:** serve as needed during the event; making sure supplies are maintained; clean up after the events, returning all items to their proper places

If you have gifts you could share to help with this ministry in anyway, please let Diahne Goodwin or Janice Howes or Robin Ulichney know. The ideal would be to have enough people so that no one has to serve every week. This is a wonderful easy way to help our community grow; get to know each other better and to welcome visitors and newcomers!

Our next Coffee & Community Time will be at St. Isidore on September 10.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our newly-approved pastoral plan marks a turning point for our collaborative, one that involves far more than this document conveys. This important moment in the life of our two parishes presents temptations and opportunities, challenges and graces. What this means and how we ought to respond will be the subject of a major talk to parishioners that Fr. Walter will give on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Isidore Church. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Further details are available online via the home pages of each parish.

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

#### Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9 a.m. at St. Isidore  
9:15 a.m. at St. Elizabeth

#### Saturday

4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth  
5 p.m. at St. Isidore

#### Sunday

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

Note: We will continue to follow the present schedule until Oct. 1, including the summer schedule at St. Isidore. 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.

### ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

### BACK TO SCHOOL COOK-OUT THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, August 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Bring your favorite salad or dessert.  
All are welcome! Bring a friend!

**OUR COLLABORATIVE STAFF:**  
**Pastor:** Rev. Walter J. Woods, STD  
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**Catholic Chaplain - Emerson Hospital**  
Timothy Duff - 978-287-3015

**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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Stow, MA 01775  
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[www.stisidorestow.org](http://www.stisidorestow.org)

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

St. Isidore Parish:  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**Daily Eucharist this week:**  
St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Thursday  
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](mailto:janice@applevalleycatholic.org)



### READINGS THIS SUNDAY— August 28 (Cycle C)

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24;  
Lk 14: 1, 7-14

### READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— Sept. 4 (Cycle C)

Wis 9:13-18; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



**AN INVITATION FOR SILVER AND GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 2**

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](http://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.

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION**

Next week's second collection supports The Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education from CUA. For more information, please visit [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu).

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH**

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| Total Offertory Last Sunday: 8/21/16:         | \$ 3,872  |
| Mail backs for Week Ending 8/20/16:           | \$ 2,761  |
| EFT for Week Ending 8/20/16:                  | \$ 711    |
| Total Parish Support for Week Ending 8/13/16: | \$ 7,343  |
| Total Parish Support since 7/1/2016:          | \$ 90,428 |
| Target Parish Support since 7/1/2016:         | \$ 90,775 |
| Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2016:           | \$ (347)  |

Thank you very much!

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**St. Isidore:**

Saturday, August 27, 5 p.m.  
For All The People of Our Collaborative

Sunday, August 28, 9:30 a.m.  
Gaetano Angelico, Memorial Mass

Thursday, September 1, 9:00 a.m.  
Jennifer Anne Zupicich, Memorial Mass

**St. Elizabeth:**

Wednesday, August 31, 9:15 a.m.  
Timothy J. Fitzgerald, Anniversary Mass

Friday, September 2, 9:15 a.m.  
Ernest O'Clair, Anniversary Mass

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK**

Weekday Masses will be celebrated this week at St. Elizabeth on Wednesday & Friday at 9:15 a.m. and at St. Isidore on Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE**

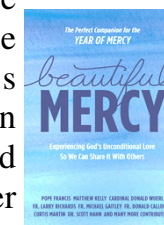
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| Total Offertory Last Sunday 8/21/16:          | \$ 2,209   |
| Total EFT for Week Ending 8/21/16:            | \$ 1,983   |
| Total Parish Support for Week Ending 8/21/16: | \$ 4,192   |
| Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:            | \$ 32,590  |
| Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:           | \$ 36,800  |
| Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:             | \$ (4,209) |
| St. Vincent DePaul Collection:                | \$ 37.00   |

Thank you for your generosity.

**FALL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**Beautiful Mercy:**  
*Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can Share it with Others*

Dynamic Catholic and Matthew Kelly have enlisted the help of twenty-six incredible authors who witness to the power of God's mercy, provide simple, practical tips on how to be an instrument of that mercy, and bring hope to anyone searching for deeper meaning in life.



Free copies will be available in September. Please Contact Diahne Goodwin, [diahneg@applevalleyCatholic.org](mailto:diahneg@applevalleyCatholic.org) if you would like to participate.

St. Elizabeth Parish Center  
Monday Mornings 10 – 11:30 a.m.:  
Sept. 12, 19, 26 & Oct 3

OR

Sunday Evenings 7 – 8:30 p.m.:  
Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 9 & 1

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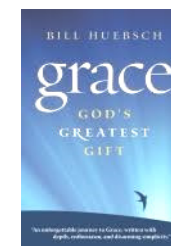
St. Isidore Rectory  
Thursday Mornings 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.:  
Sept 15, 22, 29 & Oct 6

*Coming in October....*

**Grace**  
**God's Greatest Gift**  
by Bill Huebsch  
St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Monday Mornings 10 – 11:30 a.m.:  
Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28,  
Dec 5, 12 & 19

*Copies of the book can be reserved for \$10.50 by September 30*



**GROWING IN FAITH (GIFT)**

The Sunday 6:15 p.m. session of Growing in Faith Together is now closed to further registrations. There are still spaces available in the Saturday 6:15 p.m. session at St. Isidore and the 11:45 a.m. session at St. Elizabeth. To register please visit the website of either parish. GIFT opens the weekend of Sept. 10-11. First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation programs are also registering on line, as part of the GIFT registration. Please register as soon as possible for these programs.

