

OUR PARISHES:

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Elizabeth Parish:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 4 p.m.
 Sunday: 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

St. Isidore Parish:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 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.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 3:00-3:30 p.m.—St. Elizabeth
 4:00-4:30 p.m.—St. Isidore

READINGS THIS SUNDAY— Nov. 27 (Cycle A)

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— Dec. 4 (Cycle A)

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 11/20/16:	\$	4,785
Mail backs for Week Ending 11/19/16:	\$	2,640
EFT for Week Ending 11/19/16:	\$	711
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 11/12/16:	\$	8,136
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$	256,378
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$	266,732
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2016:	\$	(10,354)

Last week parishioners donated \$2,096 in the Retirement Needs of Women Religious collection. Thank you.

When you write or review your Will or Trust, please consider leaving a charitable bequest to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish.

OUR COLLABORATIVE STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Woods, STD
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Liturgical Coordinator: Mary Ryan
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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE

Total Offertory Last Sunday 11/20/16:	\$	3,874
Total EFT for Week Ending 11/20/16:	\$	2,035
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 11/20/16:	\$	5,910
Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$	93,571
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$	96,600
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$	(3,028)

St. Vincent DePaul Collection: \$ 20
 Grand Annual (62% of goal) \$ 20,979

Thank you for your generosity.

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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.

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016

So too, you also must be prepared.



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).

FOR ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A CHILD

Parishioners Fred and Carole Zupicich would like to extend an invitation to all those who have experienced the devastating loss of a child, of any age, for any reason. Knowing this loss is profoundly more difficult during the holidays, they would like to offer an evening of comfort and compassion at their home in Boxborough, on **Wednesday, November 30 at 7 p.m.** Please contact Carole at carolezup@yahoo.com or Fred at fredzup@yahoo.com.

"This is what's beautiful: This is working every day, this is journeying as humans. But also, it's bad walking alone: It's bad and boring. Walking in community, with friends, with those who love us, that helps us. It helps us to arrive precisely at that goal, that 'there where' we're supposed to arrive." - Pope Francis

DAILY ONLINE ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Embrace the Advent season as a sacred space from the ease of your e-mail inbox. *Sacred Advent* is a daily e-mail prayer break during a busy season. Each day invites you to a step-by-step progression of praying with a Scripture reading and related points of reflection. The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Advent themes through additional online articles and prayers.

Based on the writings of *Sacred Space*—the trusted online prayer site by the Irish Jesuits—*Sacred Advent* will make this Advent a season filled with sacred moments.

Sign up to receive the daily messages from the First Sunday of Advent through the Christmas season.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/sacred-advent-retreat>



DURING ADVENT: PRAY AND INVITE

Pray! Pray! Pray! Start praying now for those you hope will return to Christ and His Church. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the courage to invite family or friends to attend Mass with you. Many people are simply waiting for an invitation. When you do extend the invitation do so with sensitivity and tact. For example, say, "I am or Our family will be attending the (Mass time) Mass. Would you (and your family) like to join us?"

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

If you are setting up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here are some prayers you could say while you light its candles. You may say these before or after a meal, when waking up, before going to bed, or whenever you and the members of your household gather for prayer. Before you say the prayer, read and talk over the Gospel reading you heard at Sunday Mass that week.

Week 1: O God, who invite us to stay awake because we do not know the day the Lord will come, let this candle signify the dawn of the day when your Son will come again. Help us to avoid doing things we want to hide and to live always as children of the light. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 2: O God, who sent John the Baptist to tell us to prepare the way of the Lord, let these two candles light the way for us. Help us to walk now and always in a straight path to you. May love of God and love of neighbor light our way. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 3: O God, who promised that the least one born into the kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist, fill us with joy as we light the pink candle. Make us happy when we serve you, and let us see the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 4: O God, who sent an angel to comfort Joseph in his dream, comfort us when we are afraid. Turn our darkness into light. Let these four candles warm our hearts as we await the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-us. Through Christ our Lord.

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CHRISTMAS CHOIRS

Have you thought about singing in the Music Ministry, but haven't had the time? You are welcome to join the Christmas Festival Choirs at St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth this Christmas season!

Rehearsals are open to all in grade 7 through adult and begin this Wednesday November 30 from 7:30 – 9 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

If you play an instrument, we'd love to have you join us. For more information contact Music Director Andrea Goodrich at 263-4305, x12 or at www.andreag@applevalleycatholic.org



COLLABORATIVE MUSIC CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 30:

3:30 – 4:15 p.m. - St Isidore Children's Choir Rehearsal, St. Isidore Church.

7 – 7:30 p.m. – Collaborative Cantor Rehearsal, St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall.

7:30 – 9 p.m. – Collaborative Music Ministry Rehearsal, St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall.

Thursday, December 1:

5:45 – 6:30 p.m. – St. Elizabeth Children's Choir Rehearsal, Parish Center Hall.

7 – 8:30 p.m. – Apple Valley Teen Choir Rehearsal, St. Elizabeth Church.

APPEAL COMMITMENT ENVELOPES FOR ST. ELIZABETH - THANKS AND A REMINDER

To those who have responded, thank you. Your support helps and is appreciated. For those who intend to participate and you've waited or it has slipped your mind, please get your commitment card in soon. Our mission requires your support also. Thank you.

ST. ELIZABETH GIVING TREE

Every year our parish generously supports many charities through their donation to the Giving Tree. This year we will be donating gifts to the following organizations: The Acton Housing Authority, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Los Amigos in Lawrence, Lazarus House in Lawrence, St. Patrick's Parish in Lowell, St. Mary's Parish in Lynn and Bellesini Academy in Lawrence. The Giving Tree with the tags has been placed in the entry way.

Please take as many tags as you are able to fulfill, purchase the suggested gift, and place your gift under the tree with the tag attached **before December 11.**



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, November 26, 5:00 p.m.
Edward & Ellen Cataldo, 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, November 27, 9:00 a.m.
Ellen Malonis, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, November 30, 9:00 a.m.
Maria Vieira, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Monday, November 28
Rosemary Quigley Harris, Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, November 30
Paul Curran, Jr., 11th Anniversary Mass

Friday, December 2
Ross Musick, 15th Anniversary Mass

ST. ISIDORE COFFEE & DONUTS

Sunday coffee & donuts is now held every Sunday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for refreshments, make new friends and catch up with old friends.

FORMING DISCIPLES IN MISSION

**A workshop in Parish-Based Evangelization
coming to our collaborative!**

If you have not yet attended this workshop, please consider participating in the upcoming two-evening workshop: **Tuesday, January 31-Wednesday, February 1 from 5:30-9:00 p.m.** at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. **Dinner will be included.** Register for this or other locations at: <http://disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples>.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Apple Valley Catholic Community
Annual Youth Ministry Auction**

Saturday, March 25, 2017, 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.