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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.



*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2016*



*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).

MISSION TRIPS— SUMMER OF 2016

Olancho Aid Foundation Juticalpa, Olancho – Honduras

June 13 to June 21

Cost - \$1200

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

Our Own Mission Trip Co-Sponsored with Young Neighbors in Action

Omaha, Nebraska

June 26 to July 2

Cost - \$850

Open to all young people presently in high school.

Catholic Heart Workcamp – Next Level Champaign, Illinois

July 3 to July 9

Cost - \$850

Open to all young people entering high school in the Fall of 2016.

Just5Days – Center for Ministry Development Springfield, Massachusetts

July 18 to July 22

Cost - \$400

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

Catholic Heart Workcamp N. Arlington, New Jersey

July 24 to July 30

Cost - \$650

Open to all young people entering high school in the Fall of 2016.



IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL MISSION TRIPS

Monday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center Hall.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend!

YOUTH MINISTRY MYSTERY ALL-NIGHTER

Saturday, February 6

We will meet at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish for the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The bus leaves immediately after Mass for the events. We will finish up at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday Morning.

Cost- \$100

(Cost includes all activities – transportation – food.)

Please sign up by February 1 with permission slip and payment. Please drop off at either parish office.

Adults are needed!!

For more information contact Jim Flanagan at

jim@applevalleycatholic.org

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

All High School Youth Welcome!

Saturday, February 6, 5:00 p.m.—6:00 a.m.
Mystery All-Nighter

Starting February 12, 6:15 a.m.
Friday Morning Lenten Breakfast & Prayer

February 16-17
Ski Retreat, 1:00 p.m.
Permission Slips and payment due by February 10.

All event details are on St. Elizabeth of Hungary Youth Ministry Facebook Page or stop by Jim's office or email jim@applevalleycatholic.org for additional information and permission slips.

The Annual Youth Ministry Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, from 6:00–10:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

OUR COLLABORATIVE STAFF:
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Woods, STD
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Timothy Duff - 978-287-3015

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

There will be no weekday Masses celebrated at St. Isidore's this week. All are welcome to attend Mass at St. Elizabeth at 9:15 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Parish:



OUR PARISHES:

St. Elizabeth of Hungary
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Elizabeth Parish:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of the Month 5 p.m. (Oct-March)

St. Isidore Parish:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of the Month 5 p.m. (Oct-March)

Daily Eucharist this week:

St. Isidore-No Daily Mass this week.
St. Elizabeth—9:15 a.m., Wednesday-Friday.

For current information check the parish website or call the parish telephone number .

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 4:00-4:30 (both parishes)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, January 30, 5:00 p.m.—Blanche Arbella Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 31, 10:30 a.m.—George P. Rizzone Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Wednesday, February 3, 9:15 a.m.—Brandon M. Reis Memorial Mass

Friday, February 5, 9:15 a.m.—Jennifer Zupicich Anniversary Mass

Prayers for the Departed:

Walter Harrington, Jr.
Megan Durand
Carol Callahan

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Theme: Jesus' words and love are for everyone!

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 2nd Reading, the short form

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting?

Question for Youth: Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you?

REDISCOVER JESUS

We are offering opportunities to come together in small groups to discuss what unfolds in the book, *Rediscover Jesus* and discuss what it means for us. Dates and times are listed below. You are invited to attend any session that is convenient for you. **Pre-registration by emailing Diahne Goodwin is helpful for planning purposes, but drop-in participation is welcome!**

**Expanded Discussions: St. Elizabeth
Jan. 31 (Sunday), 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

(Between Masses),
Discussion of Book and Sunday's Gospel in the Pope Francis Room, (located down the hall to the right of the Main church).

**Feb. 1 & 8 (Mondays)
10:00-11:30 a.m.**

St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Two-Session Discussions:

Part 2 (sections 21-40): **Thur.** Feb 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m., St. Isidore Parish Rectory

(Feb. 15 & 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)

Part 1 (sections 1-20): **Mon.**, Feb. 15, St. Isidore Parish Rectory
Part 2 (sections 21-40): **Mon.**, Feb. 22, St. Isidore Parish Rectory

Feb. 2, Tue., 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
St. Isidore Parish Rectory

Additional discussion sessions may be scheduled, especially during Lent. Please check the parish web site or the Sunday bulletin for any updates.



ST. ELIZABETH RESOURCE ROOM

Stop in at our Welcome and Resource center, located to the right of St. Elizabeth Church in the old rectory. It is a staffed place to be after Masses to stay connected, sign up for events, get Mass Cards, find a good book, etc.

BURNING OF PALMS

From now until Sunday, February 7, we ask that you bring palms which were blessed on Palm Sunday from your homes and leave them in the basket in the gathering space at St. Elizabeth. These palms will be burned to provide the ashes which will be used on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Liturgies ~ February 10

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

9:15 a.m. -Mass and Distribution of Ashes
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
7:30 p.m. - Mass and Distribution of Ashes



PROJECT RACHEL RETREATS

During the Year of Mercy, Project Rachel extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of abortion to God's Mercy at a one-day retreat for hope and healing. Three retreats will be held at confidential locations on Saturday February 20, March 19 and June 4. Referrals for sacramental reconciliation to specially trained priests are also available throughout the year. For more information, contact Project Rachel at [508-651-3100](tel:508-651-3100) or help@projectrachelboston.com.

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



ST. ELIZABETH

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.

