

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** Jesus' love transforms all people and all things!

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to the familiar story in today's reading, what word or phrase catches your ear?  
What image from the story strikes you?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** Jesus showed that he loved Zacchaeus by having supper with him.  
How does Jesus show his love for you?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus saw Zacchaeus as he was – mistakes and all. What masks, if any, do you hide behind so others won't see who you really are? Who do you trust to see your true self?

**Question for Adults:** Why do you suppose Jesus was so kind to Zacchaeus? What lesson do you draw from this reading regarding those who are considered "public sinners" today.

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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.*



## *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 30, 2016*

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
So that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.*



A warm welcome to our visitors.  
We are glad to have you among us!

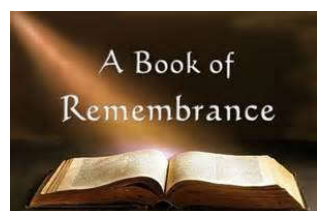
If you are new to the parish, please let us know so that we can  
welcome you personally!

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).

## NOVEMBER~ MONTH OF ALL SOULS

During the month of November we remember those who have died and pray that they might share in the peace and joy of the Resurrection. In keeping with our tradition here at St. Elizabeth Parish, we remember our deceased family members and friends by writing their names in our Book of the Names of the Dead and placing their pictures on the wall in St. Elizabeth Alcove.

You are invited to place a picture of your loved one on the wall in the Alcove at any time during the month. Please write the name of your loved one on the back of the picture before placing it on the wall. After November 24 you may either leave the picture with us to keep for next year or pick it up after Mass on the weekend.



### 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 the Parish Center, Room 1. If you plan to attend or have any questions, contact Deb Lundquist at 978 290-1355.

### 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, The St. Elizabeth / 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. A reception hosted by the parish Cursillo Group will follow. All are welcome to attend.

## FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Funeral Reception Ministry provides the opportunity for family and friends time to gather, share a meal and the gift of time together after the funeral or memorial Mass of a loved one without the worry of all the details involved. A team of a few volunteers welcome guests and serve the buffet meal provided by the family.

### Responsibilities

- Set tables
- Put out food
- Arrange Flowers
- Cleanup

### Time Commitment

- Receptions last from 3 to 4 hours, funeral receptions are scheduled on short notice but volunteers serve based on their availability. No formal training is required for this very rewarding ministry.

### Qualifications

- A desire to offer compassionate service to those experiencing loss.
- No experience required

To help with the Funeral Reception Ministry, please contact Janice, 978 263-4305 x10 or email [janice@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:janice@applevalleycatholic.org).



### ALL SAINTS MASS SCHEDULE (Holy day of obligation)

**Tuesday, November 1**  
9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore  
7:00 p.m.—St. Elizabeth

**OUR COLLABORATIVE STAFF:**  
**Pastor:** Rev. Walter J. Woods, STD  
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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**  
89 Arlington St.  
Acton, MA 01720  
Phone (978) 263-4305  
Fax: (978) 263-9014  
[www.seoh.org](http://www.seoh.org)

**St. Isidore**  
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Stow, MA 01775  
Phone (978) 897-2710  
Fax: (978) 461-0577  
[www.stisidorestow.org](http://www.stisidorestow.org)

## 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  
All Saint's Mass 7:00 p.m. Tuesday

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

“To evangelize, therefore, it is necessary to open ourselves once again to the horizon of God’s Spirit, without being afraid of what he asks us or of where he leads us.”

— Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*

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

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— Nov. 6 (Cycle C)**  
2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38, 34-38



**SAVE THE DATE!**

THE ST. ELIZABETH  
ANNUAL YOUTH MINISTRY AUCTION:

Saturday, March 25, 2017, 6:00—10:00 pm.

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

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

**UPCOMING BAPTISM  
AT ST. ELIZABETH**

Saturday, November 5, 4:00 p.m.

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE  
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Next week's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community-based groups who create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent of the CCHD collection stays in the Archdiocese of Boston to fund local anti-poverty projects; seventy-five percent supports national grant and education programs. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 10/23/16:	\$ 4,450
Mail backs for Week Ending 10/22/16:	\$ 2,905
EFT for Week Ending 10/22/16:	\$ 23,457
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/22/16:	\$ 30,812
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 224,502
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 230,445
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2016:	\$ (5,943)

Last week, parishioners also donated \$2,340 in the second collection towards World Missions- the propagation of the worldwide mission of Jesus. Thank you.

When you write or review your Will or Trust, please consider leaving a charitable bequest to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**St. Isidore:**

Saturday, October 29, 5:00 p.m.  
The Mileski Family, Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 30, 9:00 a.m.  
Robert Goodwin, Memorial Mass

**St. Elizabeth:**

Monday, October 31, 9:00 a.m.  
Michael McGonegal, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, November 2, 9:00 a.m.  
Robert Goodwin, Memorial Mass

Friday, November 4, 9:00 a.m.  
William Calvert, Memorial Mass

Prayers for the Departed:  
Thomas B. Zarola

***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.***

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday 10/23/16:	\$ 2,908
Total EFT for Week Ending 10/23/16:	\$ 1,586
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/23/16:	\$ 4,494
Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 72,810
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 78,200
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$ (5,389)

St. Vincent DePaul Collection: \$ 26

Thank you for your generosity.

