

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: We are called.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear Jesus calling others to be fishers of people, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

Question for Youth: At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

Question for Adults: If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

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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.



*Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 21, 2018*

*The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.*



**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).

**GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)
THIS WEEKEND**

Saturday, January 20
St. Isidore Church Hall
6:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 21
St. Elizabeth Church Hall
11:45 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.

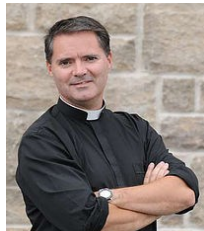
**PARISH TRANSFORMATION
CONFERENCE!**

“From Maintenance to Mission”
February 15, 9:15 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
(Mass at 4:00 p.m.)

Immaculate Conception Parish
216 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua, NH 03062

Keynote speaker: Father James Mallon, author of the best selling book "Divine Renovation: Bringing your Parish from Maintenance to Mission".

Highly acclaimed for his work with parish renewal and the New Evangelization, Fr. James Mallon shares with us many ways for bringing our parishes to life, sharing his experience and wisdom in the areas of Leadership, Discipleship, Evangelization using using tools such as Alpha and Prayer.



This conference is for anyone interested in helping their parish move forward in mission – staffs, councils, ministry members, anyone who wants to be a part of this great mission!

The conference is filling up fast! Register now! *The collaborative will pick up the cost of the conference for those who sign up by January 31st.* Register on line at <https://www.alphanewengland.org/parishtransformationconference> Use conference code PTC180215 to get the reduced group rate. After registering you may submit your receipt for reimbursement. Please contact Diahne Goodwin with questions.

This Conference is made possible by Alpha New England.

**COLLABORATIVE BIBLE STUDY –
PANORAMA OF THE OLD TESTAMENT**

The next Bible study offering in the collaborative is an overview of the Old Testament focusing on how God’s plan of salvation unfolds in history. This study begins at 7:30 .m., Tuesday evening February 6 at the SEOH Parish Center and continues for four additional Tuesday evenings .

Participation is open to all members of the collaborative. This study is suitable for newcomers to Bible study as well as people with experience. The cost for books is expected to be \$16-\$18. Enrollment deadline is January 25. To enroll or get more information, please contact Steve Ryan sjryan@applevalleycollaborative.org.

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

Please Register by January 22

Contact Diahne - 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

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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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www.seoh.org

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Stow, MA 01775
Phone (978) 897-2710
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—January 21
(Cycle B)

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— January 28
(Cycle B)

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**CANCELLATION OF MASS
DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**



If you don't have internet access, closings can be found on TV on Channel 4, WBZ. The names of closed institutions scroll continuously across the screen. Cancellation of Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday will be posted on the home page of the parish web site <http://www.seoh.org/> or <http://www.stisidorestow.org/> at least one hour before Mass is scheduled to begin.

Weekday morning Masses are canceled whenever the local high school cancels class or has a delayed opening. St. Isidore follows NRHS and St. Elizabeth follows ABRHS.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



"Samuel answered, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'" Let us practice listening better to God and our spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend will be March 9-11 in Duxbury, MA.

For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://1/7/18://wwmema.org/>.

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

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| Total Offertory Sunday 1/14/18: | \$ 3,434 |
| Mailbacks for Week Ending 1/13/18: | \$ 2,582 |
| Total EFT for Week Ending 1/13/18: | \$ 4,379 |
| Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/13/18: | \$ 10,395 |
| Total Parish Support since 7/1/17: | \$ 419,050 |
| Target Parish Support since 7/1/17: | \$ 407,385 |
| Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17: | \$ 11,665 |

Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:

Monday, January 22, 9:00 a.m.
Norma Bretton, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, January 24, 9:00 a.m.
Regina Poppert, Memorial Mass

Friday, January 26, 9:00 a.m.
Melinda Samperi, Anniversary Mass

**SCRIPTURAL
CONTEXT**

The Gospel in a hurry

One of the features of this week's gospel is the immediate response that Jesus inspires from the fishermen as they give up all that they previously knew to follow him. We will see throughout this year of readings that this is characteristic of the Gospel of Mark. This gospel is sometimes referred to as the gospel in a hurry as the writer uses a lot of language that implies haste - "straight away"; "immediately"; "that day"; "at once". Such language is used to describe the movement of Jesus around Galilee but it is also used to describe the powerful reactions people have to him.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

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| Total Offertory Last Sunday: 1/14/18: | \$ 2,860 |
| EFT for Week Ending 1/14/18: | \$ 2,275 |
| Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/14/18: | \$ 5,135 |
| Total Parish Support since 7/1/17: | \$ 135,636 |
| Target Parish Support since 7/1/17: | \$ 133,400 |
| Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17: | \$ 2,236 |
| St. Vincent DePaul collection | \$ 58 |
| Grand Annual | \$ 24,315 |

Thank you very much!

ALPHA- FOR EVERYONE AND ANYONE!



Alpha is an invitation to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves. No pressure! No charge! Alpha runs in churches, homes and community locations all over the world. Alpha has 10 weekly sessions plus a day away and includes food, a short talk and time to discuss and share your thoughts. No need to commit up front—join us for a "Come & See" session and check it out!

