

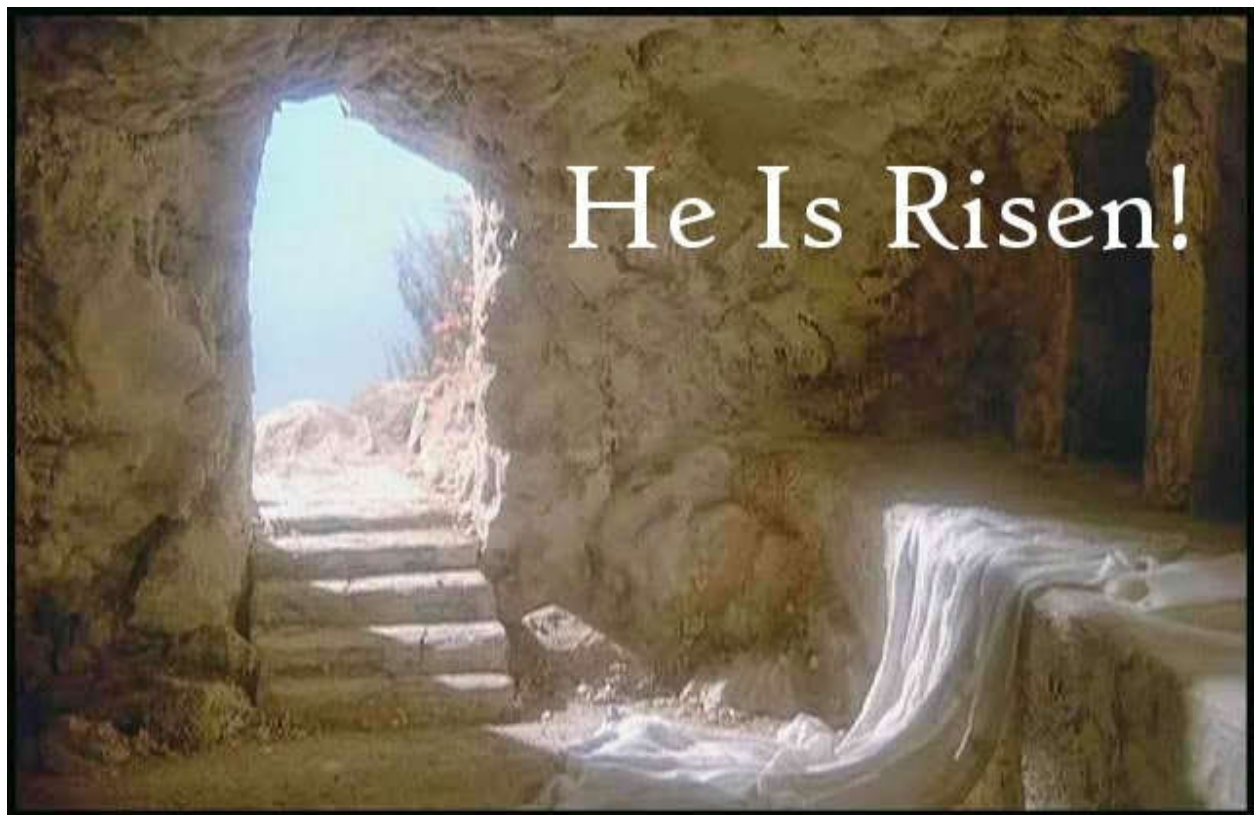


Apple Valley Catholic Community

St. Isidore Parish

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ 2017



Happy Easter!

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Thank you for joining us in celebrating the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Blessings to you for an Easter season full of joy, peace and hope.

We extend a warm welcome to all, especially our visitors who have come from afar or are joining us with friends and family! We offer a special word of welcome to those who are seeking a place to belong, a spiritual home where the love, mercy, and joy of the Lord are gratefully received and generously shared. We invite everyone to continue to worship with us and also participate in the parish community through its activities, ministries, and service opportunities.

As a Catholic community, we gather to worship, serve, and give witness to Jesus Christ. We support and celebrate with each other in moments of hardship or sorrow as well as in times of joy. At all times, we seek to know the joy of the Gospel and share it with others. This bulletin highlights who we are, what we offer and do. There are many ways to enrich your lives and the lives of others. Please check out our websites, (www.seoh.org and www.stisidorestow.org), and the weekly bulletins, which are also available online, or contact any staff member for more details.



*“Let us pray for one another
so that, by sharing in the
victory of Christ, we may
open our doors
to the weak and poor.
Then we will be able to
experience and share the
full the joy of Easter.”*

Pope Francis

Not Catholic? Seeking? Curious? We Welcome you!



Throughout the year and especially at times like Christmas, Easter, and the celebration of Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings and Funerals, we worship together with many who are not Catholic. Most often it is the loving connection of family—spouse and/or children—or close friendships that compel us to come together under one roof to worship, celebrate, seek comfort and strength from God, or simply to support a loved one.

Many, perhaps you or someone close to you, may be seeking a spiritual home or meaning and purpose in life. Maybe you have wondered about what it means to be Catholic or how to even begin to inquire about what that would entail. We are here to support you, provide a safe place to explore your questions and assist you on your journey of discovery. Please contact any staff person to learn more.

OUTREACH:

Supporting our wider community and each other



Both parish communities support a number of ministries that serve the material, physical and spiritual needs in our local area. These ministries are a great way to get involved and share your gifts with the community.

