

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Hospitality - We welcome Jesus in our lives.

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: Name a time when you shared what you had with a friend, or a classmate at school

Question for Youth: Martha chose to serve, Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him. Of those two actions, service or prayer, which do you feel more comfortable with? Why?

Question for Adults: The Gospel today invites us to serve and to be hospitable. When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or a stranger?

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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.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2016

*Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her.*



**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,

Although we're in the middle of the summer, the staff and I are in full swing planning for the fall. A good deal of our work bears on programs and activities that may be routine, but still need careful preparation. One item, however, is not routine, but unique and extraordinary. I would like to call it to your attention, indicate why it's special, and ask you to mark your calendars now.

Our two parishes are at a turning point. The recently-approved pastoral plan calls us to take both parishes in a new direction, and do it with clear priorities and a redoubled commitment to the Lord and his mission. However, the pastoral plan and its agenda do not simply bear on what we are to do as we go forward. They also fall within the history of our two parishes and take their place among the current realities and circumstances of each. In other words, there is a lot more at issue than a single document can convey. It's ultimately about why we are disciples of the Lord in the first place and what that means for the life and work of our parishes.

I owe it to you to let you know how I understand the meaning, the temptations, the grace, and the call of this moment. Therefore I have decided to address the people of both parishes on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Isidore Church. I consider this presentation to be among the most important that I have offered in many years. You are all invited, indeed urged, to join us.

During that presentation, I intend to speak concretely and personally about relevant trends and experiences, the better to understand as clearly as possible what we face and the choices that confront us—all of us—at this time. You will leave the meeting with no doubt about how I feel, what I think, and where I stand. You will hear how I intend to fulfill my responsibilities as your pastor, walking shoulder to shoulder with our faithful staff persons and so many others. My fondest prayer is that all of us will go forth as better, more focused, and more committed disciples in mission.

Again: please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Isidore Church.

Fr. Walter

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.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT EVENT FOR ADULTS

Escape the heat and join us for either the evening
or morning showing of Romero!

Come 15 minutes early to socialize etc.

Bring your favorite movie snack to share!

Romero

Wednesday, August 3

10:00 a.m., St. Isidore Church Hall

Friday, August 5

7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center

See Steve Ryan or Diahne Goodwin for questions.

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 are open during Mass. Thank you.

OUR COLLABORATIVE STAFF:

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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.

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Stow, MA 01775
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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, Thursday, Friday
St. Elizabeth—9:15 a.m., Thursday & Friday.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated for:
Rosemarie Coughlin on Wednesday, 7/20—10:00 a.m.

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



READINGS THIS SUNDAY—July 17 (Cycle C)

Gn 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— July 24 (Cycle C)

Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

AN INVITATION FOR SILVER AND GOLDEN 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. 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. 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: 7/10/16:	\$ 4,662
Mail backs for Week Ending 7/9/16:	\$ 10,555
EFT for Week Ending 7/9/16:	\$ 4,652
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 7/9/16:	\$ 19,869
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 26,330
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 26,539
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2016:	\$ (209)

Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, July 16, 5:00 p.m.
Roger Tracy, 10th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, July 17, 9:30 a.m.
For All The People of Our Collaborative

Prayers for the Departed:
Rosemarie Coughlin
Rosemarie's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Elizabeth on Wednesday, July 20, 10:00 a.m.

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 7/10/16:	\$ 2,629
Total EFT for Week Ending 7/10/16:	\$ 1,586
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 7/10/16:	\$ 4,215
Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 8,619
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 9,200
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$ (581)
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 79

Thank you for your generosity.

COFFEE & COMMUNITY HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN EVERY SUNDAY!

Our next summer coffee and community time will be on August 7 at St. Isidore. ALL are welcome! 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, schedules and directs volunteers, makes sure food and supplies are on hand or ordered 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!



*Congratulations to
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory and Dara (Duhamel)
Gutoski
who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage
in our parish on July 9th!
May their lives be blessed with many years
of happiness as husband and wife.*

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.

The Sunday 6:15 p.m. session will be closing soon. Once we are full, we will begin assigning registrations to the second choice. If this is your first choice, please register as soon as possible!

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



"In a Christian, the works of service and charity are never detached from the main source of all our actions: listening to the Word of the Lord, staying - like Mary - at the feet of Jesus, in the attitude of a disciple."

- Pope Francis





**ST. ISIDORE
SUMMER WEEKEND
MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**WEEKDAY MASS - ST. ISIDORE
THIS WEEK—JULY 20-22**

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

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.

**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, 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.

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

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

Sunday, September 4

Teen Leadership Committee Planning Retreat
*All young people are welcome to be part of the
Teen Leadership committee.*

ALL High School Youth Welcome! Contact Jim Flanagan with questions: 617-922-0024 (cell)

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



**UPCOMING BAPTISM
AT ST. ELIZABETH**

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

**ST.ELIZABETH'S
HAVE YOU HEARD?**

THE AUDIO-VISUAL MINISTRY TEAM supports the mission of our parish by ensuring that every parishioner can clearly hear the spoken word. Before each Mass a team member makes sure the audio system and microphones are functioning well and during Mass uses a smartphone application to adjust volume levels while sitting in a pew.

We need 12-14 parishioners (teens and adults) who have some technology skills (or an interest in this type of technology) and are willing to be trained to serve about once a month in a rotating schedule.

Current AV Sunday Mass Team members are: David Sacra, Bill Hart, Chris Brolin, Chris Moran, Eric Duhamel, Martin Vacek, Michael Hoff, and Tim Lundy.

For more information contact David Sacra (dsacra@verizon.net) or Mary Ryan (mgr@applevalleycatholic.org).



BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. ELIZABETH

The Red Cross will run a blood drive this Thursday, July 21, from 12-8 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall. To participate, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit their website at red-crossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome also. The Red Cross and people in need thank you for your donation.

**EAGLE SCOUT CAR WASH AT ST. E'S
THIS WEEKEND**



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.

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!

**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.