

OUR PARISHES:

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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.

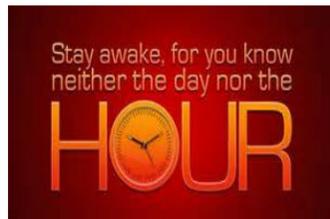
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. (both parishes)

READINGS THIS SUNDAY—July 24 (Cycle C)
 Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— July 31 (Cycle C)
 Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
 ST. ELIZABETH**

Updated collection numbers will be posted in next week's bulletin.



OUR COLLABORATIVE STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Woods, STD
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**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
 ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday 7/24/16:	\$ 2,224
Total EFT for Week Ending 7/24/16:	\$ 1,586
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 7/24/16:	\$ 3,810

Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 16,154
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 18,400
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$ (2,245)

St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 57
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Thank you for your generosity.

*St. Isidore Parish, Stow
 St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough*

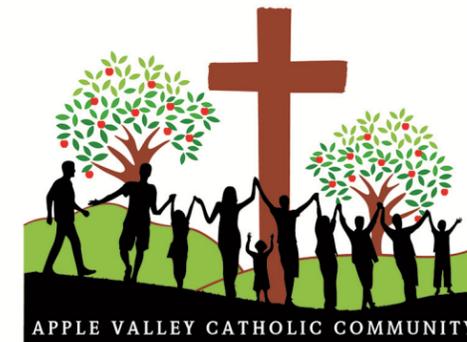
Celebrating God's love in Jesus Christ. Going forth to share it with all.



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2016

*Stay awake and be ready!
 For you do not know on what day the Son of Man will come.*



**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,

Later today I will travel to California to begin a couple of weeks of vacation. As you might imagine, I am very much looking forward to this time of rest and recreation. Hopefully things will continue to be quiet and routine during my absence. Whatever occurs, however, our dedicated and capable staff will know what to do and will take very good care of you—as they always do. Although I will be away, be assured that I continue to hold all of you in prayer, and would welcome your doing the same for me.

As noted previously, I have decided to speak to parishioners on Sept. 14 to discuss in some detail this time of transition and its meaning for us and our two parishes. A notice in this bulletin gives some practical details. Please see the invitation, available on both parish websites, for more on the background and urgency of this moment. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST
WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016**

***“Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy” (Mt 5:7)***

“This Holy Year of Mercy is a time for the Church to rediscover the meaning of the mission entrusted to her by the Lord on the day of Easter: to be a sign and an instrument of the Father’s mercy.”

“Dear young people,” at the Shrine in Krakow dedicated to the merciful Jesus, where he is depicted in the image venerated by the people of God, “Jesus is waiting for you. He has confidence in you and is counting on you! He has so many things to say to each of you.”

The Pope concluded the message with words of hope, encouraging young people to become *apostles of mercy*, and to pray for hope in a world that has been wounded by selfishness, hatred and despair.

“Carry with you the flame of Christ's merciful love - as Saint John Paul II said - in every sphere of your daily life and to the very ends of the earth. In this mission, I am with you with my encouragement and prayers.”

**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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our newly-approved pastoral plan marks a turning point for our collaborative, one that involves far more than this document conveys. This important moment in the life of our two parishes presents temptations and opportunities, challenges and graces. What this means and how we ought to respond will be the subject of a major talk to parishioners that Fr. Walter will give on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Isidore Church. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Further details are available online via the home pages of each parish.

NEXT WEEKEND’S SECOND COLLECTION

Next week’s second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in countries around the world. The funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, services for victims of human trafficking, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ’s love and respect to all people. The collection funds the ministries of six Catholic Church organizations. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection.

ADULT SUMMER ENRICHMENT EVENT

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.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS YOUR
SUPPORT FOR HOME REPAIR IN STOW**

Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts’ next project is a critical home repair in Stow. This is a roof repair for a local couple and they’ll be starting the prep work this week with the full project hopefully beginning in mid-August. Habitat is seeking both financial and labor support for this important cause. They have received half of the funding from a Middlesex Bank grant but need to raise another \$2500 to complete the job. Please contact Carolyn Read at Habitat, [\(978\) 348-2749 x206](tel:9783482749) or carolyn@ncmhabitat.org, if you can make a contribution or participate in the rebuild. (Contributions can also be mailed to Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts, att: Stow Rebuild, 138 Great Road, Acton, MA 01720) Anything you can do to help would be wonderful. What a terrific opportunity to make a difference right in our own community!

YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 1
Day in Boston

Wednesday, August 3
Service Wednesday

Sunday, August 7
“Whatever” Night

ALL High School Youth Welcome!
Contact Jim Flanagan with questions.

**PLEASE JOIN US—AUGUST 7 AT
ST. ISIDORE FOR COFFEE & COMMUNITY**

HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN EVERY SUNDAY!

Please make sure to stay after Mass next week for some time to catch up with each other over coffee and a donut/muffin! We have been blessed with a team of dedicated volunteers who have made this possible once a month 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 an expansion of the monthly “Donut Sunday” at St. Isidore. Many hands are needed:

Ministry chairperson(s): coordinates and schedules volunteers, 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!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

St. Isidore:

Saturday, July 30, 5 p.m.
For All The People of Our Collaborative

Sunday, July 31, 9:30 a.m.
David Jodka Memorial Mass

Friday, August 5, 9 a.m.
Bobby DeMilia, Memorial Mass