

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Jesus wants to make us whole.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading about a leper being cured and telling everyone about it, 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 want to ask Jesus to do for you?

Question for Youth: How has Jesus touched your life? How are you changed because of that touch?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.



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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.



*Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018*

*A great prophet has arisen in our midst,
God has visited his people.*



**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).

**ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES
FEBRUARY 14**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

4:30 p.m. -Liturgy of the Word and
Distribution of Ashes

7:00 p.m. -Mass and Distribution of Ashes



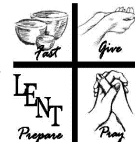
St. Isidore Parish

9:00 a.m.-Mass and Distribution of Ashes

12:00 p.m.-Liturgy of the Word and
Distribution of Ashes

LENTEN GUIDELINES 2018

The annual observance of Lent, Ash Wednesday through the Mass of the Lord's supper on Holy Thursday, is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent prepares us to celebrate the paschal mystery.



Abstinence—Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fasting—Catholics ages 18–60 years are bound to the obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Rice Bowls are available now in the gathering space and each Parish. Please take one home.

Remember - Lenten sacrifices change lives!

HEALTH REMINDER

Although we are in the midst of the cold and flu season, the following information applies year round. If you are experiencing cold/flu symptoms, please know it is ok remain at home to rest and stay well hydrated. If you feel well enough to attend Mass but are coughing, sneezing, or have other mild symptoms; please use common sense to help prevent the spread of germs to others. Simple things like sharing a smile instead of a handshake or a hug at the Sign of Peace and refraining from drinking from the cup can go a long way in keeping everyone healthy. Please take care of yourself and thank you for doing what you can to be mindful of others.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREP. NEWS

First Eucharist Kickoff a Success!

We had an amazing turnout from parent(s) and children who joined us for our faith “kick-off” last Sunday! Families received their new First Eucharist “Go Seek Find” folders and rotated between three activities, a church tour with Deacon Charlie, a sacristy tour with Marcia Malone, and a discussion with Joan about the Eucharist, Jesus, and the big question: “Who is your G-O-A-T?” (Greatest Of All Time—best answer being Jesus!). Thank you to all who attended and we are most grateful to Deacon Charlie and Marcia for their help with this event.

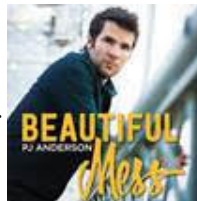
First Eucharist Mini-Lesson

We will meet with parent(s) and children on Sunday, February 11th at 10:00AM at St. Elizabeth Church Hall for our first mini-lesson. An updated schedule has been provided to families. If you did not receive one, please contact Joan Mattila.

PLEASE JOIN US...

**for a wonderful evening of music and prayer...
A Step Towards Becoming a Saint
with PJ Anderson—Saturday, February 17**

Begin with 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth and a pizza dinner afterwards. The bus leaves for East Bridgewater at 5:30 p.m. and we return at 9:30 p.m. **Appropriate for everyone grade 5 and older!** \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of transportation. RSVP by February 12, barbara@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.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.



READING THIS SUNDAY—February 11
(Cycle B)

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— February 18
(Cycle B)

Gn 98:15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**CURSILLO - An Opportunity
to Deepen Your Faith**

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

**Archdiocese of Boston – Men’s and Women’s
Weekends**

Women’s Weekend March 1—4
Men’s Weekend April 26—29

The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston. For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo website: www.bostoncursillo.org or call Chris Graf at 617-332-5548 or email at cmg829@comcast.net.

**Cursillo at St. Basil Salvatorian Center
30 East Street, Methuen**

Women’s Weekends
March 1 - 4, May 3-6, June 7-10
Men’s Weekends
February 8-11, April 5-8

If you are interested please send your contact information by emailing us or call us. stbasilcenter@comcast.net or 978-683-2959.

