

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUTH
MINISTRY AUCTION 2018

Back to the 80's – The Totally
Awesome Auction



Saturday, March 17, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Tickets are on sale after all Masses.

Please join us for the Youth Ministry Auction on Saturday, March 17. Tickets are \$25 per person and available after all Masses in the church gathering space. Come and enjoy a night of fun, food and folly, support our youth, and take home a new treasure from the auction.

Wouldn't you love a GOOGLE HOME? You could win one in the raffle. Raffle tickets are 1 ticket for \$5.00, 5 tickets for \$10.00, and 20 tickets for \$20.00 and are on sale after all Masses. You do not need to be present to win.

Auction items include tickets to NCAA East Regional Basketball Final at TD Garden; tickets to both the Red Sox and Bruins games; Aladdin tickets – Broadway in Boston; Autographed Gronk Jersey; and Christmas Wrapping of all your gifts by two of our Teens!

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

FIAT

Have you ever wondered if God is calling you to be a religious sister? If so, Fiat is for you. Fiat is a discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. The topic for the evening is "A Lenten Reflection on the Vocation of Sister." If you are interested in attending, please respond to Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious, Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org or call 617-746-5637

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

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

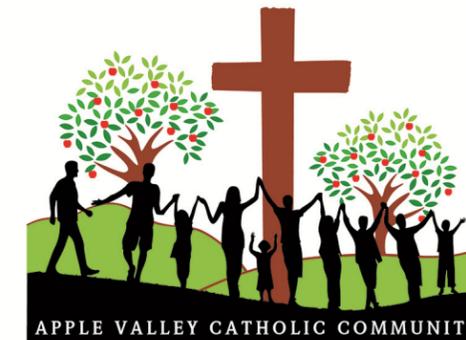
St. Elizabeth after the 10:30 a.m. Mass
(except GIFT weekends)

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.*



APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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).

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Jeffrey Archer will assume his responsibilities as pastor of our two parishes on June 1. As you are aware, he will serve our collaborative without the assistance of another assigned priest. As you look toward his ministry, please know that your customary grace and generosity will be critically important, not only as you work with these new circumstances but also toward Fr. Jeff himself. He will need your understanding, support, patience, and care.

It will also be necessary to modify our Mass schedule so that Fr. Jeff can manage it by himself, and do so in a life-giving and sustainable way. To that end I have set up a small committee to make recommendations. This new committee will inherit the good work done by a group I convoked in 2012, which thoroughly studied how we might prepare for the possibility that the archdiocese could send only one priest to serve our new collaborative. The committee's deliberations will also unfold in light of the current schedule. Its members are Steve Ryan, Hayley Reynolds, Tom Moroney, Carolyn Johnson, Chris Brolin, and Lisa Lapinski. I will chair the meetings.

It is important for you to be aware of some of the realities that will inform the committee's work. This will hopefully help everyone to understand its task and why any recommendation or decision will necessarily fall short of what any of us would like, or what would be possible in an ideal world.

Our weekday Mass schedule will have to fall back to three days per week, with Mass most likely occurring on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. A funeral Mass on these weekdays will replace the usual Mass, just as it does now. How to respond to requests for funerals later in the week is an open question.

A new weekend Mass schedule will have to recognize the canonical rule that limits the number of Masses a priest may celebrate on a given day. Saturday counts as a weekday, when a priest is normally allowed to celebrate one Mass, with a second Mass permissible when pastorally necessary, e.g., when there is a funeral Mass on Saturday morning. On Sunday and holy days of obligation, priests may normally celebrate two Masses, with a third allowable when pastorally necessary. These canonical norms basically mean that our regular collaborative schedule will most likely provide for one Mass on Saturday evening and three on Sunday.

The Sunday Mass schedule will have to respect important pastoral and human considerations. Fr. Jeff would like to have time to visit with parishioners after Mass on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday—something we can readily appreciate. There also needs to be sufficient time between the two Masses on Sunday morning to allow for travel between the two churches and proper preparation for the second Mass. In practical terms, that suggests at least two hours between the start times of the Masses on Sunday morning rather than the 90 minutes we have now.

The committee's recommendation will have to respect these and other realities, above all the central place of the Eucharist in our Christian community. It is the source and summit of our lives and mission as Jesus' disciples. As always, no schedule is forever, but is always subject to review in light of experience.

Since June 1 is fast approaching, I will ask that the committee try to formulate its recommendation by mid-April so that parishioners will have time to understand and discuss it. After any adjustments in light of parishioners' feedback, I would aim to finalize the new schedule in early May. In the meantime, Fr. Jeff and I will stay in touch to keep him informed and assure that any final decision will have his blessing.

