

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: God knows and sees our hearts.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear the word proclaimed today, what word or phrase strikes you?

In this parable, what image comes to mind for you?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to be humble – but what does that mean?

How do you show you are humble?

Question for Youth: God knows when we are doing things just for show, and when they come from the goodness of our heart. When have you caught yourself doing something just to be more popular or liked?

How does it feel to do something that you know is good and just?

Question for Adults: This Gospel reading suggests that we approach God and each other with humility.

What does this mean, in practical terms? How do we "humble" ourselves? What does that mean?

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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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2016

"Oh God, be merciful to me a sinner"



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,



Since my major presentation to parishioners on Sept. 14 (video available on both parish websites), many of you have asked what you can do to assist or promote the mission of Jesus Christ in our collaborative. Here are a few next steps that you might consider. First and above all, accept Pope Francis's call to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ each day (*Joy of the Gospel*, 3). Second, commit yourself to welcoming others and enhancing the quality of hospitality that we offer to everyone, especially in our churches. Third, read or reread the collaborative pastoral plan and look for ways that you can help to make it fruitful. Fourth, do some reading. The recommended titles (available on the parish websites) will inform and inspire you. They will also enable you to participate more insightfully in the important conversations that are underway among us. Finally (for now), plan to participate in the Disciples in Mission training day that archdiocesan personnel are running at St. Elizabeth Parish Center on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. until 3:40 p.m. It's free of charge, includes lunch, comes highly recommended, and is already on my own calendar.

Finally, this is the season—the one time during the year—when we explicitly ask you to continue and if possible augment your financial support of your parish. You will be hearing from me, your fellow parishioners, and the two finance councils, all in support of the good work that our parishes do throughout the year. Although the critically-important turn from maintenance to mission in our two parishes will take time, that process has already begun and it touches everyone. That invites us to think of parish support as mission support. Contributions don't just fund programs and property maintenance, however important such things may be. They express our gratitude to God our Father for all he has given us, especially grace and love through Jesus Christ, and enhance our parishes' ability to share him and his Gospel with others. The paragraph at the bottom of the front page is an eloquent statement of what our two parishes are called to be and do.

Fr. Walter

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 18, St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore Parishes will gather as a community at 7:30 pm in the St. Elizabeth's 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.

INVITATION TO THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

The Ministry of Consolation invites all who grieve the loss of a loved one to a reception following the 10:30 Mass on November 6 in Room 1 of St. Elizabeth Parish Center. If you plan to attend or have any questions please contact Deb Lundquist at 978 290-1355.

CORI DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

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.

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.

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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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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
4:00-4:30 p.m.—St. Isidore

“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. 23 (Cycle C)
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— Oct. 30 (Cycle C)
Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

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 gonavy0914goarmy15@gmail.com for more information.

**ST. ELIZABETH
LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN**

Sunday, November 6, 10:30 a.m. Mass

ST. ELIZABETH RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, October 27
2:00—8:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH	
Total Offertory Last Sunday: 10/16/16:	\$ 4,553
Mail backs for Week Ending 10/15/16:	\$ 665
EFT for Week Ending 10/15/16:	\$ 711
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/15/16:	\$ 5,928
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 193,690
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 200,240
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2016:	\$ (6,551)
Last weekend, parishioners also donated \$2,189 in support of those affected by the deadly Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, Bahamas and the Southeastern United States. Thank you!	
When you write or review your Will or Trust, please consider leaving a charitable bequest to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish. Thank you very much!	

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:
Saturday, October 22, 5:00 p.m.
Kevin Lewis and Diane Lewis Walsh,
Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 23, 9:00 a.m.
Gladys O’Donnell, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:
Monday, October 24, 9:00 a.m.
William Farrell, Jr., Memorial Mass

Wednesday, October 26, 9:00 a.m.
Diane Fisher, Memorial Mass

Friday, October 28, 9:00 a.m.
Spors-Hoffmann Families, Memorial Mass

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 will be Dec 2-4 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 10/16/16:	\$ 2,667
Total EFT for Week Ending 10/16/16:	\$ 1,586
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/16/16:	\$ 4,253
Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 68,316
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 73,600
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$ (5,284)
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 41
Thank you for your generosity.	

**ST. ISIDORE FAMILY ITALIAN NIGHT
& SILENT AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA**

Saturday, November 19, 6:00— 9:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening listening to Italian music while browsing our many Silent Auction items followed by a delicious homemade Italian dinner of Italian pasta, meatballs & vegetarian ziti. Gluten free will be available as well. Then enjoy a warm cup of coffee with a yummy dessert while listening for your name to be called as a winning bidder!

Tickets go on sale beginning the weekend of
October 29 at St. Isidore.