In Both Parishes:

- ◆ St. Vincent DePaul Conference, serving the local community.
- ◆ Prayer Shawl Ministry, providing prayers stitched lovingly into comforting shawls and wraps.
- ◆ Service at *Cor Unum* and Lazarus House in Lawrence.
- ◆ Regular Food Pantry contributions.

Specific to St. Isidore:

- ◆ Warm Hearts of Stow, a non-profit community organization run by Stow residents for Stow residents.

Specific to St. Elizabeth:

- ◆ Ministry of Consolation, offering hope and comfort to those who have lost loved ones.
- ◆ Communion Ministry to the Homebound.
- ◆ Rosary and Communion Ministry to area nursing and assisted living facilities.
- ◆ Parish Nurse Ministry, including monthly blood pressure checks.



PARISH MINISTRIES:

Supporting the Mission of Jesus Christ through the Work of the Community

- ◆ Music Ministry – children, youth and adult
- ◆ Liturgy of the Word for Children
- ◆ Liturgical Environment & Art Committee
- ◆ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- ◆ Lectors & Greeters
- ◆ Altar Servers (youth and adult)
- ◆ Universal Prayer Writing Ministry
- ◆ Hospitality Ministry
- ◆ Liturgy Committee
- ◆ Infant/Child Baptism Ministry
- ◆ Sunday Café team
- ◆ Funeral Reception Ministry
- ◆ AV/Technology
- ◆ Building & Grounds Support
- ◆ New Parishioner Welcome Ministry

Any staff member would be happy to talk to you about these ministries and how to get involved!

FAITH FORMATION



- ◆ **Growing in Faith together**—Formation for the entire community – All are welcome: children, youth, adults, families, singles, young adults, seniors, everyone!
- ◆ **Sacramental Preparation**—Baptism, First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation.
- ◆ **Christian Initiation**—formation for non-Catholics who seek Baptism and/or Confirmation.
- ◆ **Sunday Morning faith sharing/scripture reflection**—A drop-in gathering open to all that meets at 9:15 AM in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center.
- ◆ **Spiritual Book Discussion**—Monday mornings at St. Elizabeth, Thursday mornings at St. Isidore.
- ◆ **Centering Prayer Group**—Monday evenings at St. Elizabeth Parish center.
- ◆ **Tuesday Evening Bible Study** at St. Elizabeth.
- ◆ **Cursillo, Marriage Encounter, Alpha.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jesus sent his apostles out to “go and make disciples.” The YM program responds to this call with educational programs, social, service and spiritual activities. Under the direction of Jim Flanagan, the collaborative youth ministry program includes:

- ◆ **Local service initiatives.**
- ◆ **Teen Leadership Committee (TLC)**
- ◆ **Faith formation – GIFT & Confirmation Prep.**
- ◆ **MS & HS Social and community building events.**
- ◆ **Annual Mission Trips** – International, national and local.

Check out our Facebook Groups:

AVCC Confirmation Preparation Program 2016 - 2017
Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Something for the 20 & 30-somethings!

Check us out on Facebook!

Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Group

There is something for everyone!

- Dinner + Scripture Study**—The 1st and 3rd Sunday each month, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the parish center at St. Elizabeth.
- Volunteer Opportunities**—at Household Goods, Miracle League, Cor Unum to name a few.
- Community Building Events**—Faith Food & Friends nights, annual BBQ, Taco night and more!

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Got Questions about Life? - Try Alpha!



Alpha is the opportunity to explore Life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha runs in a variety of locations from churches to coffee shops to homes all over the world—and now, in our local Acton, Boxborough, Stow area!

Typically Alpha has around 11 weekly sessions plus an extended day or weekend. Sessions include a meal, a short talk about a different question around faith and time at the end where you can share your thoughts and questions.

All are welcome! Alpha is for both non-Christians and Christians who are seeking and may have questions about life and faith. It is also for Christians who are seeking to deepen their faith and relationship with Jesus and who would like to invite others to the experience.

Wondering if this is for you? the first week is always a “Come & See Night” without commitment and then decide. No Pressure. No follow up. No charge. The next planned Alpha course will begin in September 2017. Go to www.alphausa.org for more information or email avccalpha@gmail.com with questions.

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY Vacation Bible School

August 7-11, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church
Closing service, August 10, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore Church

For children age 4 by Sept. 1, 2017 through entering 6th grade. Stay tuned ... Preregistration evening coming soon. Volunteers welcomed: teens entering 7th grade up to adult. Questions? Contact Co-Directors Lisa Lapinski (lisalapinski@verizon.net) or Sarah Burianek (sarahburianek@msn.com).

St. ISIDORE MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, April 16, 9:00 a.m.— James & Blanche Arbella
Sunday, April 16, 11:00 a.m.- Ruth & Richard Miano

Tuesday, April 18, 9:00 a.m.—Marie Rodriguez
Thursday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.—Virginia Taylor

ST. ELIZABETH MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.—Carol Cruz, Memorial Mass
Friday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.- Marianne Fisher, Memorial Mass

COLLABORATIVE MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses:

St. Elizabeth: Sat. at 4:00 p.m. and Sun. at 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

St. Isidore: Sat. at 5:00 p.m. and Sun. at 9 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

St. Elizabeth: Mon., Wed., Fri. at 9:00 a.m.

St. Isidore: Tues., Wed., Thu. at 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Elizabeth: Sat. from 3:00-3:30 p.m.

St. Isidore: Sat. from 4:00-4:30 p.m.



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