Fr. Walter



the Pastor's corner

OUR COLLABORATIVE STAFF:

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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
89 Arlington St.
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Stow, MA 01775
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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.



READING THIS SUNDAY—MARCH 11
(Cycle B)
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— MARCH 18
(Cycle B)
Jer 31:31-34; Jeb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

PALLIATIVE CARE COLLOQUIUM

Caring for the caregiver: How do we support those who care for the seriously ill? Please join the Archdiocese of Boston's Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning in welcoming guest speakers as they guide us through the challenging role of the caregiver in response to the needs of the seriously ill.

When: Saturday, April 14
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree
Cost \$15 (includes presentation and light refreshments)

For more information please go to
<http://www.bostoncatholic.org/palliativecare/>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Untie him and let him go." Let the love of God free us from any fetters in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 21-22, in Brewster, MA and May 19-20, in Warner, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT: ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Sunday 3/4/18:	\$ 4,405
Mailbacks for Week Ending 3/3/18:	\$ 2,516
Total EFT for Week Ending 3/3/18:	\$ 567
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 3/3/18:	\$ 7,488
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 521,722
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 518,895
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (2,827)

Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:

Monday, March 12, 9:00 a.m.
Paul Hebert, Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, March 14, 9:00 a.m.
Alba & Jerimiah Bullock, Memorial Mass

Friday, March 16, 9:00 a.m.
Elizabeth Klix, Memorial Mass

St. Isidore:

Saturday, March 10, 5:00 p.m.
Mary Stronach

Wednesday, March 14, 9:00 a.m.
Joanne Kim, Special Intention



**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.**

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 3/4/18:	\$ 3,460
EFT for Week Ending 3/4/18:	\$ 2,323
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 3/4/18:	\$ 5,783
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 171,320
Budget Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 189,680
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (18,360)
Grant Annual Actual Year-To-Date	\$ 27,365
Grand Annual Budget	\$ 45,000
Over (Under) Budget	\$ (17,635)
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 46

Thank you very much!

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Boston Archdiocese will have confessions available every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church. Haven't been to confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to give a good confession? No problem. A simple guide is available on the back cover of our Lenten 24 Hours for the Lord guide or at: <http://www.bustedhalo.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/how-to-confess.pdf>, and our priests are always happy to gently guide you through the experience. The light will be on at both Parishes on Wednesdays, March 14, 21 & 28.

CAN YOU HELP WITH HOLY THURSDAY SUPPER?

On Holy Thursday, March 29, from 6—7 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Parish Center, we will provide the opportunity for all to come together to begin these most important days of the church year with a spaghetti supper. The Mass of the Lords Supper follows right after at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

We are in need of volunteers to help sell tickets at both parishes after Masses on March 17, 18, 24, 25 as well as volunteers to help serve at the dinner. Please call Janice in the office or email Janice@applevalleycatholic.org if you can help. Thank you!

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2018

As you know, this weekend is Commitment Weekend on the Catholic Appeal calendar. We hope you were able to get to one of our Masses and we hope you completed one of the blue pledge cards. We very much appreciate your commitment to the mission of our parish, collaborative and diocese. Thank you very much.

If you have not yet made your gift to the Catholic Appeal, please pick up one of the blue pledge cards, available in the vestibules of our Churches, fill it out and place it in a collection basket at any Mass next weekend. As an alternative, you can make your pledge online by visiting <http://bostoncatholicappeal.org/> and clicking on the "Donate Now" button at the top of the screen. Be sure to enter your parish name in the "Home Parish" field provided on the blue pledge card.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM AT ST. ISIDORE & ST. ELIZABETH PARISHES

Holy Thursday—March 29

7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,
St. Elizabeth Church
Procession after Mass to St. Isidore Church for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:40 p.m. Night Prayer, St. Isidore Church

Good Friday—March 30

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, St. Isidore Church
4:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross, St. Isidore Church
7:30 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion,
St. Isidore Church

Holy Saturday— March 31

No confessions today
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer with Blessing of Easter
Food, St. Elizabeth Church
8:00 p.m.—Easter Vigil, St. Elizabeth Church
(Please assemble in the parking lot for the lighting
of the Paschal Candle.)

