

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Have faith and never give up!

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

When you hear the story of this stubborn widow, what strikes you about her?
What phrase or word in this reading remains with you now?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to trust God. How does God help you in your daily life?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that persistence will pay off, if we continue to pray to God.
How and when do you pray? How could you grow in the ways that you pray?

Question for Adults: When you pray, what do you ask for most often?
How do you know God gives you this request?

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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.



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2016

*“But when the Son of Man comes,
will he find faith on earth?”*



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).



Disciples in Mission
Archdiocese of Boston

FORMING DISCIPLES IN MISSION

**A workshop in Parish-Based Evangelization For Everyone!
Coming to St. Elizabeth!**

One-day workshop: Saturday, November 5 ~ 9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Many parishioners asked what they could do to help our collaborative make mission a priority. This workshop is a great first step. Understanding our call to evangelization is key! Through discussions, presentation and prayer, this workshop is designed to help participants:

- Grow in understanding of the new evangelization.
- Embrace living as an intentional disciple.
- Become comfortable in sharing your personal witness.
- Learn how to form disciples in your parish, and more.

This workshop is open to all parishioners!

Those who are members of staff, finance and pastoral councils should especially plan on participating if they haven't done so already. The Pastoral Center has graciously offered to present this workshop locally, saving you a trip to Braintree or other possibly distant parishes. Take advantage of the easy commute and register now! Register at <http://disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples>

**VIDEOS OF PRESENTATION
AVAILABLE**

Videos of Fr. Walter's presentation to parishioners on Sept. 14 are now available on both parish web sites. A single video file (about 800 MB), suitable for viewing on a larger screen, contains the entire presentation. It has also been divided into six segments of about 15 minutes each. These lower resolution YouTube files (about 75 MB each) might appeal to viewers concerned about their data usage.

**WANTED
SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS**

Come join the new contemporary group that will lead the musical prayer at the weekly Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass. Do you play drums? ...guitar? ...other instruments? Adults and high school students from both parishes are invited to join this new group with contemporary repertoire. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Contact Andrea Goodrich andreag@applevalleycatholic.org 978-263-4305, ext.12 for more information.

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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:

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Elizabeth Parish:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 4 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

St. Isidore Parish:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Daily Eucharist this week:
St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
St. Elizabeth—9:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
3:00-3:30 p.m.—St. Elizabeth

“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

READINGS THIS SUNDAY— Oct. 16 (Cycle C)
Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— Oct. 23 (Cycle C)
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14

FALL CLEANUP OPPORTUNITY!

Household Goods, at 530 Main Street in Acton on Rte. 27, is currently in need of donations, especially clean and gently used linens & bedding: comforters and bedspreads, pillows, blankets and throws, sheets (queen and king size), shower curtains, towels (bath, hand, face cloths), and bath mats. Donations are gratefully accepted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, please visit their website: www.householdgoods.org.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC WORLD MISSIONS

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 10/9/16:	\$	4,697
Mail backs for Week Ending 10/8/16:	\$	1,593
EFT for Week Ending 10/8/16:	\$	4,652
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/8/16:	\$	10,942
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$	187,761
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$	194,065
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2016:	\$	(6,303)

Preliminary target is \$715,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017

Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, October 15, 5:00 p.m.
Irene Powers, Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 16, 9:00 a.m.
Gladys Cummings, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Monday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.
Diane Fisher, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, October 19, 9:00 a.m.
Joanne Andree, Memorial Mass

Friday, October 21, 9:00 a.m.
Mary, George, Marie and Theresa Allen,
Memorial Mass

Prayers for the Departed: Linda Bond

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” Let us build faith through love in our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Oct 22-23, 2016 in Contoocook, NH and Dec 2-4, 2016 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen and Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit www.WWME.org.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

Total Offertory Last Sunday 10/9/16:	\$	3,047
Total EFT for Week Ending 10/9/16:	\$	1,586
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/9/16:	\$	4,633
Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$	64,063
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$	69,000
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$	(4,937)

St. Vincent DePaul Collection: \$ 51

Thank you for your generosity.

FALL BOOK DISCUSSION

Grace: God's Greatest Gift
by Bill Huebsch

In this powerful yet simple volume, Bill Huebsch leads readers to a deeper understanding of the theology of grace as it was articulated at Vatican II by Karl Rahner, S.J. Bill creates an unforgettable journey to the mystery and wonder of the divine heart rooted in everyday experiences. Grace, he affirms, is indeed God's greatest give to us. It is written with power, enthusiasm, depth, and disarming simplicity.

St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Monday Mornings 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.: Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12 & 19

St. Isidore Dining Room

Thursday Mornings 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.: Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, Dec 1, 8

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

All are invited to help fill care packages for the USS Roosevelt – a navy destroyer deployed in the Mid-east. The ship's home port is in Florida, where many family members were affected by hurricane Matthew. This makes the collection all the more timely and meaningful. One of our AB/Annapolis grads is serving on board.

Please bring items over the next two weeks and place them in the bins located in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center and in the Welcome and Information Room at the church. Requested items include: Cliff bars, beef jerky, black socks, candy (no chocolate), and Boston T-shirts. You can also help by covering the shipping cost of a package of \$20. Or by sending notes of thanks to those on board.

Any help is appreciated. Please call or text Mary Ann Poulin at 978-201-1017 or email gony0914goarmy15@gmail.com for more information.

