

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Sunday 7/16/17:	\$ 3,656
Mailbacks for Week Ending 7/15/17:	\$ 1,337
Total EFT for Week Ending 7/15/17:	\$ 671
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 7/15/17:	\$ 5,664

Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 19,705
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 23,024
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (3,319)

Through your generosity, in donations since June 25, we also collected \$2,326 for the Missionary Coop appeal, benefitting the Society for the Propagation of Faith, a worldwide missionary arm of the Roman Catholic Church. Thank you very much.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Elizabeth Parish:

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

St. Isidore Parish:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:00 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

3:00-3:30 p.m.—St. Elizabeth

4:00-4:30 p.m.—St. Isidore

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

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 7/16/17:	\$ 2,328
EFT for Week Ending 7/16/17:	\$ 1,650
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 7/16/17:	\$ 3,978

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2017:	\$ 13,226
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2017:	\$ 13,800
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2017:	\$ (574)

St. Vincent DePaul \$ 37

Thank you very much!

OUR PARISHES:

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Stow, MA 01775
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COLLABORATIVE STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Woods, STD
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READINGS THIS SUNDAY— July 23

(Cycle A)

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— July 30

(Cycle A)

1Kgs 3-5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

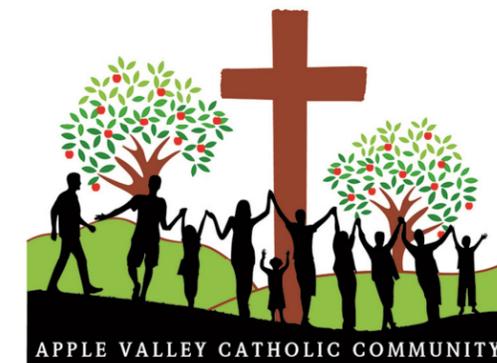
St. Isidore Parish, Stow
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough

Celebrating God's love in Jesus Christ. Going forth to share it with all.



Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017

*You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
give your strength to your servant.*



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).

Pastor's Corner



Following up on my comments at the end of Mass last weekend, I am announcing a collaborative town meeting for parishioners to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church. At that meeting I will introduce the 2017-2018 program of worship and faith-formation in our two parishes. That package of activities and events be both similar and different when compared to recent years. Although that alone invites explanation, what's on the inside is even more important. Hence my remarks will primarily focus on the spirit and goal that animates all that we will be offering, and which ought to be primary in the minds and hearts of parishioners as they consider the entire package. Spoiler alert: every event and activity this coming year is intended to help each and every one of us follow the Lord along the path toward better discipleship and fuller participation in the mission he asks us to fulfill. The town meeting will include music, prayer, and an opportunity for discussion. Please mark your calendars now and plan to participate on Sept. 12.

On a personal note, later this week I will leave for a time of vacation in southern California. I look forward to baptizing my grand-nephew and just getting a good rest. In my absence Fr. Paul Sughrue and Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, SM, will take good care of the you, ably assisted by our dedicated staff persons. Please continue to hold me in your hearts and prayers and I will do the same for you.

Fr. Walter



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groaning's.” These words from St. Paul give us great consolation, especially when we feel distracted or unable to pray. As we take time this week for prayer, let us rely on the Spirit of God to give us the words we need even when we feel inadequate or preoccupied. Trust that God knows the desires of our heart.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, July 22, 5:00 p.m.
Richard Frates, Memorial Mass

Sunday, July 23, 9:00 a.m.
Judy York, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Monday, July 24, 9:00 a.m.
William Calvert, Memorial Mass

Friday, July 28, 9:00 a.m.
Spors & Hoffmann Families, Memorial Mass

Our volunteers are headed to Catholic Heart Workcamp in N. Arlington, NJ from July 23 to July 29. Please pray for them and the people they will be serving.

Dear Father,

Empower these people to be your hands and feet. By their actions and words, make them witnesses of your great love and your passion to all they meet. Please protect them, teach them and support them as they take this journey. Fill them with the Holy Spirit as they faithfully and joyfully minister to the people in Springfield. Amen.



APPLE VALLEY COLLABORATIVE Vacation Bible School

August 7-11, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Closing service and ice cream social will be on
August 10, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore Church.

For children age 4 by Sept. 1 through entering 6th grade. Questions? Contact Co-Directors Lisa Lapinski (lisalapinski@verizon.net) or Sarah Burianek (sarahburianek@msn.com). Volunteers needed: teens entering 7th grade—adult. Link to Registration and Volunteer Forms - www.seoh.org. Cost for the program is \$35 child with a \$90 family maximum.

JOB OPENINGS IN THE COLLABORATIVE

The following positions are now available. Detailed job descriptions are available in the front office or email janice@applevalleycatholic.org. Interested candidates should reply to Diahne Goodwin at Diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

Coordinator of Young Family Ministries

This full-time coordinator will be part of a team dedicated to lifelong faith formation, sacramental participation and living as a disciple in today's world and will have specific responsibility to ministry to young families. While attending to the formation needs of the children there is a focus on the outreach to parents so that they can grow as disciples and be better equipped to support the faith development of the next generation.

Pastoral Ministries Administrative Assistant

This part-time administrative assistant will support the administrative needs of the pastoral staff, with primary focus on faith formation youth and music ministry needs. He/She reports to and works with the director of pastoral ministries to develop a balance of support to those who need it.

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

New days announced for choir rehearsals this fall!

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs (grades 2-6) will rehearse together on Mondays 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. The Collaborative Teen Choir (grades 7-12) will rehearse on Wednesdays 5:45 – 7 p.m. We hope this helps with your fall planning. For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich at andreg@applevalleycatholic.org or 978-263-4305, ext.12.

ALPHA IS COMING

Alpha is a 10-week experience that provides an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.



Alpha is for everyone and anyone. Alpha is a great introduction to the Christian faith, but also offers practicing Catholics an opportunity to grow and strengthen their relationship to the Lord. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves. At each session we share a meal, we listen to a talk and then we gather in small groups for discussion. The Alpha course will be offered at a variety of times throughout the year.

Come and See what it is all about and sample the Alpha experience on **September 21 at 6:30 p.m.** at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Fall Alpha for Adults: Monday mornings, 9/25—12/4 at 9:45 a.m. OR Thursday evenings 9/28-12/14 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Barbara, Diahne or Jim, with questions or to sign up for the Come & See night, or avccalpha@gmail.com. Preregistration is helpful but not required.

NEW THIS YEAR~ TEEN ALPHA !!!

Teen Alpha is offered to all young people in Grade 9 and above. **Completion of a Teen Alpha is required for all Confirmation candidates in Grade 10 this year.** Teen Alpha will be offered at a variety of formats/times during the year - fall, winter and spring evenings plus vacation week-long intensive during the summer and February.

The Summer Intensive teen Alpha course will run Sunday– Thursday, August 13 – 17, 5:00-10:00 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall. It will begin with the 5:00 p.m. Mass on August 13th. 2017-18 Peer Leaders, Teen leaders and Confirmation candidates are encouraged to take this course. Sign up with Jim or Barbara or call the parish office.

ALPHA HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for people to help with the hospitality component of our Alpha programs. This involves preparing and serving food and set up and clean up for the meals. The morning alpha will have light breakfast snacks, the evening Alphas will have meals. Please contact Barbara, Jim or Diahne if you can help!