

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Jesus has power over evil.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear today's Gospel with its shouting demons, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away.

from our world. **Question for Youth:** Jesus was able to free the man from the unclean spirit within him. What do you hope Jesus will free you from? What is happening in the world that needs Jesus' help?

Question for Adults: What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

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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.



*Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018*

*The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light;
On those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death,
light has arisen.*



**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).

**ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES—
FEBRUARY 14**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

4:30 p.m. -Liturgy of the Word and
Distribution of Ashes

7:00 p.m. -Mass and Distribution of Ashes



St. Isidore Parish

9:00 a.m.-Mass and Distribution of Ashes

12:00 p.m.-Liturgy of the Word and
Distribution of Ashes

**Overview of Catholicism –Bishop Robert
Barron Series
Begins This Week!**

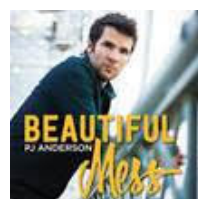
Mondays, January 29–April 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Contact Diahne at

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PLEASE JOIN US...
for a wonderful evening of music and prayer...
A Step Towards Becoming a Saint
with PJ Anderson
Saturday, February 17



Begin with 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth and a pizza dinner afterwards. The bus leaves for East Bridgewater at 5:30 p.m. and we return at 9:30 p.m. **Appropriate for everyone grade 5 and older!** \$10.00 per person to cover the costs of transportation. RSVP by February 5, barbara@applevalleycatholic.org.

**COLLABORATIVE BIBLE STUDY –
PANORAMA OF THE OLD TESTAMENT**

The next Bible study offering in the collaborative is an overview of the Old Testament focusing on how God's plan of salvation unfolds in history. **This study begins on Tuesday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m.** at the SEOH Parish Center and continues for four additional Tuesday evenings.

Participation is open to all members of the collaborative. This study is suitable for newcomers to Bible study as well as people with experience. The cost for books is expected to be \$16-\$18. Enrollment deadline is January 25. To enroll or get more information, please contact Steve Ryan.

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.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Child Abuse Protection Training (VIRTUS) will be offered on Tuesday, February 13, at 12:30 p.m. in the upper rectory at St. Isidore. Virtus is a one time required course for all volunteers who work with children, youth, or teens in the collaborative. Volunteers who would like to chaperone a mission trip, work at VBS, or help with Children's Liturgy must be Virtus trained. Please rsvp to our Cap Team Leader, Jack Deasy, at j.w.deasy@gmail.com.

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ST. ELIZABETH HEARING LOOP

Hearing Loop Receivers are available for those who wish to listen through the Hearing Loop. Please see Mary Ryan before Mass if you would like to try one.



OUR PARISHES:

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www.stisidorestow.org

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
St. Elizabeth:
Saturdays, 3:00—3:30 p.m.

St. Isidore:
Saturdays, 4:00—4:30 p.m.

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



READING NEXT SUNDAY—January 28
(Cycle B)

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— February 4
(Cycle B)

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**CURSILLO - An Opportunity
to Deepen Your Faith**

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

**Archdiocese of Boston – Men’s and Women’s
Weekends:**

Women’s Weekend March 1—4
Men’s Weekend April 26—29

The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston. For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: www.bostoncursillo.org or call Chris Graf at 617-332-5548 or email at cmg829@comcast.net.

**Cursillo at St. Basil Salvatorian Center
30 East Street, Methuen**

Women’s Weekends:
March 1 - 4, May 3-6, June 7-10
Men’s Weekends:
February 8-11, April 5-8

The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday evening and are held at the Salvatorian Center in Methuen. If you are interested please send your contact information by emailing us or call us. stbasilcenter@comcast.net or 978-683-2959.

