

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH

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

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, Thursday

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.

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| Total Offertory Last Sunday: 7/23/17: | \$ 1,493 |
| EFT for Week Ending 7/23/17: | \$ 1,650 |
| Total Parish Support for Week Ending 7/23/17: | \$ 3,143 |
| Total Parish Support since 7/1/2017: | \$ 16,369 |
| Target Parish Support since 7/1/2017: | \$ 18,400 |
| Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2017: | \$ (2,031) |
| St. Vincent DePaul | \$ 18 |

Thank you very much!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next week's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). CCC communicates the Gospel through various formats, including social media, podcasts, TV, radio, and print media. 50% of the collection will support this national programming. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm. The other 50% of the collection will remain at the parish to support local communication efforts, such as website technology and bulletins.

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READINGS THIS SUNDAY— July 30
(Cycle A)

1Kgs 3-5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— August 6
(Cycle A)

Dn 7:9-10; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

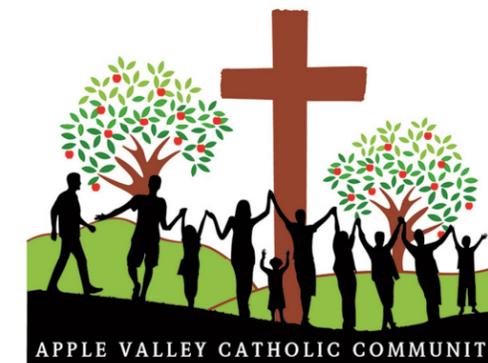
*St. Isidore Parish, Stow
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough*

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



*Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
July 30, 2017*

Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart.



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,



Today I have bad news and good news. The bad news is that we have to modify plans for the town meeting that I announced last weekend. This modification is required to address serious schedule conflicts that emerged only afterward. The good news is that we'll now schedule two town meetings rather than one. Here are the places, dates, and times:

St. Elizabeth Church on Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.
St. Isidore Church on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

Both meetings will present the same content. On one level, it's about our faith formation and worship activities for the coming year. At a deeper level, however, it's about our personal call to become better disciples of the Lord, and the responsibility of the two parishes to reorient all efforts and activities to the mission of making faithful disciples and supporting each one in making the best possible response to the Lord. Parishioners are welcome to attend whichever meeting works better for them. Each will end by 9 p.m.

Running two town meetings responds to the conflicts brought to our attention while doubling the opportunities for parishioners to participate. Having two meetings also emphasizes the importance I attach to the topics to be addressed.

Please save one of these dates and plan to participate.

Fr. Walter



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings challenge us to ponder the motives of our words and actions. In our first reading, God assures Solomon that anything he might ask will be granted. He doesn't ask for anything that is just for himself or anything fleeting. Instead, Solomon asks God for an understanding or listening heart that he may judge according to God's will. In the gospel, Jesus describes in parables the Kingdom of Heaven. We are left with two questions to ponder his week: what will I ask from God to aid me in doing His will? To what length am I willing to go to build His Kingdom?

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, July 29, 5:00 p.m.
Ari Schultz, Memorial Mass

Sunday, July 30, 9:00 a.m.
Faithful Departed

Wednesday, August 2, 9:00 a.m.
Judy York, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Monday, July 31, 9:00 a.m.
Mary McBride, Memorial Mass

JOB OPENINGS IN THE COLLABORATIVE

The following positions are now available. Detailed job descriptions are available in the front office or email janice@applevalleycatholic.org. Interested candidates should reply to Diahne Goodwin at: Diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

Coordinator of Young Family Ministries

This full-time coordinator will be part of a team dedicated to lifelong faith formation, sacramental participation and living as a disciple in today's world and will have specific responsibility to ministry to young families. While attending to the formation needs of the children there is a focus on the outreach to parents so that they can grow as disciples and be better equipped to support the faith development of the next generation.

Pastoral Ministries Administrative Assistant

This part-time administrative assistant will support the administrative needs of the pastoral staff, with primary focus on faith formation youth and music ministry needs. He/She reports to and works with the director of pastoral ministries to develop a balance of support to those who need it.

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.

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, 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 13. 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!

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. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY OF ST. ISIDORE

FREE: Give to the St. Isidore Chapter of St. Vincent de-Paul at No cost. If you buy things on Amazon.com, please now use www.smile.amazon.com so SVDP Isidore gets a cash bonus. If you choose our charity we will get .5% of many things you buy from Amazon if you log into www.smile.amazon.com instead of www.amazon.com. Our bank account will get this .5% bonus at the end of every quarter.