**FOR ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING THE LOSS  
OF A CHILD**

Parishioners, Fred and Carole Zupicich, would like to extend an invitation to all those who have experienced the devastating loss of a child, of any age, for any reason. Knowing this loss is profoundly more difficult during the holidays, they would like to offer an evening of comfort and compassion at their home in Boxborough, on Friday, December 2nd, at 7:00 pm. Please contact Carole at [carolezup@yahoo.com](mailto:carolezup@yahoo.com) or Fred at [fredzup@yahoo.com](mailto:fredzup@yahoo.com).

*This is what's beautiful: This is working every day, this is journeying as humans. But also, it's bad walking alone: It's bad and boring. Walking in community, with friends, with those who love us, that helps us. It helps us to arrive precisely at that goal, that 'there where' we're supposed to arrive." - Pope Francis*

**FORMING DISCIPLES IN MISSION**

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

One-day workshop: Saturday, November 5  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**OR**

Two evening workshops, Tues. January 31, &  
Weds. February 1 from 5:30-9:00 p.m.

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 required for all staff, finance and pastoral council members and those who are involved in the various parish ministries. The Pastoral center has graciously offered to present this workshop locally, saving you a trip to Braintree or other possibly distant parishes. Register at <http://disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples>. Other dates and locations are also listed on their website.

**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. On a *Cursillo* weekend, a team of priests and lay people, supported by the prayer and sacrifices of the movement's other members, share the fundamental truths of the Christian faith in an especially "living way."

Those who participate in *Cursillo* are sponsored by those who have already experienced the weekend. For questions about the weekend or if you would like to find out how you can get a sponsor, please contact John Prendeville at [john\\_prendeville@harvard.edu](mailto:john_prendeville@harvard.edu) or 978-263-1222 or Diahne Goodwin.

Weekends are offered throughout the year:

**Archdiocese of Boston:**

at Campion Renewal Center, Weston, MA  
December 1-4, 2016 (Men)  
March 2-5 (Women)  
March 30 - April 2 (Men)

For Boston *Cursillo* information go to:  
<http://www.bostoncursillo.org/register.htm>

**St. Basil's Cursillo:**

At Saint Basil Salvatorian Center in Methuen, MA  
Nov 3-6 (Women) Mar 2-5 (Women)  
Dec 1-4 (Men) Apr 6-9 (Men)  
Jan 5-8 (Women) May 4-7 (Women)  
Feb 9-12 (Men) Jun 1-4 (Women)

Call or send email to inquire about registration  
978-683-2959 or [stbasilcenter@comcast.net](mailto:stbasilcenter@comcast.net)

**Diocese of Manchester, NH**

*Cursillo* weekends are also available in NH.  
Information can be found at <http://nhcursillo.org/weekends>



**THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH:**

**Sunday, October 30**  
Gospel Scripture Reflection  
9:15—10:15 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

**Monday, October 31**  
Book Discussion Group  
9:45 —11:30 a.m., Parish Center Hall

**Tuesday, November 1**  
All Saint's Mass  
7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church

**Wednesday, November 2**  
Collaborative Cantor Rehearsal  
7:00—7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Collaborative Pastoral Council  
7:30—9:00 p.m., Parish Center, Room 1

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

**Thursday, November 3**  
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

**Saturday, November 5**  
Disciples in Mission Evangelization Training  
9:00-3:40 p.m., Parish Center Hall

**ST. ELIZABETH ULTREYA**  
November 4, 7:00 p.m., Parish Center

Ultreya is a monthly gathering of those who desire to deepen their commitment to their Christian faith. We will gather to pray and share our faith. We will also prepare Palanca to support Charlene Portante, who is on team, and others who will be living the next Cur-sillo weekend.

For more information please contact John Prendeville [john.prendeville@harvard.edu](mailto:john.prendeville@harvard.edu); Robin Coughlan at [rcoughlan@verizon.net](mailto:rcoughlan@verizon.net); or Fran Portante at [franportante@verizon.net](mailto:franportante@verizon.net).

**GROWING IN FAITH (GIFT)  
THIS 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.

**APPLE VALLEY COLLABORATIVE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS FOR GRADES 5-8**

**November: Fall Service Projects**  
Food Drives for Acton, Boxboro, Stow Food Pantries

**Wednesday, November 2**  
3:30 p.m., Trip to Stow Food Pantry  
Grades 5-8

**Thursday, November 3** (early release day)  
2:00 p.m., Trip to Acton Food Pantry  
Grades 5 and 6

Both sessions are open to students from any town. Permission Slip required. Parents are needed to drive and assist. Must be Virtus trained and have a current CORI.

**SUPPER AND SERVICE AT ST. ISIDORE**  
**Thursday, November 10**  
6:00 p.m., St. Isidore Church Hall

Preregistration required no later than November 1. Please RSVP to [Barbara@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:Barbara@applevalleycatholic.org). \$10 fee covers supper and service supplies.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY  
ST. ISIDORE —WE WANT TO HELP**

But we need you to act as our eyes and ears. Is there a neighbor of yours that might benefit by a visit from us – someone who is in temporary need because the loss of a job or other financial crisis? Or who might need a shoulder to lean on. We may be able to assist them during a difficult time. But we need to hear about them. Please leave a confidential message at the St. Isidore rectory office at (978-897-2710).

**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!**

**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](mailto:socialcommittee@stisidorestow.org) or call Lauren, 978-897-2599 with any questions. Thank you! See you at the Auction!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE:**

**Tuesday, November 1**  
All Saints Mass  
9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 2**  
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, November 3**  
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.



**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