Adults-\$7.50 • Seniors (60+)-\$6.00
• Children 5-18-\$5.00 • Under 5 FREE

WE NEED HELP! We need help serving dinner that night. Please consider volunteering to help us. We need four servers. Please get in touch with Lauren, 978-897-2599. **All are welcome!**

**GROWING IN FAITH (GIFT)
NEXT WEEKEND**

October 29
St. Isidore Church Hall
6:15 p.m.—8:45 p.m.

October 30
St. Elizabeth Church Hall
11:45 a.m.—2:15 p.m.
6:15 p.m.—8:45 p.m.

**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 andrea@applevalleycatholic.org 978-263-4305, ext.12 for more information.

**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:

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

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>

For questions, contact John Prendeville at
john_prendeville@harvard.edu or 978-263-1222 or
Diahne Goodwin.



THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH:

Sunday, October 23

Gospel Scripture Reflection
9:15—10:15 a.m., Parish Center, Room

Confirmation Preparation Large Group Meeting
7:00—8:30 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Monday, October 24

Book Discussion Group
9:45 —11:15 a.m., Parish Center Hall

Wednesday, October 26

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 27

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

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

The Environment and Art Committee focuses on the change in the liturgical seasons throughout the year and how this affects liturgy and those who gather in the church for Mass. During the year at the point in the gathering space the atmosphere changes, inside and outside. We have now transitioned from Summer Ordinary Time (Year C) during which the boat and sea theme referenced the travels of St. Paul and our mission to spread the Word of God.

In this, the second half of Ordinary Time, the liturgical color continues to be green and the seasonal corner is transformed to represent God's gift of a bountiful harvest. The materials that are used come from the natural environment that surrounds us. Look for our next seasonal change. It will occur in November.



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!

CAN YOU HELP OUR FINANCE COUNCIL PREPARE THE ANNUAL APPEAL MAILING?

On next Saturday morning, October 29, likely at 9:00, but still time tbd, the finance council will prepare the annual appeal mailing in order to keep our finances in order. It usually takes 2-3 hours or so with the help of a bunch of the SEOH finance council, some of their family and friends, and some kind parishioner volunteers. Coffee and donuts are always invited and attend also. If you can help, and have fun with some dedicated people at the same time, please email or call John Morris at the St. E's office jjm@seoh.org or call at 978-263-4305 x11. Or you could catch one of our appeal team – Dawn Gomez, Annemarie Mazzucotelli or Chris Brolin after mass, during hospitality, etc. Thank you very much.

DONATE TO THE ST. ISIDORE SILENT AUCTION

This year promises to be the BEST AUCTION EVER! The Silent Auction takes place during the Family Italian Night on Saturday, November 19, 6:00—9:00 p.m. Donations continue to come in featuring donations from Stow Greenhouses, Drumlin Farm, Bayside Resort, Hart's Turkey Farm, Roller Kingdom, beautiful gift baskets and more! We even have a donation from the Boston Red Sox!

In the past, our parish family members have been so generous donating to the auction, producing fun high bidding wars. Do you have season tickets to a sports team, new unused items of auction quality to donate or a business or hobby talent to donate that one-of-a-kind item? Please consider donating to the auction for another successful and enjoyable event! All monies raised go right back into the St. Isidore Social Committee fund to be enjoyed in future activities for our parish family! Please contact any one of the committee members at socialcommittee@stisidorestow.org or call Lauren, 978-897-2599 with any questions. Thank you! See you at the Auction!

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY Serving Acton, Boxboro, Stow and Beyond

Las Vegas Night

Sunday, November 6, 6:00—8:00 p.m.
(Join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass)

LIFT Ministries

Tuesday, November 8, 6:30—9:30 p.m.,
St. Mary's Parish, Chelmsford

Teen Leadership Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 13
Start with the 5:00 p.m. Mass

Annual Mystery All-Nighter

Friday, November 18
Starting at 6:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth

Friend's Thanksgiving Dinner

Monday, November 21
Starting at 6:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth

THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE:

Tuesday, October 25

Liturgy Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m., Work Sacristy

Wednesday, October 26

St. Isidore Children's Choir Rehearsal
3:30—4:15 p.m., Parish Hall

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

Thursday, October 27

Book Discussion Group
9:45—11:15 a.m., Dining Room

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.



FRIENDS OF POPE FRANCIS CONTINUING THE CONVERSION

Wednesday, November 2

7:30 p.m., Espousal Retreat Center, Waltham

Professor Dominic Doyle will speak about the Pope's message of hope and the role that it can play in helping us to get through challenging times like the present. Dr. Doyle is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Boston College and an engaging speaker. He is the author of more than a dozen book chapters and papers as well as a book on hope in the writings of Catholic authors from St. Thomas Aquinas to Charles Taylor and Nicholas Boyle. Email espousalmarriageprep@gmail.com or call 781-209-3100 to register or for more information.