

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** God strengthens us and we live with him forever.

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 2nd Reading

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear Paul's words of comfort to the Thessalonians, what part of this reading was most welcome for you to hear? Which of Paul's words most affected you?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** God always stays with you, no matter what.

What signs can you see to help you believe that?

**Question for Youth:** Death is a hard reality in our human life, but if we believe in the resurrection, we know it isn't the end of the journey. How does your belief in heaven affect the way you live?

**Question for Adults:** Having faith in difficult times is hard! What makes you believe in the promise that God will be your strength, as Paul says?

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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.*



## *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*November 6, 2016*

*Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
to him be glory and power forever and ever.*



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).



## 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 p.m. 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. For more information call 978-263-4305, x12 or email: [andreag@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:andreag@applevalleycatholic.org).

## 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!

If you missed the opportunity to participate in this weekend's workshop, please consider attending the two-evening workshop: **Tuesday, January 31-Wednesday, February 1 from 5:30-9:00 p.m.** Register for this or other locations at: <http://disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples>. Other dates and locations are also listed on their website. This workshop is required for all staff, finance and pastoral council members and highly encouraged for those who are involved in any parish ministries.

## 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: Diahne Goodwin or John Prendeville at 978-263-1222, or email [john\\_prendeville@harvard.edu](mailto:john_prendeville@harvard.edu).

## CHILD ABUSE PROTECTION TRAINING

Child Abuse Protection (Virtus) training is required for all volunteers, staff, and ministers 18 and older who will have direct contact with children or teens in the collaborative. You only need to take Virtus once and it can be completed in a single 2 ½ hour class. This year's Virtus sessions will be offered on a bi-monthly basis. Our next training is:

Tuesday, November 15, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Room 3

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

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— Nov. 13 (Cycle C)**  
Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



**THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE:**

**Monday, November 7**  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00 p.m., Rectory

**Wednesday, November 9**  
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 10**  
Book Discussion Group  
9:45—11:15 a.m., Dining Room

**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).

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 10/30/16:	\$ 3,802
Mail backs for Week Ending 10/29/16:	\$ 760
EFT for Week Ending 10/29/16:	\$ 711
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/29/16:	\$ 5,273
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 229,775
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 238,278
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2016:	\$ (8,503)

Thank you very much!

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**St. Isidore:**  
Saturday, November 5, 5:00 p.m.  
Ross and Eleanor Carmichael, Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.  
William and Elsie Monahan, Memorial Mass

**St. Elizabeth:**  
Wednesday, November 9, 9:00 a.m.  
Lorraine Bullock, Memorial Mass

Friday, November 11, 9:00 a.m.  
Allie Rang, Memorial Mass

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

This 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. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday 10/30/16:	\$ 3,838
Total EFT for Week Ending 10/30/16:	\$ 1,586
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/30/16:	\$ 5,424
Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 78,234
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 82,800
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$ (4,566)
All Saints Collection:	\$ 33
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 64

Thank you for your generosity.

**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

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

**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 at the Parish Center at St. Elizabeth.

**Volunteer at Household Goods: First Sunday  
of every month. Next date is:**  
Sunday, November 6, 12:45-4:00 p.m. Please contact Alicia if this is your first time volunteering. Meet at Household Goods, 530 Main Street, Acton.

Get in touch! Contact us:  
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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Apple Valley Catholic Community  
Annual Youth Ministry Auction**  
Saturday, March 25, 2017, 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Teenage Trauma and Communities of Healing**  
Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth, Parish Center Hall

Sal Caraviello - Pastoral Associate, Faith Formation Director and Youth Minister - from St. Mary's Parish in Winchester - will be our presenter. Sal's first of two presentations will be for parents and adults. The second at a later date, will be for teens. We hope you can join us on November 16.



**ST. ELIZABETH  
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).

Have you noticed?  
St. Elizabeth Memorial Alcove



### 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.

The Book of the Names of the Dead will remain in the Alcove throughout the month of November and you are invited to place a picture of your loved one on the wall at any time during the month. Please print your loved one's name on the back of the picture before placing it on the wall. After November 24th you may either leave the picture with us to keep for next year or pick it up after Mass on any weekend.

In November items for the Acton Food Pantry are placed in the gathering space.

### ST. ELIZABETH BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND



This weekend we welcome Leo Hynes Faxon, son of Andrew and Ann and Logan Daniel Nugent, son of Brian and Elizabeth in the sacrament of Baptism.

Please join us in keeping them in prayer as well as their parents and godparents as they continue to nurture them in a life of faith.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH:

**Sunday, November 6**  
Gospel Scripture Reflection  
9:15—10:15 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Sunday Café  
11:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Church Hall

**Monday, November 7**  
Book Discussion Group  
9:45 —11:30 a.m., Parish Center Hall

**Wednesday, November 9**  
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, November 10**  
St. Elizabeth Children's Choir Rehearsal  
5:45—6:30 p.m., Parish Center Hall

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

**Friday, November 11**  
Prayer Shawl Meeting  
10:00-11:30 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

### ST. ISIDORE THANKSGIVING DINNERS

St. Isidore is joining Warm Hearts to help our neighbors in need with their Thanksgiving dinners. If you would like to help, please take a card from our Giving Tree and return the dinner items to the St. Isidore Parish Hall by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 16. If you would like to participate but are unable to do a basket alone, please consider working together with a friend. Warm Hearts is also in need of monetary donations to be used towards Shaw's Gift cards for the purchase of turkey/meat and other perishable items.



### 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 at 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 for future activities for our parish family! Please contact any one of the committee members:

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

### ST. ISIDORE SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Our group of seven committee members have been together for nearly ten years running events such as our 50th Anniversary Dinner/Dance, annual St. Patrick's Dinner, Italian Dinner & Silent Auction, trips to LaSalette Shrine, family game nights, December Cookie Walk, potluck & karaoke night and parish picnics, just to name a few. We have enjoyed bringing our parish family together in celebration and fellowship. However, as time goes by, our families and lives have changed. Sadly, we can no longer make the commitment in running these events and as such, we will be finishing up this year with only two events: the Italian Night & Silent Auction in November and the St. Patrick's Dinner in March. We have agreed that we will continue the Italian Night past this year for as long as we can, but this will be the only activity we will organize going forward.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP-** If you have enjoyed these events and have new ideas for other events, please consider being a part of the St. Isidore Social Committee. You can be on the committee for all events or decide just to run one event. Talk to your friends. Being on a committee evokes a special relationship with your fellow committee members and running events becomes a family activity, not a burden. Seeing the fruits of your labor in the joy these events bring our parish family is a blessing. If you are interested or just have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the committee. If you think you might like to help run the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Dinner, please let us know. Al & Lauren DeBenedetto, Co-Chairs, Robin Ulichney, Marcia Mishley, Bill & Mary Ann Hofmann, Doug Aylaian. Please contact any one of the committee members at [socialcommittee@stisidorestow.org](mailto:socialcommittee@stisidorestow.org) or call Lauren at 978-897-2599.

### ST. ISIDORE REMEMBRANCE CORNER

The St. Isidore Alcove has been transformed into a Remembrance Corner for the month of November. It is a special place where you may display a picture (preferably framed but unframed will also work) of your loved ones, write their names in a book of remembrance and say a prayer. All pictures will be returned to you at the end of the month.