

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Sunday 7/9/17:	\$ 3,186
Mailbacks for Week Ending 7/8/17:	\$ 1,267
Total EFT for Week Ending 7/8/17:	\$ 4,369
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 7/8/17:	\$ 8,821
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 14,040
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 17,055
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (3,014)

Thank you very much!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Elizabeth Parish:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

St. Isidore Parish:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Daily Eucharist this week:
St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

St. Elizabeth—9:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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

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

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 7/9/17:	\$ 3,496
EFT for Week Ending 7/9/17:	\$ 1,650
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 7/9/17:	\$ 5,146
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2017:	\$ 9,248
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2017:	\$ 9,200
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2017:	\$ 48
Mission Collection	\$ 20
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 42

Thank you very much!

OUR PARISHES:

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COLLABORATIVE STAFF

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READINGS THIS SUNDAY— July 16
(Cycle A)

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— July 23
(Cycle A)

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

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 16, 2017

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.



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).

We are sending 11 participants to Springfield from July 17 to July 21. Please pray for them and the people they will be serving.



Dear Father,
Empower these people to be your hands and feet. By their actions and words, make them witnesses of your great love and your passion to all they meet. Please protect them, teach them and support them as they take this journey. Fill them with the Holy Spirit as they faithfully and joyfully minister to the people in Springfield. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Thursday, July 20, 9:00 a.m.
Dorothy Scipione, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Friday, July 21, 9:00 a.m.
Mary McBride, Memorial Mass

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How appropriate the scriptures for this weekend! For the gardeners among us, seeds that were sown weeks ago are beginning to bear fruit. We look forward to the produce that will come. Each week at Mass, God's word, as seed is sown in our hearts. Is there a word that God has spoke to you that has not yet born fruit or achieved the end that God intended? Pray for the grace to respond to that word today.

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

New days announced for choir rehearsals this fall!

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs (grades 2-6) will rehearse together on Mondays 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. The Collaborative Teen Choir (grades 7-12) will rehearse on Wednesdays 5:45 – 7 p.m. We hope this helps with your fall planning. For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich at andreas@applevalleycatholic.org or 978-263-4305, ext.12.



3 MINUTE RETREAT

The 3-Minute Retreat invites you to take a short prayer break online. Anytime, day or night, spend some quiet time in prayer and reflection. You can receive the 3-Minute Retreat every day for free with an email subscription. Visit www.3minuteretreat.com to register.

APPLE VALLEY COLLABORATIVE Vacation Bible School

August 7-11, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Closing service and ice cream social will be on
August 10, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore Church.

For children age 4 by Sept. 1 through entering 6th grade. Questions? Contact Co-Directors Lisa Lapinski (lisalapinski@verizon.net) or Sarah Burianek (sarahburianek@msn.com). Volunteers needed: teens entering 7th grade—adult. Link to Registration and Volunteer Forms - www.seoh.org. Cost for the program is \$35 child with a \$90 family maximum.

ST. ISIDORE BAPTISM

Last weekend we welcomed Eilis and Norah McQuillan, daughters of Michael and Kelly in the sacrament of Baptism. Please join us in keeping them in prayer as well as their parents and godparents as they continue to nurture the girls in a life of faith.

ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER COLLABORATIVE VEGETABLE GARDEN

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth volunteers are still needed to help weed, harvest and deliver produce to local food pantries. If you can help please contact Michele Sinopoli at mtsinopoli@yahoo.com or call the office.



YOUTH MINISTRY APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE DAY Wednesday, August 2, 9:00 a.m.

Start with 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth. The service portion of the day will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will return to the parish at 3:30 p.m. Please bring your own lunch.

SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND Thursday, August 17, 8:00 a.m.

Please meet at 8:00 a.m. at St. Isidore Parish. We will return to the parish around 10:30 p.m. Usually, we stop on the way home to Cold Stone Creamery. Cost of \$45 includes van/bus and ticket to the park. Sign up with permission slip by August 10.

BACK TO SCHOOL COOK-OUT Sunday, August 28, 5:00—8:00 p.m.

We will start with the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth. It will be a night of great food and fellowship. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

All High School Youth Welcome!

Contact Jim:
978 263-4305 x23
Cell: 617 922-0024

ALPHA IS COMING

Alpha is a 10-week experience that provides an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Alpha is for everyone and anyone. Alpha is a great introduction to the Christian faith, but also offers practicing Catholics an opportunity to grow and strengthen their relationship to the Lord. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves. At each session we share a meal, we listen to a talk and then we gather in small groups for discussion. The Alpha course will be offered at a variety of times throughout the year.

Come and See what it is all about and sample the Alpha experience on **September 21 at 6:30 p.m.** at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Fall Alpha for Adults: Monday mornings, 9/25—12/4 at 9:45 a.m. OR Thursday evenings 9/28-12/14 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Barbara, Diahne or Jim, with questions or to sign up for the Come & See night, or avccalpha@gmail.com. Preregistration is helpful but not required.

NEW THIS YEAR~ TEEN ALPHA !!!

Teen Alpha is offered to all young people in Grade 9 and above. **Completion of a Teen Alpha is required for all Confirmation candidates in Grade 10 this year.** Teen Alpha will be offered at a variety of formats/times during the year - fall, winter and spring evenings plus vacation week-long intensive during the summer and February.

The Summer Intensive teen Alpha course will run Sunday– Thursday, August 13 – 17, 5:00-10:00 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall. It will begin with the 5:00 p.m. Mass on August 13th. 2017-18 Peer Leaders, Teen leaders and Confirmation candidates are encouraged to take this course. Sign up with Jim or Barbara or call the parish office.

ALPHA HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for people to help with the hospitality component of our Alpha programs. This involves preparing and serving food and set up and clean up for the meals. The morning alpha will have light breakfast snacks, the evening Alphas will have meals. Please contact Barbara, Jim or Diahne if you can help!