The Intergenerational Service Project scheduled for September 22 has been cancelled, due to Littleton CORI regulations prohibiting kids under 18. We apologize for any inconvenience to your planning.



**JUST 5 DAYS MISSION TRIP REUNION**

Monday, August 29, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth Parish Center hall  
All kids, chaperones, and parents are welcome to attend!

**UPCOMING BAPTISMS AT ST. ELIZABETH**

Sunday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday, September 24, 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 2, 10:30 a.m.

## COLLABORATIVE TEEN YOUTH CHOIR

The Collaborative Teen Youth Choir welcomes singers and instrumentalists in grades 7 – 12. This vibrant community of students from St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parishes shares their musical talents as leaders of sung prayer at the 5 p.m. Sunday Mass on the first Sunday of the month at St. Elizabeth's. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7 – 8:15 p.m. Join us for our first rehearsal with pizza on September 8, in Room 4 of St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich [andreag@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:andreag@applevalleycatholic.org), 978-263-4305, ext.12.

## ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Children's Choir rehearsals are on a new night: Thursdays from 5:45 – 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall. Children in grades 2 – 6 are invited to join this choir that will sing once a month at the 10:30 Sunday Mass. Rehearsals will begin on September 29.

While learning pieces for Sunday Mass, the choir members learn about the parts of the Mass, the liturgical seasons, scripture readings, and the ministry of sung prayer. The children will play musical games that teach singing fundamentals such as breath support, tone production, blend, dynamics, rhythm and note reading. The Choir will celebrate monthly birthday parties and seasonal pizza parties. For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich [andreag@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:andreag@applevalleycatholic.org) 978-263-4305, ext.12.

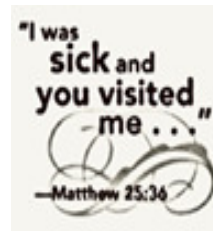


## ST. ELIZABETH EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Meeting Monday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Room 1

### *For current and prospective members*

Important meeting for current members to reconnect, reflect on the future of the ministry and share ideas. Those who are interested in learning more about the ministry are invited to come to come and explore and discern if they are called to this important ministry.



Our Homebound Ministry is for those called by compassion to be the presence of Christ to the most vulnerable. We are blessed to be able to offer this beautiful outreach in our community but *we need more ministers in order to respond well to the great need that exists.* By reasons of our baptism, all Christians have a special share in the ministry to the sick and aging. Through the giving of the Eucharist, attentive listening, sharing prayer, offering reassurance and being present, ministers will bring the Body of Christ to those who cannot join us physically in worship (weekends or weekdays). Serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass is not a requirement. Ongoing training will be provided. If you think you may be called to this ministry and would like to learn more please attend this meeting and/or contact Diahne Goodwin.

*To ensure the safety of all children, we ask that parents accompany their children who go to the restrooms during Mass. The parish hall is used by the community at large and the doors are open during Mass. Thank you.*

## A NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS FORMING AT ST. ISIDORE'S

Children in grades 2 – 6 are invited to join this group that will sing once a month at the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall beginning on September 28. A snack will be provided after school. While learning pieces for Sunday Mass, the choir members learn about the parts of the Mass, the liturgical seasons, the scripture readings, and the ministry of sung prayer. The children will play musical games that teach singing fundamentals such as breath support, tone production, blend, dynamics, rhythm and note reading. The Choir will celebrate monthly birthday parties and seasonal pizza parties. For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich [andreag@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:andreag@applevalleycatholic.org) 978-263-4305, ext.12.

*Join us as we begin a new year of music and fun!*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GIFT

Volunteers are still needed to help set up tables at St. Isidore for Gift Sessions on Thursday night or any time Friday by 2 p.m. before each GIFT session. This task will take a half hour maximum with two volunteers, or less time with more volunteers. Please contact Barbara Dane, Deacon Charlie or Robin Ulichney

### STRUGGLES IN YOUR MARRIAGE? YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or not meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, Retrouvaille, a Christian Peer Ministry weekend can help. This peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the honeymoon phase often followed by disillusionment before finding resurrection in their marriages using the tools taught in the program. The upcoming New England Retrouvaille renewal weekends are, Sept 16-18 in Tewksbury, January 13-15 in Framingham. To register or for more information call 1 800 470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

## FALL ON-LINE COURSES AVAILABLE THROUGH BOSTON COLLEGE

Go to [www.bc.edu/crossroads](http://www.bc.edu/crossroads) to register. 5-week courses are \$50; 3 & 4-week courses are \$25. Registration will close at on the Friday before a course site opens. Registration may close earlier than scheduled if filled to capacity.

### The Online Book Club: "Laudato Si", by Pope Francis

September 21 - October 15  
Encounter Pope Francis' radical vision for the environment and the Christian community in his latest encyclical, "On Care for Our Common Home."

### The Liturgy Committee

September 28 - October 25  
This course offers participants a new understanding of liturgical principles and the structure of mass, as well as tools for liturgical planning and strategies for communal participation.

### Autumn Blessings

October 5 - November 15  
An uplifting look at hope, forgiveness, mercy, self-love and the meaning of discipleship in the second half of life.

### Finding a Moral Compass

October 5 - November 15  
This course explores what prompts moral concern, the sacredness and dignity of being human, our social nature, the common good, and the process of discernment.

### New Testament Visions of Faith

October 5 - November 20  
Investigate a rich Scriptural understanding of faith and discipleship through the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