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

Total Offertory Sunday 1/21/18:	\$ 3,892
Mailbacks for Week Ending 1/20/18:	\$ 2,009
Total EFT for Week Ending 1/20/18:	\$ 565
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/20/18:	\$ 6,466
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 425,516
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 412,074
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ 13,441

Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:

Friday, January 26, 9:00 a.m.
Michael Liskiewicz, 15th Anniversary Mass

St. Isidore:

Saturday, January 27, 5:00 p.m.
John O’Connell, Memorial Mass

Thursday, February 1, 9:00 a.m.
Mike McGonegal, Memorial Mass

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, January 31, 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore
Thursday, February 1, 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore
Friday, February 2, 9:00 a.m.—St. Elizabeth

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Samuel answered, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'" Let us practice listening better to God and our spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend will be March 9-11 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.wmema.org/>.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 1/21/18:	\$ 2,422
EFT for Week Ending 1/21/18:	\$ 2,342
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/21/18:	\$ 4,764
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 139,691
Budget Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 158,653
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (18,962)
Grant Annual Actual Year-To-Date	\$ 26,215
Grand Annual Budget	\$ 45,000
Over (Under) Budget	\$ (18,785)
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 34

Thank you very much!

**FIRST RECONCILIATION—
FIRST EUCHARIST PREP. NEWS**

**Congratulations to Our Sacrament
of First Reconciliation Children!**

On behalf of our parish collaborative, we congratulate all of the children who have received their Sacrament of First Reconciliation, and will continue to pray for those who are preparing to receive this beautiful sacrament. Thank you to our parents for supporting your children during this period of sacramental preparation, and to our amazing priests, Father Walter and Father Paul, for your time celebrating the sacrament.

**First Eucharist Kickoff Schedule Change –
ONE SESSION ONLY ON FEBRUARY 4TH –
10:15 AT ST. ISIDORE**

(Afternoon session is cancelled!)

Now that the Patriots (and Eagles) have made it to the Superbowl, we will ALL meet for one session in the morning at St. Isidore Church at 10:15 a.m. to celebrate our faith “kick-off” on Superbowl Sunday! This will be a hands-on session where the children and their parent(s) will receive their new First Eucharist “Go Seek Find” folders and do a church search activity. We will finish up our time together by no later than 11:30 a.m. Please let Joan know in advance if you and your child are unable to attend this important session.

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS



St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children’s Choirs will rehearse Monday, January 29 from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall at St. Elizabeths.

Apple Valley Teen Ensemble - will rehearse on Wednesday, January 31 from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.

Collaborative Adult Music Ministers of St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore will rehearse on Wednesday, January 31 from 7:30 – 9 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall at St. Elizabeth.

**PARISH TRANSFORMATION
CONFERENCE!**

From Maintenance to Mission

February 15, 9:15 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.
(Mass at 4:00 p.m.)
Immaculate Conception Parish
216 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua, NH 03062

Keynote speaker: Father James Mallon, author of the best selling book "Divine Renovation: Bringing your Parish from Maintenance to Mission".

Highly acclaimed for his work with parish renewal and the New Evangelization, Fr. James Mallon shares with us many ways for bringing our parishes to life, sharing his experience and wisdom in the areas of Leadership, Discipleship, Transformative Prayer,



and Evangelization using Alpha. These four talks will be accompanied by witnesses and a variety of practical experiences modeling the “Divine Renovation” experience at St. Benedict’s in Halifax.

This conference is for anyone interested in helping their parish move forward in mission – staffs, councils, ministry members, anyone who wants to be a part of this great mission! The conference is filling up fast! Register now! The collaborative will pick up the cost of the conference for those who sign up by January 10th. Please contact Diahne Goodwin for registration details. For more information check out: <https://www.alphanewengland.org/parishtransformationconference>. This Conference is made possible by Alpha New England.

**NEW/SLIGHTLY USED WINTER COATS
AND NEW SOCK DRIVE FOR THE
HOMELESS IN BOSTON**

The Youth Ministry Community is collecting new and lightly used winter coats and new socks to be delivered in the streets of Boston and St. Francis House Shelter on Saturday, February 3.

Please place coats in the boxes in either parish gathering space by **Wednesday, January 30.**



**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUTH
2018 SUMMER MISSION TRIPS**

Honduras

June 14 to June 21

Open to all graduating seniors - college young people - adults.

Our Own Mission Trip

(place to be announced)

June 24 to June 30

Open to all high school young people - college young people - adult leaders.

