

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** “Go and do the same!”

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today’s Gospel

### 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:** Jesus tells us to love today. Name a time when you showed your love for your family or friends during the past week or two.

**Question for Youth:** The Samaritan reached out to a stranger and helped him. Who are the strangers who you could reach out and help in the coming week or month? How will you respond?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus tells us today to love God, our neighbor and our self. How will you love God this week? How will you love your neighbor this week? How will you love yourself this week?

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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.*



## *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*July 10, 2016*

*“Go and do likewise.”*



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).

**NEW COLLABORATIVE  
MASS SCHEDULE**  
(Effective October 1, 2016)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
9 a.m. at St. Isidore  
9:15 a.m. at St. Elizabeth

Saturday  
4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth  
5 p.m. at St. Isidore

Sunday  
9 a.m. at St. Isidore  
10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth  
5 p.m. at St. Elizabeth

Note: We will continue to follow the present schedule until Oct. 1, including the summer schedule at St. Isidore. Over the coming weeks, we will settle many related details and tie up the loose ends, including the confession schedule, music ministry, GIFT, youth ministry, and many other things.

**“When God comes, he always calls us out of our house. We are visited so that we can visit others; we are encountered so as to encounter others; we receive love in order to give love.”**

**- Pope Francis**

**GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**

Our Growing in Faith Together Team is already busy planning an exciting year of all ages faith formation for 2016 - 17. Children in grades K – 12, young adults, parents, singles, grandparents, and empty nesters are all invited. For your convenience, we are offering online registration and credit card payments.

www.seoh.org or  
www.stisidorestow.org  
Session placements will  
be on a first come,  
first served basis.



**COFFEE & COMMUNITY  
HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN EVERY SUNDAY!**

We hope you enjoy our gatherings after the Sunday morning Masses this weekend at St. Elizabeth! We will do this again on August 7 at St. Isidore. It is our goal to be able to offer this time of fellowship every Sunday in both parishes once the new Mass schedule begins in October. To make this happen we need your help! This will be a new ministry for St. Elizabeth and an expansion of the monthly “Donut Sunday” at St. Isidore. Many hands are needed:



Ministry chairperson(s): coordinates and schedules volunteers, negotiates agreement with donut source for routine order and is the general liaison with staff.

Runners: manage supplies for each week: shopping for extra items needed, picking up donuts, checking on paper goods, etc.

Set up and serve team: Make the coffee; set up everything prior to the end of Mass; serve as needed during the event; making sure supplies are maintained.

Clean up team: clean up after the events, returning all items to their proper places.

If you have gifts you could share to help with this ministry in anyway, please let Diahne Goodwin or Janice Howes or Robin Ulichney know. The ideal would be to have enough people so that no one has to serve every week. This is a wonderful easy way to help our community grow, get to know each other better and to welcome visitors and newcomers!



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St. Elizabeth Parish:



**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.

**OUR PARISHES:**

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**  
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www.stisidorestow.org

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

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

St. Isidore Parish:  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**Daily Eucharist this week:**  
St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Wednesday-Friday.  
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 p.m. (both parishes)

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



**READINGS THIS SUNDAY—July 10 (Cycle C)**  
Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— July 17 (Cycle C)**  
Gn 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

## AN INVITATION FOR SILVER AND GOLD-EN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Cardinal Sean invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2016 to participate in the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on September 25th at 11:30. The celebration will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit [bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass](http://bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass). Those who register by September 2 will be included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in September.



### 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](mailto: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.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 7/3/16:	\$	4,126
Mail backs for Week Ending 7/2/16:	\$	1,625
EFT for Week Ending 7/2/16:	\$	711
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 7/2/16:	\$	6,461
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$	6,461
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$	6,588
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2016:	\$	(127)

Thank you for your generosity.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

### St. Isidore:

Saturday, July 9, 5 p.m.  
James N. Stonach, Sr.