Our Next "Come & See" night will be Sunday, January 28, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore Church Hall.

Curious? Need more information? Contact any staff member, email avccalpha@gmail.com or check out www.alphausa.org.



COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs will rehearse Monday January 22 from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall at St. Elizabeth's. Rehearsals in January are at St. Elizabeth's.

Apple Valley Teen Ensemble - will rehearse on Wednesday, January 24 from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Church.

Collaborative Adult Music Ministers of St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth will rehearse on Wednesday, January 24 from 7:30 – 9 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall at St. Elizabeth's. Rehearsals in January are on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's.

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 remain open during Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Latin America (CLA), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe, and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions.

Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites:

CRS: www.usccb.org/crscollection

CLA: www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm

Church in Africa: <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/solidarity-fund-for-africa/index.cfm>

Church in Central and Eastern Europe: www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/central-and-eastern-europe/collection/index.cfm

Military Archdiocese: <http://www.milarch.org/>

Catholic Home Missions: www.usccb.org/catholic-giving-opportunities-for-giving/catholic-home-missions-appeal/index.cfm

Black and Indian Missions: <https://blackandindianmission.org/>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

January 28, February 4, 11

CLOW is liturgy that is especially designed for children. From the children's Lectionary, they 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. CLOW is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore and during the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth. All kids in grades K-6 are encouraged to attend.

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUTH
2018 SUMMER MISSION TRIPS**

Honduras

June 14 to June 21

Open to all graduating seniors - college young people - adults.

Our Own Mission Trip

(place to be announced)

June 24 to June 30

Open to all high school young people - college young people - adult leaders.

Just5Days - Springfield

July 16 to July 20

Open to all 7th and 8th graders - adult Leaders.

Catholic Heart Workcamp - New Jersey

July 22 to July 28

Open to present 8th grade and high school young people - adult Leaders.



**Important Information and
Registration Meeting**

Monday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Hall
Young People and Parents encouraged to attend.

More information - please contact

Jim Flanagan at jim@applevalleycatholic.org

SAVE THE DATE!

**COLLABORATIVE
YOUTH MINISTRY
AUCTION**

Saturday March 17, 2018

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
YOUTH MINISTRY**

Teen Alpha

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 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. For any questions please contact Jim Flanagan jim@applevalleycatholic.org.

**COLLABORATIVE AUCTION
PLANNING MEETING**

THIS Monday, January 15, 7:00 p.m.,
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Get psyched to go "Back to the Eighties" for this year's Youth Ministry Auction to be held on March 17. **All volunteers are welcome.** If you would like to help just let us know! We have tasks of all sizes even as small as one hour of time. (We promise) Every little bit helps! Planning dates are Sunday, February 11 and Sunday, March 4.

Please contact:

Cathy Rudolph, rudolphcl@gmail.com or

Sandra Falica, Iam12go@hotmail.com,

with any questions.

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. 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. ELIZABETH

Sunday, January 21

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

GIFT

St. Elizabeth Church Hall
11:45 a.m. & 6:15 p.m

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

Winter Teen Alpha
6:30—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Joint Liturgy Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m., Parish Center, Room 1

Wednesday, January 24

Apple Valley Teen Ensemble
5:30—6:45 p.m., Church

Collaborative Adult Music Ministry
7:30—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Thursday, January 25

Alpha Connect Group
7:00-8:30 p.m., Parish Center, Room 4

ST. ISIDORE EFT UPDATES:

An EFT authorization form must still be filled out (in addition to the pledge card you submitted) and turned in to the office before any changes can be made. If you have questions please call the office.

COLLABORATIVE OFFICE UPDATE

Presence at St. Isidore Office

As we move forward in our Collaborative Plan, we have found it increasingly important for the entire collaborative staff to share a workspace environment under one roof. On a practical level, this allows for better staff communication and collaboration and enables all to more efficiently serve the entire collaborative community better. On the human side, this eliminates the uneasy situation of a single person, Robin, working in a building alone for many hours at a time. It is not a safe scenario.

To address this, an office space has been made available for Robin at the Collaborative Parish Center, behind St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church. Details are still being worked out but there are two next steps needed for the transition. One is working to assure continued presence and support for parishioners at St. Isidore, which will involve a combination of staff presence and a team of volunteers to assist (see volunteer posting in this bulletin). The other involves revamping the phone system so that staff members can be reached at either location, which is currently a work in progress. Thank you for your support and patience during this transition.

**DAYTIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
AT ST. ISIDORE**

Office Reception and Help Needed!

St. Isidore parish is seeking two or three people to serve 4 – 8 hours a week, at consistent time blocks, to provide presence and support to the St. Isidore community. While the collaborative staff is also committed to regular presence at St. Isidore, this team will help provide regular and consistent support to the community. Duties include greeting visitors and answering the phones, Mass cards, receiving deliveries, filing, copies, mailings and other light office support.

This is a great opportunity to support the community and the collaborative! Please be in touch with Robin with questions or if you are interested in applying for this position. Thank you!