Just5Days - Springfield

July 16 to July 20

Open to all 7th and 8th graders - adult Leaders.

Catholic Heart Workcamp - New Jersey

July 22 to July 28

Open to present 8th grade and high school young people - adult Leaders.

**Important Information and
Registration Meeting**

Monday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Hall

Young People and Parents encouraged to attend.

More information - please contact

Jim Flanagan at jim@applevalleycatholic.org

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
YOUTH MINISTRY**

Teen Alpha

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 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. For any questions please contact Jim Flanagan jim@applevalleycatholic.org.

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC
YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Food on the Commons—January 28

We will be going to Boston Commons to bring sandwiches to those who need them. Join us for the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth. We will carpool to Boston afterward.

**Ongoing Event:
Scripture Study**

Join us for a **free** dinner and good conversation about the weekend Mass readings on the First and Third Sunday starting February 4, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore.

Get in touch! Contact us:

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**SCRIPTURAL
CONTEXT**

The Messianic Secret

A feature of the Gospel of Mark is an element of secrecy and confusion that surrounds Jesus' identity. He silences demons who would announce his identity and warns those he heals to be quiet about what has occurred. There is a real lack of understanding displayed by the disciples about who Jesus is. At one point, Jesus asks the disciples, "who do you think I am?" They identify him as the Messiah but immediately demonstrate that they don't really understand what that means. The theme that runs through the gospel is a developing understanding of what it means that Jesus is the Messiah.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Sunday, January 28

Gospel Scripture Reflection

9:15—10:15 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Confirmation Retreat

10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Monday, January 29

Book Discussion

9:45—11:15 a.m., Parish Center Hall

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs

5:30-6:15 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Overview of Catholicism

7:00—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Room 1

Tuesday, January 30

Winter Teen Alpha

6:30—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Wednesday, January 31

Apple Valley Teen Ensemble

5:30—6:45 p.m., Church

Collaborative Adult Music Ministry

7:30—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall



SUNDAY CAFÉ



Please join us every Sunday for coffee and refreshments, time to catch up with friends & meet new friends!

St. Isidore after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

St. Elizabeth after the 10:30 a.m. Mass (except GIFT weekends)

COLLABORATIVE OFFICE UPDATE

Presence at St. Isidore Office

As we move forward in our Collaborative Plan, we have found it increasingly important for the entire collaborative staff to share a workspace environment under one roof. On a practical level, this allows for better staff communication and collaboration and enables all to more efficiently serve the entire collaborative community better. On the human side, this eliminates the uneasy situation of a single person, Robin, working in a building alone for many hours at a time. It is not a safe scenario.

To address this, an office space has been made available for Robin at the Collaborative Parish Center, behind St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church. Details are still being worked out but there are two next steps needed for the transition. One is working to assure continued presence and support for parishioners at St. Isidore, which will involve a combination of staff presence and a team of volunteers to assist (see volunteer posting in this bulletin). The other involves revamping the phone system so that staff members can be reached at either location, which is currently a work in progress. Thank you for your support and patience during this transition.

**DAYTIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
AT ST. ISIDORE**

Office Reception and Help Needed!

St. Isidore parish is seeking two or three people to serve 4 – 8 hours a week, at consistent time blocks, to provide presence and support to the St. Isidore community. While the collaborative staff is also committed to regular presence at St. Isidore, this team will help provide regular and consistent support to the community. Duties include greeting visitors and answering the phones, Mass cards, receiving deliveries, filing, copies, mailings and other light office support.

This is a great opportunity to support the community and the collaborative! Please be in touch with Robin with questions or if you are interested in applying for this position. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE
Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry Auction
Saturday, March 17**

Our Youth Mission Trips are not possible without the support of our community, our volunteers and the funds raised at our auction. We need help from both St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth of Hungary communities to prepare for the auction and provide donation items such as vacation homes, tickets to a sporting event, gift certificates to a local restaurant, homemade items, a ride on your boat, etc. To donate, contact Fred Zupicich at fredzup@yahoo.com or to volunteer, contact Cathy Rudolph at rudolphcl@gmail.com or Sandra Fallica at Iam12go@hotmail.com.