Sunday, July 10, 9:30 a.m.  
For All The People of Our Collaborative

### St. Elizabeth:

Wednesday, July 13, 9:15 a.m.  
Elizabeth Wiederholt, 12th Anniversary Mass

Thursday, July 14, 9:15 a.m.  
John F. Howes, Memorial Mass

Friday, July 15, 9:15 a.m.  
Phyllis Pesaro, Memorial Mass

## ST. ELIZABETH & ST. ISIDORE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our parishes St. Vincent de Paul Conference assists needy persons in our community by providing food vouchers, household goods, or other necessary help. The local Conference has been able to carry out its work of person-to-person charitable assistance only because of your generous support and it is more grateful for it. You can continue to help by placing your donations in the SVDP Offering box at the rear of the church, or sending them to the parish office.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

Total Offertory Last Sunday 7/3/16:	\$	2,817
Total EFT for Week Ending 7/3/16:	\$	1,983
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 7/3/16:	\$	4,800
Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$	4,800
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$	4,600
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$	200
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$	77

Thank you for your generosity.

## THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST IN ST. ELIZABETH & ST. ISIDORE PARISHES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR READING

It has become abundantly clear that many aspects of parish life and ministry reflect customary ways of thinking and acting more than the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This anomalous situation gives rise to a shared responsibility to reorient our parishes from maintenance to mission. This fundamental shift will inevitably impact parishioners, parish leaders, and institutional arrangements, and it calls for everyone's participation. The following reading list is for all who want to understand what moving "from maintenance to mission" means in practice and why it is urgently needed. Each item on this list will generously reward a careful, thoughtful reading.

White and Corcoran, *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter*. This accessible, widely-read, eye-opening, and transformative book is a good place to begin. It brings the conversation about maintenance and mission down to earth, and provides background and language for our own discussions.

James Mallon, *Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission*. This new and highly-regarded book draws on the experiences of St. Benedict Parish in Halifax, NS, and the wisdom of its extraordinary pastor. It has already become a major, even indispensable resource for pastors, staff, and parishioners who want to be more faithful to the Lord.

Sherry Weddell, *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*. This source sharply focuses attention on the why, wherefore, and mission of parishes, and underlines the need to be deliberate and intentional in our discipleship.

*Disciples in Mission: A Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Boston*. The text can be downloaded at <http://www.disciplesinmission.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Disciples-in-Mission.pdf>. This official document provides the background and norms for the work of a collaborative in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*. Available in hard copy and online at [http://www.seoh.org/images/adultfatihformation/2013.11.24\\_Evang\\_Gaud.pdf](http://www.seoh.org/images/adultfatihformation/2013.11.24_Evang_Gaud.pdf). If we get what Pope Francis is saying (especially in the Introduction and Chapter 1), we'll also get why parish life—and our own personal and spiritual lives—require radical and ongoing transformation. A commentary is available at <http://www.seoh.org/resources/joy-of-the-gospel>. Look in the "Helpful Resources" box.

*Pastoral Plan for the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative*. Now formally approved by Cardinal Sean, our pastoral plan will guide the work of St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore Parishes for the next several years. It is available at [http://www.seoh.org/images/ParishBulletinsEtc/AppleValleyCollab\\_Pastoral\\_Plan\\_Final.pdf](http://www.seoh.org/images/ParishBulletinsEtc/AppleValleyCollab_Pastoral_Plan_Final.pdf).





**ST. ISIDORE  
SUMMER WEEKEND  
MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturdays—5:00 p.m.  
Sundays—9:30 a.m.**

**ELECTRONIC GIVING AT ST. ISIDORE**

Anyone interesting in signing up to contribute via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) can find forms at all entrances. All completed forms should be sent to Robin in the Parish Office. Call Robin at 978-897-2710 if you have any questions.

**ST. ISIDORE  
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION**

The next quarterly baptismal preparation session at St. Isidore will be on Wednesday, July 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

**KIDS AND TEENS:  
COME HANG OUT AT VBS!  
CaveQuest 2016**

Save the date: August 8-12, 2016  
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
Games, Bible drama, music and dancing  
science fun - we've got it all!

For kids age 4 by September 1, through 6th grade. Teens entering 7th grade through adults are invited to help our junior spelunkers have fun and meet Jesus in their lives! Registration and Volunteer Forms are available on our website [seoh.org](http://seoh.org), or in the St. Elizabeth Welcome Center, outside of the Religious Education office at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center, or at St. Isidore's Parish Office. For more information, contact Lisa Lapinski, [lisa-lapinski@verizon.net](mailto:lisa-lapinski@verizon.net).

