

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** True leadership is based on conversion.

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to the Gospel proclaimed, how do you imagine this setting where conflict is faced?

### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** How can you make the light of Christ shine through your life?

**Question for Youth:** What does it mean to humble yourself?

**Question for Adults:** Do you practice what you preach?



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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-first Sunday of Ordinary Time  
November 5, 2017*

*You have but one Father in Heaven  
and one master, the Christ.*

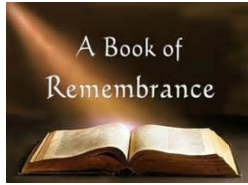


A warm welcome to our visitors.  
We are glad to have you among us!

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 ALCOVES



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.

### ST. ELIZABETH

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.

### ST. ISIDORE

The remembrance Alcove 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. Please 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.



## 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, this weekend, November 5 in Room 1 of the Parish Center.

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION MINISTRY: AN INVITATION

Our Collaborative now offers Spiritual Direction as one of its parish ministries. Spiritual direction is an ancient church practice grounded in an ongoing relationship in which one person accompanies another in the process of growing in intimacy with God. A Spiritual Director journeys with you—listening, guiding, and challenging you to grow in attentive awareness of God's Presence in your everyday life.

- Do you find yourself wanting a deeper relationship with God?
- Do you desire a companion on the spiritual journey?
- Do you want to explore new ways to pray, or has prayer become difficult?
- Do you feel the need for help in prayerfully discerning a call of God?

If you are interested in learning more about one-to-one spiritual direction within the auspices of our parish collaborative, please contact Diahne Goodwin, [diahne@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:diahne@applevalleycatholic.org).

### BISHOP REED TO VISIT US

On Sunday, Nov. 26, Bishop Robert Reed will celebrate the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore's. 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.

### BOOK DISCUSSION

#### 7 Keys to Spiritual Wellness by Joe Paprocki

Thursdays—November 9, 16, 30, December 7  
9:45—11:30 a.m., St. Isidore Rectory

At its core, *7 Keys to Spiritual Wellness* helps us see the Christian faith not as a collection of rules and doctrine, but as a spiritual path—a path whose guideposts for spiritual wellness are sure to lead us to a more meaningful life and to a much richer experience of our faith.

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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:

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**  
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Acton, MA 01720  
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Fax: (978) 461-0577  
[www.stisidorestow.org](http://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— November 5

(Cycle A)  
Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9,13;  
Mt 23:1-12

### READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— November 12

(Cycle A)  
Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.  
 We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.  
 We should like to skip the intermediate stages.  
 We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.  
 Yet it is the law of all progress that is made by passing through some stages of instability and that may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;  
 Your ideas mature gradually—let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.  
 Do not try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new Spirit gradually forming in you will be.  
 Give our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

Above all, trust in the slow work of God, our loving vine-dresser. Amen.

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH	
Total Offertory Sunday 10/29/17:	\$ 3,157
Mailbacks for Week Ending 10/28/17:	\$ 1,042
Total EFT for Week Ending 10/28/17:	\$ 671
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/28/17:	\$ 4,870
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 217,571
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 236,968
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (19,397)
Last week, parishioners also donated \$1,829 towards World Missions—the propagation of the worldwide mission of Jesus.	
Thank you!	

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**St. Elizabeth:**

Monday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.  
 Frances Kelly, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, November 8, 9:00 a.m.  
 Douglas Tierney, Memorial Mass

**St. Isidore**

Saturday, November 4, 5:00 p.m.  
 Regine Bartlett, Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 5, 9:00 a.m.  
 Nicole Taylor, Memorial Mass

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF  
THANKSGIVING**

On Thanksgiving Day, Mass will be celebrated at St. Isidore at 9:00 a.m.

This celebrations will include a blessing for the Thanksgiving table food items that participants bring.

The parish offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Friday. There will be no Mass at St. Elizabeth on Friday, November 24.



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE	
Total Offertory Last Sunday: 10/29/17:	\$ 2,933
EFT for Week Ending 10/29/17:	\$ 1,680
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/29/17:	\$ 4,613
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 78,125
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 82,800
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (4,675)
St. Vincent DePaul collection	\$ 46
Thank you!	

**FIRST RECONCILIATION—  
FIRST EUCHARIST PREP—NEWS**

THANK YOU to all of the children and parents who attended last Sunday's kick-off where we welcomed our 50+ families to the start of our journey in faith and sacramental preparation! I so enjoyed meeting everyone at our two sessions, the one in the morning was held at Saint Isidore and the one in the afternoon was held at Saint Elizabeth's. We are most grateful to our two volunteers, Marcia Melone and Marie Hoff, who lead our children's breakout programs.

