

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: We thank God for faithfulness.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 2nd Reading from St. Paul

Step One: Listen to the Word

Hearing this lovely opening to Paul's letter to the Church in Thessalonica, what part of it touches your heart? What single word catches your ear?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: In your young life, who has helped you know Jesus as a friend?

Question for Youth: We are supposed to give to God the things that are God's. What in your life is dedicated to God? How to you keep those things sacred?

Question for Adults: If you were to write a thank you note to someone or to a group who has helped you grow in faith, to whom would you write and what would you say?

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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-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017*

*Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of 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).

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Friday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.

The month of November is a time when we remember those who have died. On Friday, November 3, the St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Communities will gather at 7:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's 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. The Cursillo Group will host a reception following the service in the church hall.

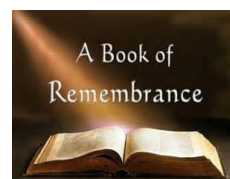


INVITATION TO THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

The Ministry of Consolation invites all who grieve the loss of a loved one to a reception following the 10:30 Mass on November 5 in Room 1 of the Parish Center. If you plan to attend or have any questions please contact Deb Lundquist at 978 290-1355.

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 the tradition 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. Please print your loved one's name on the back of the picture before placing it on the wall.



GIVING AS A PERSONAL RESPONSE TO THE LORD

As St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth parishes continue with their Increased Parish Support Campaigns, it is a good time for us to consider all that we have, and how we might return a portion of our blessings to God, who expects us to make them fruitful.

People so richly blessed certainly ought to be thankful, and express it by giving generously to their parish. At the same time, disciples who embrace the call to missionary service want to enhance their parish's ability to spread the Gospel, and empower its members to do the same.

Remember, giving opportunities come in many forms. Besides giving from our financial resources, we can also give our time and talents as volunteers. "What you give will be returned tenfold."

Members of St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth parishes have graciously accepted leadership positions on the Increased Parish Support leadership teams. They and other parishioners are already preparing to do their part to make this campaign a resounding success. You will be hearing more in the coming weeks.

As a reminder: Commitment weekend for the Increased Parish Support Campaign in both parishes is Nov. 18 & 19.

BISHOP REED TO VISIT US

On Sunday, Nov. 26, Bishop Robert Reed will celebrate the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore's. On Sunday, Dec. 3, he will celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth's. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on one of these occasions.

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ST. ELIZABETH HEARING LOOP

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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Fax: (978) 461-0577
www.stisidorestow.org

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:

St. Elizabeth:
Saturdays, 3:00—3:30 p.m.

St. Isidore:
Saturdays, 4:00—4:30 p.m.

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



READINGS THIS SUNDAY— October 22

(Cycle A)
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— October 29

(Cycle A)
Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

CURSILLO

More than just a retreat, a Cursillo (pronounced Cursee-yo) weekend is a “Short Course” that lasts a lifetime, enriching your relationship with God, your family, and your community. It is a movement of the Church that promotes Catholic ideals, fellowship, and spiritual growth in daily living. Cursillo is an encounter with Christ. You won’t see Him with your eyes, but you will come to know Him in a deeper way and become very much aware of his presence and His love for you. Talk to anyone who has made a Cursillo, they cannot really explain why they are so enthusiastic about it. They will tell you it is wonderful, it is the greatest experience of their lives—something they will never forget. They will tell you that you have to go through it to understand it, but they cannot tell you what it is. Why? Because it is a *living experience* and we all fall short in adequately explaining a living experience. For more information please contact Diahne Goodwin or Anita Sutherland (anitasuth@verizon.net).



*Upcoming Weekends at
Campion Center, Weston, MA
October 26-29—Women
November 30-December 3—Men*

*Upcoming Weekends at St. Basil, Methuen, MA
November 2-5—Women
December 7-10—Men
January 4-7 2018—Women*

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH	
Total Offertory Sunday 10/15/17:	\$ 4,073
Mailbacks for Week Ending 10/14/17:	\$ 1,217
Total EFT for Week Ending 10/14/17:	\$ 671
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/14/17:	\$ 5,961
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 180,850
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 199,982
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (19,132)
Thank you!	

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:
Monday, October 23, 9:00 a.m.
Thomas Zarola, First Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, October 25, 9:00 a.m.
Mary G. Maciora-Jacobs, Memorial Mass

Prayers for the Deceased:
Pat Campobasso

St. Isidore
Saturday, October 21, 5:00 p.m.
Kevin Lewis and Diane Lewis Walsh,
Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 22, 9:00 a.m.
Salvatore Mangiafico, Memorial Mass

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This week’s second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope’s name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE	
Total Offertory Last Sunday: 10/15/17:	\$ 2,193
EFT for Week Ending 10/15/17:	\$ 1,680
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/15/17:	\$ 3,873
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 69,106
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 73,600
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (4,494)
St. Vincent DePaul collection	\$ 28
Thank you!	

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND



This weekend we welcome Collette Ancey Cote and Jackson William Lush in the sacrament of baptism! Please join us in holding Collette and Jackson, and their parents and godparents in prayer as they continue to grow in faith together.

**NEW TO OUR COMMUNITY!
TEEN ALPHA**

Sundays
Now until December 17th
5:00 p.m. Mass until 8:15 p.m.

Alpha is a great opportunity to explore life and the Christian Faith in a friendly and informal environment. Over a series of weekly interactive sessions, Alpha experience includes a meal, a short video and time where people can share their thoughts and questions. It is evangelization based on welcome and hospitality, sharing and prayer – all offered in a gradual and non-threatening way. Alpha is open to all high school young people.