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP
FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S

Women's Group: Paint Nite

Monday, October 17, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of dinner and Painting! Sign-up through Paint Nite in advance in required. Contact Marie Hoff for more information. Meet us at 6:00 for dinner beforehand or come at 7:00 for the painting. We will paint at the British Beer Company at 149 Littleton Rd., Westford, MA.

A Night with Faith, Food, and Friends

Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for dinner and faith conversation. Pay your own way. Meet us at The Halfway Café at 51 Main St., Maynard.

Ongoing Events:

Scripture Study:

First and third Sunday of every month.
Next date is: Sunday, November 6, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a free dinner and good conversation about the readings from mass. Meet us at the Parish Center at St. Elizabeth.

Volunteer at Household Goods:

First Sunday of every month.
Next date is: Sun., November 6, 12:45—4:00 p.m.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Friday, November 18, 7:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth, Church

The month of November is a time when we remember those who have died. On, Friday November 7, The St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore Parish Collaborative will gather as a community at 7:30 pm in the church to pray with each other as we remember our family members and friends who have passed on to eternal life. This service of scripture readings, music, and reflective silence will offer an opportunity for those present to light a candle for those who are ever present in our hearts and minds.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH:

Sunday, October 16
Gospel Scripture Reflection
9:15—10:15 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Monday, October 17
Book Discussion Group
9:45 —11:30 a.m., Parish Center Hall

Tuesday, October 18
Building and Grounds Meeting
7:00—9:00 p.m., Parish Center, Room 3

Wednesday, October 19
Collaborative Cantor Rehearsal
7:00—7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Collaborative Music Ministry Rehearsal
7:30—9:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Thursday, October 20
St. Elizabeth Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:45—6:30 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Apple Valley Teen Choir Rehearsal
7:00—8:30 p.m., Church

First Eucharist Parents Meeting
7:00—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Friday, October 21
Music Planning Meeting
1:00 p.m., Parish Center, Room 3

ST. ELIZABETH AV MINISTRY

An Audio/Video minister is present at each Mass. He or she sits in the congregation and uses a mobile device to ensure that the sound quality is the best it can be. *We need more volunteers to serve about once a month.* Training is provided.

If you have any questions about the above or about our Hearing Loop, please see Mary Ryan (mgr@applevalleycatholic.org) before or after Mass or contact Dave Sacra (dsacra@verizon.net).



It's the place to be after Liturgy!

ST. ELIZABETH SUNDAY CAFÉ IS NOW OPEN!

Please join us in the Church hall every Sunday (except GIFT weekends) for coffee and refreshments, time to catch up with friends & meet new friends!

ST. ELIZABETH CHILDREN'S ROOM NOW AVAILABLE!



A lovely space for families is available in the church basement, right at the bottom of the stairs. The room is equipped with Child friendly furniture, books, and a screen that live streams the Mass. Come check it out!

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

Thursday, October 20, 7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth, Parish Center Hall

Please join us for our Information Meeting for Reconciliation (confession) Preparation. We will discuss what is involved in the preparation process, and distribute informative materials.

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.

EXPERIENCE CURSILLO, ENCOUNTER CHRIST!

Cursillo is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church so that His love and grace can be brought to every aspect of life. "This is a goal of the three day "little course" on Christianity; in which a team of priests and lay people, supported by the prayer and sacrifices of the movement's other members, communicated the fundamental truths of the Christian faith in an especially "living way."

Pope John Paul II, July 29, 2000

Archdiocese of Boston:

Upcoming Weekends: at Campion Renewal Center, Weston, Massachusetts:

- October 20-23 (Women)
- December 1-4, 2016 (Men)
- March 2-5 (Women)
- March 30 - April 2 (Men)

For questions, contact Diahne Goodwin.

For registration information go to:

<http://www.bostoncursillo.org/register.htm>

St. Basil Salvatorian Center

Upcoming Weekends: At the Saint Basil in Methuen, MA

- November 3-6 (Women)
- December 1-4 (Men)
- January 5-8 (Women)
- February 9-12 (Men)
- March 2-5 (Women)
- April 6-9 (Men)
- May 4-7 (Women)
- June 1-4 (Women)

Call or send email to inquire about registration 978-683-2959 or stbasilcenter@comcast.net

Diocese of Manchester, NH

Cursillo weekends are also available in NH. For a lists of dates and locations and registration information, please go to:

<http://nhcursillo.org/weekends>



THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE:

Tuesday, October 18
Music Planning Meeting
6:30 p.m., Upstairs in Rectory

Wednesday, October 19
Collaborative Cantor Rehearsal
7:00—7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Collaborative Music Ministry Rehearsal
7:30—8:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

ST. ISIDORE COFFEE AND DONUTS



Sunday coffee & donuts is now held every Sunday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for refreshments, make new friends and catch up with old friends.

CORI DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

October 22 and 23

Everyone who serves in ministries serving children or vulnerable adults must complete a Massachusetts CORI form each year. If you are new to either St. Elizabeth or St. Isidore, you must complete a CORI form before beginning any ministry that involves children or vulnerable adults. CORI forms are available in the offices of St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore during regular office hours. However, we will also be offering an opportunity to complete forms after all masses at St. Elizabeth on the weekend of Oct. 22-23.

Parishioners from both parishes may complete forms at that time. Please bring your license. If you have any questions, please contact our Child Abuse Protection Leader, Jack Deasy at jw.deasy@gmail.com.