Easter Sunday—April 1

Special Schedule of Masses
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at St. Isidore Church
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12 Noon at
St. Elizabeth Church

RICE BOWLS

Fourth Week of Lent—Encounter Andrise

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community-and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more. Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space at each Parish. **Your Rice Bowl offering will be collected at our Holy Thursday Mass.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please come to St. Elizabeth on Wednesday, March 21, from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. for a half hour of Eucharistic Adoration for the intention of an increase in vocations. We will be asking God to inspire more people to serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons and lay ministers.

HOLY WEEK AND THE COLLABORATIVE TRIDUUM 2018

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

- o To prepare the Church environment for Palm Sunday.
- o On Saturday, March 24, at 9:30 a.m.
- o To prepare the Church environment for the Easter Vigil.
- o On Saturday, March 31 at 9:45 a.m. after Morning Prayer.
- o To serve as gift bearer, usher, or greeter, on Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil, and/or at Easter Sunday Masses,

Preparing the environment involves tasks such as light housekeeping and preparing plant pots.

St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore parishioners are encouraged to sign up to help for Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil ... or at any time listed above.

If you can help at any of the times listed above, at the foot washing on Holy Thursday, or by taking home towels to launder after the Mass ... please sign up in the Ministry Sign-Up book in the gathering space at the back of the church after Mass or contact Mary Ryan at mgr@applevalleycatholic.org or 978 263-4305 x35.



COLLABORATIVE PASTORAL COUNCIL

There are openings on our Collaborative Pastoral Council. The principal tasks of the CPC are review the collaborative pastoral plan and its implementation, help with a consideration of parish activities in light of their primary orientation to evangelization, and to enhance communication between pastor and parishioners. The normal term of service is 3 years, but a shorter period is possible. Please feel free to submit your own name or that of another parishioner whom you would recommend for membership. Please speak to Diahne Goodwin, Fr. Walter, or any of our current members if you are interested or have questions.

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP

An informal group for moms of kids from birth-high school to socialize, share faith & kids ideas, and develop a stronger community outside of Mass/Sunday Cafe has formed. We will be discussing the first two chapters of Perfectly Yourself by Matthew Kelly, but there is NO requirement to read it if you don't have time! The host for this meeting will be Maureen Leo, and desserts/drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Maureen at mtleo4@gmail.com.

FIRST EUCHARIST AND K-4 FAMILY NEWS

Next First Eucharist Mini-Lesson

We will meet with parent(s) and children on Sunday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church Hall. Parents are asked to review chapters 5-6 with their child before this session.

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs will rehearse Monday March 12, from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall at St. Elizabeth's. Rehearsals during the month of March will be at St. Elizabeth.

Collaborative Choir rehearsal for Holy Week will rehearse on Wednesday, March 14, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall at St. Elizabeth.

Morning Choir rehearsals for parents with young children will resume in April. Contact Andrea Goodrich at andrag@applevalleycatholic.org for more information.

AN EVENING FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Dinner from Chipotle and Ping Pong Tournament

Monday, March 12, 6:30—8:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Open to 11th and 12th grade young people from St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parishes.

Sponsored by the Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry Community.



EASTER DINNERS

Warm Hearts will be collecting food for Easter Dinners and the information tags are on the Giving Tree in the gathering space of St. Isidore. Please help Warm Hearts in their effort to provide meals to those in need. If you cannot provide a complete meal consider sharing this effort with a friend. Please return the food to St. Isidore by Sunday, March 25.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

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

St. Elizabeth's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, March 13 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in Room 2, St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Sunday, March 11

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

Confirmation Workshop
1:00-6:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Monday, March 12

Book Discussion
9:45—11:15 a.m., Parish Center Hall

Collaborative Children's Choir
5:30-6:15 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Overview of Catholicism
7:00—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Room 1

Tuesday, March 13

Alpha
9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Prayer Shawl
10:00-11:30 a.m., Room 2

Wednesday, March 14
Collaborative Choir Holy Week Rehearsal
7:00-8:30 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Saturday, March 17

6:00-10:00 p.m., Youth Ministry Auction
Parish Center Hall

ST. ELIZABETH EASTER FLOWERS

Your contribution helps us provide the flowers and decorations that will adorn St. Elizabeth church for the *entire* Easter Season. Please complete the form below and mail it to the parish office at 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720 Attn: John Morris. You may also put it in an envelope marked 'SEOH Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket at either parish. 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 Pentecost, the end of the Easter Season, please check off the appropriate box on the form below. Contact Mary Ryan at mgr@applevalleycatholic.org or at 978-263-4305 X35 if you have any questions.

St. Elizabeth Flower Fund Donation

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ towards the Easter 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 Pentecost. Yes___ No___.

My name is _____

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

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.