

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Sunday 8/27/17:	\$ 3,311
Mailbacks for Week Ending 8/26/17:	\$ 1,997
Total EFT for Week Ending 8/26/17:	\$ 25,050
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 8/26/17:	\$ 30,358
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 104,347
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 112,514
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (8,168)

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.

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Updated collection numbers will be posted in the 9/10/17 bulletin.

READINGS THIS SUNDAY— September 3  
(Cycle A)

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— September 10  
(Cycle A)

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart.” Help encourage understanding hearts in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are September 16-17 in Medway and October 21-22 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit <https://www.mema.org/>.

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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.*



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 3, 2017

*“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me.”*



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).

## COLLABORATIVE TOWN MEETINGS

**St. Elizabeth Church, Monday, Sept. 11, 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Isidore Church on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

Both meetings will present the same content. On one level, it's about our faith formation and worship activities for the coming year. At a deeper level, however, it's about our personal call to become better disciples of the Lord, and the responsibility of the two parishes to reorient all efforts and activities to the mission of making faithful disciples and supporting each one in making the best possible response to the Lord. Parishioners are welcome to attend whichever meeting works better for them. Each will end by 9:00 p.m.

## POPE FRANCIS

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION—SEPT. 1

Pope Francis recently declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, as the Orthodox Church has done since 1989. According to Pope Francis, "The annual World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

### A PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM HARVEY

When disaster strikes far away many often wonder just what we can do to help. Sending donations and, for those who can, physical support, is always helpful, but often not possible for everyone. What we all can do is to continue to pray for all affected. Turn our eyes to God, who promises his steady presence throughout these times. Pray for the safety of victims and their families, for the rescue workers, for the weather to turn and the rains to stop and floodwaters to recede, for guidance in how each of us can respond in our own way.

*Lord, Calmer of Storms, we pray for all those whom have been effected by the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Please be with them during the difficult and scary time. We pray for protection, healing and comfort through all the loss. Please give us strength to come together as a community to help those who are in great need as a result of the destruction of this storm. We pray for your Blessings over these places. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Cardinal Seán has authorized a special collection, to be taken the weekend of September 9-10 in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, in support of the relief efforts to those areas devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Please write your checks out to the parish with "Hurricane Harvey Collection" in the memo. All monies collected will be distributed by the USCCB to Catholic Charities USA.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

**St. Elizabeth:**  
Wednesday, September 6, 9:00 a.m.  
Rosemary Quigley-Harris, 13th Anniversary Mass

Friday, September 8, 9:00 a.m.  
Michael Liskiewicz, Memorial Mass

**Prayers for the Deceased:**  
Theodore (Ted) Scholten

## FALL BIBLE STUDY THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

On September 12, the collaborative will begin a 10 week study of the Gospel of Matthew from the Little Rock Scripture series. Bible study starts at 7:30 p.m. in room 1 of the Parish Center. If you are interested in participating, please let me know via email by August 28. Advance enrollment is necessary so I can ensure that sufficient texts are on hand. If you are unfamiliar with Bible study in a Catholic context and have questions, please email me. If a longer conversation than an email is necessary, I'd be happy to discuss with you so include a phone number so your questions can be addressed. Contact: Steve Ryan at 978-263-4305 x21 or via email.

## FALL BOOK DISCUSSION

*Saints Off the Pedestal: Real Saints for Real People*  
by Amanda Roberts

**Nobody's perfect!** *Saints Off the Pedestal* takes an in-depth look at the struggles of 10 well known saints, making them more relatable to today's audience. Author Amanda Roberts Delves into the real-life struggles and perseverance of saints, including **Saints Augustine, Thérèse of Lisieux, Peter, Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, Aloysius Gonzaga, Martin de Porres, Elizabeth Seton, and Katharine Drexel**, making the saints' stories more accessible and relatable to ordinary people.

**Wednesday Mornings:**  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center, 9:54-11:15 a.m.,  
September 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25  
Sign up with Diahne Goodwin,  
[diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org)

OR

**Thursday Mornings:**  
St. Isidore Parish Rectory, 9:54-11:15 a.m.,  
September 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26  
Sign up with Anita Sutherland at [anitasuth@verizon.net](mailto:anitasuth@verizon.net)

The first session begins with discussion of introduction and chapters 1 & 2. If you would like a book ordered for you, for \$15 each, please reserve your copy with Diahne *no later than* September 6.

## 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!*  
*Try the Alpha experience!*

September 18, 9:45 a.m. **OR**  
September 21, 6:30 p.m.  
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, 6:30 p.m. Contact Barbara, Diahne or Jim, with questions or to sign up for the Come & See night, or [avccalpha@gmail.com](mailto: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. *Teen Alpha will be an integral part of our Confirmation formation and all candidates are encouraged and welcomed to participate this year.* Teen Alpha will be offered at a variety of formats/times during the year - fall, winter and spring evenings.

### 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!

**YOUNG ADULTS (20'S & 30'S)  
4TH ANNUAL BARBECUE  
Monday, September 4, 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for a **free** barbecue! Bring your friends and family! We look forward to meeting new faces. Meet us behind the parish center hall at St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Contact [youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org) with any questions.

## COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs (grades 2-6) will rehearse together on Mondays from 5:30-6:15 p.m. beginning on September 18.

The Collaborative Teen Choir and Band (grades 7-12) will rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. beginning on September 13.

Collaborative Adult Music Ministry will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 13 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

We hope this helps with your fall planning. For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich at 978-263-4305, ext.12 or [andrea@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:andrea@applevalleycatholic.org)

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS GROWING AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The CLOW team is working hard to increase the frequency of Children's Liturgy of the Word at St. Elizabeth's and to begin a CLOW at St. Isidore. This is a wonderful program that helps children in grades K-6 better understand the Sunday readings and how to apply them to their lives. But we need lots of help to make this happen! We are looking for volunteers in grades 7 - adult to help us as leaders, readers, shepherds, and musicians. There will be a planning and training meeting for all interested volunteers on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Church Hall Basement. Please register with Barbara Dane at [barbara@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:barbara@applevalleycatholic.org).

## VIRTUS TRAINING AND CORI CHECKS Protecting God's Children

The Archdiocese of Boston mandates that all volunteers who minister directly to children or elders, or who have the potential for unmonitored access to children and must be Virtus (Child Abuse Protection) trained and must have a CORI check. Please sign up for Virtus training at least one week prior to each session. Register by contacting our CAP Team Leader, Jack Deasy at [j.w.deasy@gmail.com](mailto:j.w.deasy@gmail.com) or by calling Barbara Dane at 978-263-4305, ext. 16. Please leave your name, parish, the date you wish to attend and your email or cell phone number.

Tues., Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Rm. 3  
Tues., Sept. 19, 7:00 p.m., St. Isidore Rectory Upstairs  
Sat., Oct. 21, 10:00 a.m., St. Isidore Rectory Upstairs  
Sat., Nov. 4, 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Rm. 3



*Congratulations to David and Maley (Mullin) Parilla, who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage in our parish this week! May their lives be blessed with many years of happiness as husband and wife.*