

FIRST RECONCILIATION—FIRST EUCHARIST PREP. NEWS

First Reconciliation Workshop January 6, 5:00 p.m.
Please RSVP for our upcoming family dinner and First Reconciliation workshop that will be held in the St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall. At least one parent and their child should attend this wonderful event that will include a rehearsal for receiving the sacrament. If you and your child are unable to make the workshop, please contact Joan Mattila to discuss a make-up.

First Reconciliation Dates and Sign-Up

Please use the "doodle" sign-up to pick the date that works best for your child to receive the sacrament.

ALPHA— FOR EVERYONE AND ANYONE!

Alpha is an invitation to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves. No pressure! No charge! Alpha runs in churches, homes and community locations all over the world. Alpha has 10 weekly sessions plus a day away and includes food, a short talk and time to discuss and share your thoughts. No need to commit up front—join us for a "Come & See" session and check it out!

Our Next "Come & See" night will be Sunday, January 28, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore Church Hall.

Curious? Need more information? Contact any staff member, email avccalpha@gmail.com or check out www.alphausa.org.



COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

Apple Valley Teen Ensemble will rehearse on Wednesday, January 3, from 5:45 – 7:00 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.

READINGS THIS SUNDAY—December 31 (Cycle B)
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Lk 2:22-40

READING NEXT SUNDAY—January 7 (Cycle B)
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT:
ST. ELIZABETH**

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, December 30, 5:00 p.m.,
Marguerite Pieciewicz, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, January 3, 9:00 a.m.,
Dick Gaudette, Memorial Mass

Prayers for the Deceased: Kevin Flanagan

DAILY MASS THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 1, 9:00 a.m.—St. Elizabeth

Tuesday, January 2, 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore

Wednesday, January 3, 9:00 a.m.—St. Elizabeth

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
YOUTH MINISTRY**

Helping Hands

Monday, January 15, 9:00-11:00 a.m. **or**
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Join the Confirmation Preparation Program for our next service opportunity as we package 10,000 meals that will be shipped to Burkino Faso.

Teen Alpha

Tuesdays beginning January 9, 6:30 p.m.
Includes dinner!

Teen Alpha is open to all high school young people. Freshman and Sophomores are encouraged to attend for the Confirmation Preparation Program. Have you participated on Alpha and want to be on our team? There will be a training session on Tuesday, January 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner is included. Contact Jim Flanagan jim@applevalleycatholic.org.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT:
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 12/24/17	\$ 2,314
EFT for Week Ending 12/24/17:	\$ 2,063
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 12/24/17:	\$ 4,377
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$119,380
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$119,600
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (219)
Clergy Health Benefit Christmas Collection	\$ 4,951
Grand Annual	\$ 21,565
St. Vincent DePaul collection	\$ 2,279



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

OUR COLLABORATIVE STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Woods, STD
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Dear Parishioners,

On your behalf I wish to extend heart-felt gratitude to everyone who prepared our churches for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Thanks also to the many who prepared or helped us to celebrate the liturgies of these seasons. At the same time, I am grateful to all who contributed to the Christmas collection, whose proceeds are used exclusively for the health and retirement needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. May our Lord bless you and your families abundantly during this Christmas season and throughout 2018.

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE YOUNG ADULTS...

Lunch - Cook-Out
Open to all College Young Adults! Bring a friend or two!

Wednesday, January 3, 12:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish
Center Hall. If you can - bring a dessert.
Contact Jim with any questions: jim@applevalleycatholic.org

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES!

Winter Book Discussion:
Perfectly Yourself by Matthew Kelly

Mondays 9:45—11:15 a.m. beginning January 22,
St. Elizabeth Parish Hall
Thursdays 9:45—11:30 a.m. beginning January 25,
St. Isidore Rectory
Contact Diahne at diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

Winter Alpha Come & See Night
Sunday, January 28, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore Church Hall,
Weekly sessions start February 11
Contact Diahne at avccalpha@gmail.com

Overview of Catholicism –Bishop Robert Barron Series
Mondays, January 29– April 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
St Elizabeth Parish Center
Contact Diahne at diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

Bible Study: Panorama of the Old Testament
Tuesdays, February 6—March 13, 7:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center
Contact Steve at sjryan@applevalleycatholic.org