During our interim two weeks, parents will work at home with their children on the first two Reconciliation lessons and then children and parent(s) will gather on Sunday, November 12 for our first Mini Lesson at St. Elizabeth in the church hall at 10:00 a.m. Don't forget to bring your "Go Seek Find" backpacks!

As a reminder, we invite all of our K-6 children and their parent(s) to join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at both St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth on our Sunday morning Masses. If you have any questions about our young family ministries or sacramental preparation, please contact Joan Mattila in the office at 978-263-4305, ext. 17 or by email, [joan@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:joan@applevalleycatholic.org).

**COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS**

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

**No rehearsal for Teen Ensemble or Adult Music Ministry this week.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD  
UPDATE**

Have you noticed that about 40 kids and adults are now attending Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth's? Do you wonder what they are all doing? CLOW is liturgy that is especially designed for children. From the children's Lectionary, the kids hear the 1st reading of the day, sing the psalm, and listen to the Gospel. They then have a reflection led by one of the CLOW team members that helps them break open the Gospel in terms that they can more easily understand. Over the last few weeks, we have seen what a vineyard actually looks like and can now better understand why Jesus often uses it as an image of God's Kingdom—everyone working together for a bountiful harvest. We have re-enacted the Gospel about the ungrateful wedding guests in a way that might happen today. And, most recently, we discussed how kids can be good stewards in taking care of what is God's in the world.

We are very excited to announce that starting THIS weekend, **Nov. 5**, we will also be able to offer **CLOW at the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Isidore**. All kids in grades K – 6 are encouraged to attend. Parents are welcome. CLOW will be offered at both parishes on the following dates: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/10, and 12/17.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help sustain CLOW, so if you are interested, please contact Barbara Dane at [barbara@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:barbara@applevalleycatholic.org) or Joan Mattila at [joan@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:joan@applevalleycatholic.org).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
MEETING JESUS PROGRAM**

The middle school meeting Jesus program will be held on Saturday, November 11, 5:00-7:30 p.m. at St. Isidore Church Hall. We will begin together the 5:00 Mass followed by dinner and our program. Meeting Jesus is open to all kids in grade 5—8. Please RSVP to Barbara Dane at [barbara@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:barbara@applevalleycatholic.org).

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Serving Acton, Boxboro, Stow and Beyond**

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

**Friend's Thanksgiving Dinner**

Monday, November 20  
Starting at 6:30 p.m.

We will be cooking a turkey and we ask you to bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert. Come join us at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish for dinner and a brief prayer service to give us a chance to thank God for all that we have and all that we are!

**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.

Take a few minutes each week to be mindful of the season of Advent as we wait in joyful hope of the coming of our Savior—Jesus Christ.

More information can be found on all events on Facebook: Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry or by emailing: [jim@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:jim@applevalleycatholic.org).

**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

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC  
YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

**A Night with Faith, Food, and Friends**

Saturday, November 18, 6:00 p.m.  
Join us for dinner and faith conversation.. This is always a fun night to talk about our faith and meet new people. Pay your own way. Location TBA.

**4th Annual Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Taco Night**

Friday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Join us at St. Isidore Parish to celebrate this feast day with tacos and conversation! Bring friends!

**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>.

Join our Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Group

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/558137624339112/>

*To ensure the safety of all children, we ask that parents accompany their children who go to the restrooms during Mass. The parish hall is used by the community at large and the doors are open during Mass. Thank you.*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**Sunday, November 5**

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 a.m., Mass

Teen Alpha

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

**Monday, November 6**

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

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs  
5:30—6:15 p.m., Parish Center Hall

**Thursday, November 9**

Writing in Faith  
9:30—11:30 a.m., Parish Center, Room 2

Evening Alpha

6:30—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall



**ST. ELIZABETH PRAYER LINE**

Are you looking for a way to give back? Do you have 10-15 minutes a week to pray? We have an email prayer line that generates a few emails per week that are requests for prayer. It is amazingly comforting to know that a group of people are praying for you. Please email Cathy Griffin at [cathleengriffin@comcast.net](mailto:cathleengriffin@comcast.net). We would love for you to join us! And, if you need a prayer, you can use the same email. We only use first names, or no name, to protect your privacy.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE**

**Sunday, November 5**

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
9:00 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, November 9**

Book Discussion Group  
9:45—11:30 a.m., St. Isidore Rectory

**Saturday, November 11**

Middle School Meeting Jesus  
6:00—7:30 p.m., St. Isidore Church Hall

**ST. ISIDORE**



The next Prayer Shawl Meeting will be on Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 4 upstairs in the rectory.

**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!