ANNUAL MYSTERY ALL-NIGHTER

Collaborative High School Ministry
Saturday, November 4th

Cost - \$100.00

(Cost includes all activities – transportation – food)

This is our best social event of the year. We will start by going to the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish. We will be finishing up at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday Morning. Space is limited! Must be signed up by November 1.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
MEETING JESUS PROGRAM**

The middle school meeting Jesus program opens on Sunday October 29 at 12:00 noon at St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall. Meeting Jesus is open to all kids in grade 5—8 and includes lunch. Please RSVP to Barbara Dane at barbara@applevalleycatholic.org.

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children’s Choirs (grades 2-6) will rehearse Monday October 23, from 5:30—6:15 p.m. in the Church Hall at St. Isidore. Rehearsals in October will be at St. Isidore.

Collaborative Adult Music Ministry of St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Music Ministers will rehearse this week on MONDAY, October 23 from 7:30—9:00 p.m. in St. Isidore Church Hall. Rehearsals in October will be on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Isidore.

Apple Valley Teen Ensemble rehearsal is on Wednesday October 25 from 5:30—6:45 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall at St. Elizabeth.

For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich at andreag@applevalleycatholic.org or 978-263-4305, ext.12.

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC
YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Saturday, November 4, 3:00-8:00 p.m.
Volunteer at Cor Unum Meal Center

We will serve dinner at Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence. Dinner is provided there. Please RSVP by November 1. Meet us at St. Elizabeth to carpool. Learn more about Cor Unum at <http://www.corunummealcenter.org>

Ongoing Events: Scripture Study

First and Third Sunday of every month until December 3. Join us for a **free** dinner and good conversation about the readings from Mass. Meet us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the Parish Center at St. Elizabeth.

Volunteer at Household Goods

Third Sunday every month 12:45—4:00 p.m. Volunteers can either help families pick out goods or load their vans. Please contact us if this is our first time volunteering. Meet us at Household Goods at 530 Main St., Acton. <http://householdgoods.org>.

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC
YOUTH MINISTRY**

Serving Acton, Boxboro, Stow and Beyond

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Annual Mystery All-Nighter

Saturday, November 4 to Sunday, November 5

Cost - \$100.00 (Cost includes all activities – transportation – food)

Friend's Thanksgiving Dinner

Monday, November 20

Starting at 6:30 p.m.

Serving Dinner at Cor Unum in Lawrence

Saturday, December 9

3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Advent Prayer

Wednesdays from November 29 to December 20

7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Christmas in the City

Set-up Day - Saturday, December 16

8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Party Day - Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 27

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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 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.

Sat., Nov. 4, 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish
Center, Rm. 3

THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Sunday, October 22

Gospel Scripture Reflection

9:15—10:15 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30-11:00 a.m., Church Hall

Teen Alpha

6:30-9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Monday, October 23

Morning Alpha

9:45 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Tuesday, October 24

Confirmation Gathering

7:00-9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Wednesday, October 25

Book Discussion Group

9:45—11:15 a.m., Parish Center Hall

Apple Valley Teen Ensemble

5:30-6:45 p.m., Parish Center Hall

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SUNDAY CAFÉ



Please join us every Sunday for coffee and refreshments, time to catch up with friends & meet new friends!

St. Isidore after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

St. Elizabeth after the 10:30 a.m.

Mass

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND
FIRST EUCHARIST
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Information meeting and initial gathering
for parents and children

Sunday, October 29

10:15—12:00 p.m., St. Isidore church Hall

Or

3:15—4:45 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church Hall

Children who are age 7 or older (typically in second grade) are ready to prepare, with their parents, for the celebration of the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time. Preparation involves an integrated approach to parish and home life, worship and learning. The process includes participation in the GIFT sessions, Children's Liturgy of the Word and specific sacramental formation.

All the details for sacramental preparation will be covered at these meetings. After an opening together, we will do a separate activity just for the children while we meet with the parents to review the program and then bring the families back together to do joint activities to begin our preparation for first Reconciliation. Register your family on the forms found in the Resources for Discipleship Booklet (available in the back of the churches or downloadable from the parish websites, if you do not already have one).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
AT ST. ISIDORE**

We are building a team at St. Isidore to celebrate CLOW at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. CLOW volunteers must be Virtus and CORI certified. If you are interested in helping out with this important ministry, please contact Barbara Dane at barbara@applevalleycatholic.org or Joan Mattila at joan@applevalleycatholic.org.

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Monday, October 23

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs

5:30—6:15 p.m., Church Hall

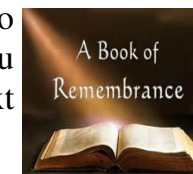
Collaborative Adult Music Ministry of St. Isidore and

St. Elizabeth Music Ministers

7:30—9:00 p.m., Church Hall

ST. ISIDORE REMEMBRANCE ALCOVE

The remembrance Alcove at St. Isidore will be set up for the month of November with the book of Names to honor and pray for friends and family who have died. You are invited to share a photo of your loved one at any time during the month in the remembrance alcove and ask that you write your loved one's name on the back so we may return the photo to you at the end of the month or, if you wish we can keep the photo for next year.



**ST. ISIDORE FAMILY ITALIAN NIGHT
& SILENT AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA**

St. Isidore Hall

Saturday, November 18, 6:00 to 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!

Reservations will be taken beginning the weekend of October 28 at St. Isidore after all Masses or by calling Lauren (see below).



Adults-\$7.50 • Seniors (60+)-\$6.00 • Children 5 to 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!