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

Total Offertory Sunday 2/4/18:	\$ 5,961
Mailbacks for Week Ending 2/3/18:	\$ 1,477
Total EFT for Week Ending 2/3/18:	\$ 565
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 2/3/18:	\$ 8,003
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 465,246
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 462,323
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ 2,923

Thank you very much!

Two weeks ago, parishioners donated \$1,525 for the Support of the Church Around the World collection. This new collection combined four old collections—the Church in Latin America, Africa, Central and Eastern Europe; Catholic Relief Services; The Military Archdiocese; Home Missions; and Black and Native Americans.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:
Monday, February 12, 9:00 a.m.
Betty and John Saganich, Memorial Mass

St. Isidore:
Sunday, February 14, 9:00 a.m.
Fr. Michael Dwyer, Special Intention

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

St. Isidore’s Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. Upstairs in the Rectory.

St. Elizabeth’s Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, February 13 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in Room 4, St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

All are welcome!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“The kingdom of God is at hand.” As we begin Lent, let us try to bring the kingdom of God to our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are March 9-11, in Duxbury and April 21-22, in Brewster. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

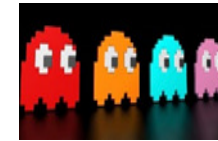
**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 2/4/18:	\$ 3,242
EFT for Week Ending 2/4/18:	\$ 2,348
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 2/4/18:	\$ 5,590
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 150,117
Budget Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 169,216
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (19,099)
Grant Annual Actual Year-To-Date	\$ 27,065
Grand Annual Budget	\$ 45,000
Over (Under) Budget	\$ (17,935)
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 37

Thank you very much!

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUTH
MINISTRY AUCTION 2018**

**Back to the 80’s—The Totally
Awesome Auction**



**Tickets are on sale beginning February 24
and 25 after all Masses**

Auction Tickets are \$25 per person and available after Mass beginning February 24 and 25. The auction is a fun night out for adults featuring a cash bar, hors d’oeuvres, and desserts. See your friends, meet some new ones, bid on “totally awesome” items and support our youth! Please consider supporting the auction:

Purchase Event ticket: \$25/person

Purchase Raffle tickets: \$5/1 ticket,
\$10/5 tickets, \$20/20 tickets



Sponsor an ad: \$50/quarter page, \$75/half page,
or \$150/full page

Donate an item: Vacation homes, tickets to a sporting event, gift certificates to a local restaurant, homemade items, a ride on your boat, etc.

**For more information, contact
Cathy Rudolph at rudolphcl@gmail.com or
Sandra Fallica at iam12go@hotmail.com**

**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. Thank you.**

HELP NEEDED FOR CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Have you noticed the children leaving for Children’s Liturgy at the 9:00 Mass in St. Isidore and the 10:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth? Are you curious about what is going on downstairs? CLOW is a prayerful, reverent Liturgy of the Word, with a reflection that is geared towards kids in grades K – 5. CLOW consists of a dedicated team of leaders, assistants, and musicians who have been doing a wonderful job of running CLOW in both parishes. BUT, with doing weekly CLOW sessions in 2 parishes, we are finding that we need some more help!

You do not need to have young children to help out with CLOW. We welcome all volunteers from Junior High to Adults to help us lead, coordinate, share music, or shepherd the kids. There are many training and support materials that can help you prepare. And we are happy to meet with you at your convenience to get you started!

There will also be trainings offered for volunteers at the following times:

- St. Isidore Church
Saturday, February 10, 4:15 p.m. in the Church Hall
- St. Elizabeth Church
Sunday, February 11, in the Church Hall,
after the 10:30 Mass.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR
KIDS IN GRADES 5-8**

We need your help in preparing our grocery bags for the 24 Hours for the Lord food drive.

When: February 18, right after the 10:30 Mass.

Where: St. Elizabeth Sunday Café.

What: Grab your donuts and meet over by the stage. We will staple, sort and count bags for the food drive.

How long? No more than 1/2 hour but even 10 minutes is OK!

RSVP to barbara@applevalleycatholic.org are appreciated, but feel free to just come as well.

