

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:

Friday, December 29, 9:00 a.m.
Jessica Bose Miller, Special Intention

St. Isidore:

Sunday, December 24, 9:00 a.m.
Frank Pinney, Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.
Josephine and Gaetano Angelico, Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 24, 8:00 p.m.
Angela DeFalco, Memorial Mass

Monday, December 25, 9:00 a.m.
James Molaskey, Memorial Mass

Thursday, December 28, 9:00 a.m.
Vito DiBenedetto, Memorial Mass

**ST. ELIZABETH
CHRISTMAS SEASON FLOWER FUND**

We welcome your contribution towards flowers that will decorate our church for the Christmas Season. Please mail it to St. Elizabeth Parish 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720 or put it in an envelope marked 'Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket. Please indicate if your donation is in memory of a deceased loved one and you wish to have his/her name published in our bulletin on the Feast of the Epiphany, Contact Mary Ryan at mgr@applevalleycatholic.org or 978-263-4305 X35 if you have any questions.

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ towards the 2017 Christmas Season Flower Fund.

I am making this donation in memory of _____

(please print clearly)

I would like the above name/s published in the bulletin on the Feast of the Epiphany. Yes _____ No _____

My name is _____

Please check here if you would like your donation to be made anonymously. _____

READINGS THIS SUNDAY—December 24 (Cycle B)
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

READING NEXT SUNDAY—December 31 (Cycle B)
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Lk 2:22-40

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES!

Winter Book Discussion:

Perfectly Yourself by Matthew Kelly

Mondays 9:45—11:15 a.m. beginning January 22,
St. Elizabeth Parish Hall
Thursdays 9:45—11:30 a.m. beginning January 25,
St. Isidore Rectory

Contact Diahne at diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

Winter Alpha Come & See Night

Sunday, January 28, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore Church Hall,
Weekly sessions start February 11

Contact Diahne at avccalpha@gmail.com

Overview of Catholicism –Bishop Robert Barron Series

Mondays, January 29– April 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
St Elizabeth Parish Center

Contact Diahne at diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

Bible Study: Panorama of the Old Testament

Tuesdays, February 6—March 13, 7:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Contact Steve at sjryan@applevalleycatholic.org

**‘CAROLS AND COOKIES’ EVENT“
Adds Joy to The Advent Season**

Thank you to all those who attended this wonderful parish collaborative event at St. Isidore Church on December 17th. We are most grateful to Deacon Charlie and to the musicians who led us in the carol sing-along, to our lectors, and to the children who acted out the Posada Procession. Special thanks to those who helped with decorations, to Laurie Hays and Virginia Tawa who worked on the planning committee and the song books, and to all those who helped with setup and cleanup.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT:
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 12/17/17:	\$ 6,270
Mailbacks for Week Ending 12/16/17:	\$ 1,277
EFT for Week Ending 12/16/13:	\$ 685
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 12/16/17:	\$ 8,232
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2017:	\$ 329,637
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2017:	\$ 330,800
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2017:	\$ (1,163)

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT:
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 12/17/17	\$ 5,071
EFT for Week Ending 12/17/17:	\$ 2,064
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 12/17/17:	\$ 7,135
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$115,002
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$115,000
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (2)
St. Vincent DePaul collection	\$ 281

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



OUR COLLABORATIVE STAFF:

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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

At all of our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergyfunds.org.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE	
St. Elizabeth:	Christmas Eve—December 24 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
	Christmas Day—December 25 10:30 a.m.
St. Isidore:	Christmas Eve—December 24 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
	Christmas Day—December 25 9:00 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEKEND	
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St. Elizabeth:	Saturday, December 30, 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 10:30 a.m.

Please note there is no 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth on 12/31.

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE YOUNG ADULTS...

Lunch - Cook-Out
Open to all College Young Adults! Bring a friend or two!

Wednesday, January 3, 12:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall
If you can - bring a dessert

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
YOUTH MINISTRY

Helping Hands

Monday, January 15, 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Join the Confirmation Preparation Program for our next service opportunity as we package 10,000 meals that will be shipped to Burkino Faso.

Teen Alpha

Tuesdays beginning January 9, 6:30 p.m. includes dinner!
Teen Alpha is open to all high school young people. Freshman and Sophomores are encouraged to attend for the Confirmation Preparation Program. Have you participated on Alpha and want to be on our team? There will be a training session on Tuesday, January 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner is included. Contact Jim Flanagan jim@applevalleycatholic.org.