READINGS THIS SUNDAY (Cycle B)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY (Cycle B)

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 1/24/16:	\$ 5,389
Mail backs for Week Ending 1/23/16:	\$ 394
EFT for Week Ending 1/23/16:	\$ 23,772
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/23/16:	\$ 29,555
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 431,961
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 424,453
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2015:	\$ 7,508

*Target is \$705,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

We also collected \$1,671 to support the work of the church in Latin America. Thank you for your generosity.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory last Sunday 1/24/16:	\$ 2,128
Total EFT for week ending 1/24/16:	\$ 1,581
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/24/16:	\$ 3,709
Total Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 130,824*
Target Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 138,000
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/15:	(\$ 7,176)

Grand Annual
(118% of \$30,000 goal from 76 parish families): \$ 35,406

St. Vincent DePaul collection: \$ 56

Thank you for your generous support.

* Typo caused incorrect total to be reported last week.

24 HOURS WITH THE LORD

On April 11, 2015, Pope Francis announced “an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy that is to have God’s mercy at its center.” The season of Lent is an especially graced opportunity to celebrate and experience God’s abundant mercy. Therefore, Pope Francis has asked that Churches all around the world offer 24 Hours for the Lord on the Friday and Saturday of the weekend of the 3rd Sunday of Lent, March 4-5.

The Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative liturgy, faith formation, and youth ministry teams have come together to offer a very special 24 Hours for the Lord experience. Our focus for the event is based on the theme “Merciful like the Father.” We have worked very hard to prepare events in both parishes that will offer prayer, reconciliation, adoration and praise, works of mercy, and community. We are offering events that will engage a variety of ages, interests, and spiritual needs.

There will be planned events and open times for prayer offered at St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore from Friday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. – Saturday, March 5, 6:00 p.m. Participate in any number of events during the 24 hours. Mark your calendars and make it a priority! You will be glad you did!

If you are interested in helping us, we need assistance in the following areas:

- Participation in Adoration, which will be offered late Friday evening in both parishes.
- Participation in the overnight vigils in both churches.
- Greeting people at the door throughout the event.
- Kitchen support in both parishes helping to prepare, serve, and clean up meals throughout the weekend.
- Helping out with the Food Pantry projects in both parishes. We need people to collect groceries at all masses the weekend of Feb. 27 – 28.

If you are interested in being part of the 24 Hours for the Lord Team, please contact Barbara Dane at barbara@applevalleycatholic.org

CUSTODIAL HELP WANTED AT SEOH PAID OR VOLUNTEER, PART TIME, SHORT TERM

Can you, somebody in your family or somebody you know help? St. Elizabeth Parish is looking for part time and likely short term custodial help. The position can be paid or volunteer. Prior experience is a plus, but not necessary. Please call the business manager, John Morris, at 978-263-4305 x11. We are especially interested in somebody with the flexibility to help with clearing snow. Please pass this on to people you know who could take advantage of this opportunity.

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION” FACILITATOR TRAINING

Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
St. Anne, Littleton

This one-day “train the trainer” is offered by the Office of Child Advocacy for volunteer parishioners to become members of the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team. These individuals will be trained in the adult awareness program: Virtus/Protecting God’s Children (PGC)— what to do if child abuse or neglect is suspected, observed or disclosed, and how to report such allegations. Upon completion of the training, participants are qualified to train others using VIRTUS/PGC. This session is for new trainers only. All materials are provided free of charge. Please contact Debbie Rhodes debbier@lwcatholic.org or 978-486-4100 to register. We have a small team already at St. Elizabeth, but can always use new trainers to lighten the load for all. We are in serious need for trainers at St. Isidore. Once trained, the commitment is to be available a couple of times during the year to lead evening or morning sessions for those in the community who need the Virtus training.

ST. ELIZABETH LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Upcoming dates at the Sunday 10:30 Mass:
February 7

THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE



Sunday, February 7
Hospitality Sunday
Coffee and Donuts
Parish Hall

Following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses

Tuesday, February 9
Prayer Shaw Ministry

Please join us! Knitters and crocheters
of all levels of ability
are welcome.
St. Isidore Rectory
7:00 p.m.



ST. ISIDORE

Alter Servers Needed– Youth and Adults

A sure way to learn more about the Mass, grow in your faith and become more connected to the community is to participate in the altar server ministry. The presence of servers is so important to the flow and success of quality liturgy for all. Young people grade 5 and up are invited to consider participating. We also need help in organizing and supporting current and future servers.

We also have a serious need for adult servers to assist at morning Masses and funeral liturgies. Training, guidance and support will be provided!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Diahne Goodwin at diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org.

Ushers Needed

St. Isidore is in need of ushers for all masses, but especially for the 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturdays and the once a month 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. If you can help, please call Robin in the office at 978-897-2710.



THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH:

Monday, February 1
Book Discussion Group
Parish Center Hall
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday February 3
Children’s Choir Rehearsal
Parish Center Hall
6:00-6:45 p.m.

Music Ministry Rehearsal
Parish Center Hall
7:30-9:00 p.m.

Thursday February 4
Youth Choir Rehearsal
Church
7:00-8:15 p.m.

**ST. ELIZABETH
UPCOMING BAPTISM**
Sunday, February 7, 10:30 a.m. Mass

AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

Archdiocese of Boston –
Men’s and Women’s Cursillo

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 dates for the Cursillo Weekends are: Women: March 3-6, 2016 Men: April 21-24, 2016 The weekend runs from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and is held at the Campion Center in Weston MA. For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: www.bostonecursillo.org or call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or email spiritual_development@rcab.org.