

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Everyone who believes in the Son will have eternal life and I shall raise them up on the last day.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel from John

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to this Scripture story today, what is one word or thought that really struck you? What image do you take away from this reading?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: How did Jesus do God's will?

Question for Youth: Why did Jesus come down from Heaven?

Question for Adults: How have your thoughts about death and eternal life developed over time?

*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.



*Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2018*

*Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.*



**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).

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(Child Abuse Protection)
Jack Deasy



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 21 & 28.

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2018

Many thanks to all of you who took the time, during Mass last weekend, to complete and submit your Commitment Weekend contribution to the Catholic Appeal. Evidenced by the large number of pledge cards we have received, support for the Catholic Appeal remains strong. Thank you again.

If you did not submit your pledge card yet, you will find some as you enter both churches. Please pick up one of the blue cards and submit it in the regular collection basket at your earliest opportunity. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

*The Catholic Appeal teams
of St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore*

RICE BOWLS

Fifth Week of Lent—Encounter Alefa

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crricebowl.org for more. Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space at each Parish.

Your Rice Bowl offering will be collected and brought forward with our offerings of bread and wine at our Holy Thursday Mass.

WITH YOUR HELP, THE COLLABORATIVE LENTEN FOOD SERVICE PROJECTS WERE A SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our 24 Hours service project a great success! For those who helped to prepare the project by handing out bags and collecting groceries, to those who so generously donated the food, and to those who sorted and delivered food on Saturday. Wow! You all did a great job!

Due to power outages in Lawrence, we were unable to deliver that food to St. Martha's. Once they are back up and running, we will reschedule that trip. So if you weren't able to come on Saturday to either the Stow or Acton Food Pantries, you will have one more chance to participate. I will let everyone know when the new date is scheduled!

In the meantime, The Acton Food Pantry is currently in need of volunteers during their food distribution hours. Please consider volunteering for a two-hour shift each week on Wednesday between 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. or Thursday 9:30 -11:30 a.m. The Pantry currently serves 220 families each week. For more information, call the Pantry at 978-635-9295.

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.

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.

What: Catholic Moms Group
When: Tuesday, March 27 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Where: 14 Musket Drive, Acton

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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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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— MARCH 18

(Cycle B)
Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

READING NEXT SUNDAY—MARCH 25

(Cycle B)
Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mk 14:1-15:47

ARCHDIOCESAN CURSILLO
Men's Weekend
April 26—29

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. The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston MA. 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.

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/>

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

Total Offertory Sunday 3/11/18:	\$ 4,285
Mailbacks for Week Ending 3/10/18:	\$ 1,107
Total EFT for Week Ending 3/10/18:	\$ 4,261
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 3/10/18:	\$ 9,653
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 531,395
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 529,021
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ 2,374

Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:

Monday, March 19, 9:00 a.m.
 Norma Bretton, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, March 21, 9:00 a.m.
 Clare Mullen, Memorial Mass

Friday, March 23, 9:00 a.m.
 Mass of Thanksgiving

St. Isidore:

Saturday, March 17, 5:00 p.m.
 Laura King, Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 18, 9:00 a.m.
 Theresa Finnerty, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, March 21, 9:00 a.m.
 Kim Delinsky, 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: 3/11/18:	\$ 2,910
EFT for Week Ending 3/11/18:	\$ 2,323
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 3/11/18:	\$ 5,233
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 176,533
Budget Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 194,968
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (18,435)
Grant Annual Actual Year-To-Date	\$ 27,365
Grand Annual Budget	\$ 45,000
Over (Under) Budget	\$ (17,635)
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 36

Thank you very much!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG PEOPLE & PARENTS
 CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION...
 Florida Shooting—What is OUR Response?**

Sunday, March 18
5:00 p.m. Mass - Pizza - Prayerful Conversation
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center Hall

What is our role as individual Catholic Christians? What is our role as a Catholic Church Community? Come join us for our second informal conversation to help us define our roles.

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.

**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.

**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

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs will rehearse Monday March 19, from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall at St. Elizabeth.

Collaborative Choir rehearsal for Holy Week will rehearse on Wednesday, March 21, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall at St. Isidore.

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

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

If you would like to have our weekly bulletin electronically sent to you, please email your request to: janice@applevalleycatholic.org



**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.**

The tables are set, decorations up, and ready for a Totally Awesome Auction! Tickets will be available at the door for \$25 on Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.. Come join your friends for a walk down memory lane! We are going to have an amazing time thanks to all who made donations of their time, talent and treasure! Without you this wouldn't be possible!

Thank you from the Youth Ministry Program.
For more information, contact
Cathy Rudolph at rudolphcl@gmail.com or
Sandra Fallica at iam12go@hotmail.com

**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
this week, March 20.**

MISSION TRIP FOR ADULTS

**Corpus Christi - Texas
Monday, May 14—Thursday, May 17**

Adults have asked over the years to offer a Mission Trip specifically for adults in our two parishes. We would like to see if there is any interest in working with hurricane relief in the Corpus Christi - Texas area from May 14 to May 17.

**Information Meeting
Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center**

If you are unable to attend on March 21st but are interested in knowing more about the trip - please contact Jim Flanagan at jim@applevalleycatholic.org or on his cell phone at 617-922-0024.

ST. ISIDORE PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please Note the office at St. Isidore will be closed Monday, March 19 through Tuesday, March 27. Any questions or requests for Mass cards can be directed to the office at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 978-263-4305.

EASTER DINNER DONATIONS AT ST. ISIDORE

Please be sure to return your Easter dinner donation to St. Isidore **NO LATER THAN** March 27 so they can be sorted for distribution by Warm Hearts of Stow.

Warm Hearts members will be shopping to replace any items not returned by this date so they can distribute the dinners on time. Thank you so much for helping Warm Hearts provide Easter meals!

ST. ISIDORE EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Envelopes for Easter Flower memorial donations are on the tables at all exits. Please return your envelope to the parish office **by Sunday, March 25.**



THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Monday, March 19

Book Discussion
9:45—11:00 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 20

Alpha
9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Wednesday, March 21

Mission Trip for Adults Meeting
7:00 p.m., Parish Center

Collaborative Choir Rehearsal for Holy Week
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Church Hall, St. Isidore

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.

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

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. ____

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://www.mema.org/>.