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

**Olancho Aid Foundation
Juticalpa, Olancho - Honduras**

June 14 to June 21

Cost - \$1500.00 (\$1300.00 with support
of the Auction)

Open to all Graduating high school seniors, college
young people and young adults.

**Our Own Mission Trip
Corpus Christi, Texas**

June 24 to June 30

Cost - \$1000.00 (\$850.00 with support
of the Auction)

Open to all young people presently in high school.

**Just5Days - Center for Ministry Development -
Springfield, Massachusetts**

July 16 to July 20

Cost - \$550.00 (\$400.00 with the support
of the Auction)

Open to all young people presently in 7 and 8 grade.

**Catholic Heart Workcamp
North Haledon, New Jersey**

July 22 to July 28

Cost - \$800.00 (\$650.00 with the support
of the Auction)

Open to all young people entering high school in the
Fall of 2018.

**Deadline to register for the Mission Trips is
March 20.**



**Questions: please contact
Jim Flanagan - jim@applevalleycatholic.org**

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

Are you a singer or instrumentalist hoping to find a musical community? The Music Ministries of St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth welcome musicians of all skill levels for one common purpose: to praise God in song. Come join us at one of the rehearsals listed below. For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich at andrea@applevalleycatholic.org.



St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs will rehearse Monday, February 12, from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in the Church Hall at St. Isidore.

Collaborative Adult Music Ministries of St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore will rehearse on Monday, February 12, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Church Hall at St. Isidore. Rehearsals in February will be on Mondays at St. Isidore.

VIRTUS TRAINING

The next VIRTUS session will be upstairs in the Parish House/rectory at St. Isidore on Tuesday, February 13, 12:30 p.m.

Virtus is a one-time required course for all volunteers who work with children, youth, or teens in the collaborative. Volunteers who would like to chaperone a mission trip, work at VBS, or help with Children's Liturgy must be Virtus trained. Please RSVP to our Cap Team Leader, Jack Deasy, at j.w.deasy@gmail.com.

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 (except GIFT weekends)

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND AT
ST. ELIZABETH**

We welcome three new members to our Christian community in the sacrament of baptism: **Luke Joseph Jeton Pittorino**, son of Joseph and Jonida Pittorino; **Malcolm Blaise Townley**, son of Nicholas Townley and Mikell Taylor; and **Ryan Andrew Whelan**, son of Paul and Stephanie Whelan.

Please join us in holding Luke, Malcolm, Ryan, their parents and godparents in prayer as they continue to grow in faith together.



THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Sunday, February 11

Gospel Scripture Reflection

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

Youth Ministry Auction Planning Meeting

7:00-9:00 p.m., Parish Center, Room 3

Monday, February 12

Book Discussion

9:45—11:15 a.m., Parish Center Hall

Overview of Catholicism

7:00—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Room 1

Collaborative Finance Counsel Meeting

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

Tuesday, February 13

Alpha

9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Parish Center Room 2

Prayer Shawl Ministry

10:00-11:30 p.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Winter Teen Alpha

6:30—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE

Monday, February 12

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

Collaborative Adult Music Ministries of
St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth
7:30—9:00 p.m., Church Hall

Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m., Upstairs in the Rectory

Tuesday, February 13

VIRTUS training
12:30 p.m., Upper Rectory

ST. ISIDORE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive in the St. Isidore Parish Hall on Saturday, Feb 17, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter 1515 or call [800-733-2767](tel:800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

To streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes, visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

As the church prepares for the World Day of the Sick on February 11, please consider a prayer for those suffering from addiction and their loved ones struggling to cope with the impact of the disease.

The Archdiocesan Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Services (AARPSS), is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston and collaborates with various agencies and organizations to assist parishes in serving the needs of those struggling with addiction including their families and loved ones. We seek to educate, prevent, treat, and find solutions for the disease of addiction. For more information please visit: www.aarpss.org or email aarpss@stjosephboston.org