**YOUTH MINISTRY  
APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
UPCOMING JUNE/JULY EVENTS**

**BOSTON RED SOXS/  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**  
Tuesday, July 19, 5:00 p.m.



This is a Catholic night at Fenway Park.! We will join parishes from all over the area. Please purchase your tickets and submit your **permission slip before July 10**. We will meet at St. Isidore's at 5:00 p.m. **ALL High School Youth Welcome!** Contact Jim Flanagan with questions: 617-922-0024 (cell) 978-263-4305 x23, or email at [jim@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:jim@applevalleycatholic.org)

July 18-22  
Just5Days Mission Trip (Jr. High)

Tuesday, July 19  
Red Sox Game. Meet at St. Isidore 5:00 p.m.

July 24-30  
New Jersey Mission Trip

Monday, August 1  
Day in Boston

Wednesday, August 3  
Service Wednesday

Sunday, August 7  
"Whatever" Night

Monday, August 8– Friday, August 12  
Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, August 16  
Six Flags New England

Sunday, August 28  
Back to School Cook-Out

*All event details are on Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry Facebook Page or stop by Jim's office or email [jim@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:jim@applevalleycatholic.org) for additional information and permission slips.*

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP  
APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC  
FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S**

Volunteer at Household Goods  
Ongoing on the first Sunday of every month. Our next date is July 12 from 12:45– 4:00 p.m. Household Goods provides families with donated furniture and appliances to help them furnish their homes. Volunteers can either help families pick out goods or load their vans. Please contact Marie Hoff or Alicia Giannotti if this is your first time volunteering. Meet us at 12:45 p.m. at Household Goods at 530 Main St., Acton. Learn more at <http://householdgoods.org/>

For more information and to RSVP, please contact: [youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org)

Check us out on Facebook! Join our Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/558137624339112/>

**ST. ELIZABETH "CLOTHING CLOSET" IN  
THE ENTRANCE HAS CHANGED TO THE  
"CLOTHING BIN" IN THE PARKING LOT**

We have a new spot for clothing donations. The closet in the entrance will no longer be used for clothes. We now have a Saint Vincent de Paul Society clothing bin outside, in the corner of the parking lot, next to the 'Got Books' bin. It is for clothing only – nothing else. As donors have done in the past, please do not put non-clothing items in or next to the bin. Thank you for your attention this change and thank you for your donations to repurpose your used clothing to aid help those in need.

**VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER MEALS**

Looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels in Acton and Boxborough, 1-2 times a month 1-3 hours monthly. If you are interested please call Joy at 978-263-5053, and please leave a message, and Joy will return your call!

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Timeless words from Moses: "... heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes ...," Moses reminds us that the commandments are readily accessible. In fact, they are "already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." Love God, love your neighbor. Jesus tells the beautiful story of the Good Samaritan – a story with such a universal message it is the common understanding of kindness. It is a story of mercy. The Year of Mercy is more than half over. What spiritual or corporal works of mercy have you built into your daily life? It's not too late to start.

**UPCOMING BAPTISM  
AT ST. ELIZABETH**

Sunday, September 18, 10:30 a.m. – Baptism

**EAGLE SCOUT CAR WASH AT ST. E'S  
SUNDAY, JULY 17**

On Sunday July 17, parishioner and Boy Scout Eagle candidate Evan Silva will be holding a fund raiser to complete a beautification and improvement project in a handicapped fountain area at NARA park. From 8:00 a.m. until noon, Evan and his team will be washing cars while you attend church. Let God clean your soul and Evan and his peers will make your car shine on the outside as well. Pull up in the back, drop \$10 in the bucket and leave the rest to us. We will clean your car while you attend Mass or hang around while it is cleaned. It will be monitored by adults. For another three dollars we can vacuum the inside. For a total of \$15 we can clean the glass as well.



We encourage to let us know if you will want your car cleaned and if you have questions by emailing [etsilva99@gmail.com](mailto:etsilva99@gmail.com)