

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Let us preach the good news to all!

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to the stories of Jesus healing the people, what strikes you about it? What do you detect in Jesus that strengthens his ministry?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What can you do to help your friends and classmates know more about Jesus?

Question for Youth: Jesus knew that his mission was for everyone, not just one village or group of people. How can you reach out to others (outside of friends and family) and offer them hope and Good News?

Question for Adults: If you were going to pray for healing for any reason, what would it be? What needs to be healed in our world and society?

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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.



*Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018*

*Christ took away our infirmities
and bore our diseases.*



**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

LENTEN GUIDELINES 2018

The annual observance of Lent, Ash Wednesday through the Mass of the Lord's supper on Holy Thursday, is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent prepares us to celebrate the paschal mystery.

Abstinence—Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fasting—Catholics ages 18–60 years are bound to the obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.



COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

Are you a singer or instrumentalist hoping to find a musical community? The Music Ministries of St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth welcome musicians of all skill levels for one common purpose: to praise God in song. Come join us at one of the rehearsals listed below. For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich at andreas@applevalleycatholic.org



St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs will rehearse Monday, February 5, from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in the Church Hall at St. Isidore. Rehearsals in February will be at St. Isidore.

Apple Valley Teen Ensemble - Pizza, Prayer and Practice- Wednesday, February 7, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in Room 4, St. Elizabeth's Parish Center.

Collaborative Adult Music Ministries of St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore will rehearse on Monday, February 5, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Church Hall at St. Isidore. Rehearsals in February will be on Mondays at St. Isidore.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Prayer

In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. The passage tells us that it was 'long before dawn' that he did this. It may have been his usual practice to pray early in the morning or he may have been restless after the events of the previous day and the thought of what lay ahead. Nevertheless, Jesus provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.

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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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Stow, MA 01775
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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., Thursday.
St. Elizabeth—9:00 a.m., Wednesday & 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 THIS SUNDAY—February 4
(Cycle B)

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

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— February 11
(Cycle B)

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**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

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 1/28/18:	\$ 3,568
Mailbacks for Week Ending 1/27/18:	\$ 1,938
Total EFT for Week Ending 1/27/18:	\$ 26,222
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/27/18:	\$ 31,728
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 457,244
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 456,482
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ 761

Thank you very much!

Based on several parishioners, for new tax act reasons, giving lump sum donations for the December 31 collection and canceling their EFT for the next 12 months, we restated our budget for the rest of the year, starting this week. We added \$12K to the budget on 12/31 and pulled \$1K per month out of the EFT for the rest of the year. This is a \$12K change from budget this week, but will result in more accurate comparisons to budget now and going forward.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:

Wednesday, February 7, 9:00 a.m.
Ed Cairnes, Memorial Mass

Friday, February 9, 9:00 a.m.

Jennifer Anne Zupicich, Memorial Mass

St. Isidore:

Sunday, February 4, 9:00 a.m.

Jennifer Anne Zupicich, 3rd Anniversary Mass

Thursday, February 8, 9:00 a.m.

Hanna Hopkins and baby, Special Intention

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, February 7, 9:00 a.m.—St. Elizabeth

Thursday, February 8, 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore

Friday, February 9, 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: 1/28/18:	\$ 2,492
EFT for Week Ending 1/28/18:	\$ 2,343
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/28/18:	\$ 4,835
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 144,527
Budget Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 163,928
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (19,401)
Grant Annual Actual Year-To-Date	\$ 26,315
Grand Annual Budget	\$ 45,000
Over (Under) Budget	\$ (18,685)

St. Vincent DePaul \$ 39

Thank you very much!

**MISSION TRIP INFORMATION AND
REGISTRATION MEETING**

Monday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Hall

Young People and Parents encouraged to attend!

**For more information - please contact
Jim Flanagan at jim@applevalleycatholic.org**



FIRST EUCHARIST PREP. NEWS

First Eucharist Kickoff

Sunday February 4, 10:15 a.m., St. Isidore

Parent(s) and children will meet for one session in the morning at St. Isidore Church at 10:15 a.m. to celebrate our faith "kick-off" on Super Bowl 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 tour 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.

First Eucharist Mini-Lesson

We will meet with parent(s) and children on Sunday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church Hall for our first mini-lesson. A complete schedule will be sent by email to families.

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)

HELP NEEDED FOR CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Have you noticed the children leaving for Children’s Liturgy at the 9:00 Mass in St. Isidore and the 10:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth? Are you curious about what is going on downstairs? CLOW is a prayerful, reverent Liturgy of the Word, with a reflection that is geared towards kids in grades K – 5. CLOW consists of a dedicated team of leaders, assistants, and musicians who have been doing a wonderful job of running CLOW in both parishes. BUT, with doing weekly CLOW sessions in 2 parishes, we are finding that we need some more help!

You do not need to have young children to help out with CLOW. We welcome all volunteers from Junior High to Adults to help us lead, coordinate, share music, or shepherd the kids. There are many training and support materials that can help you prepare. And we are happy to meet with you at your convenience to get you started!

There will also be trainings offered for volunteers at the following times:

St. Isidore Church

Saturday, February 10, 4:15 p.m. in the Church Hall

St. Elizabeth Church

Sunday, February 11, in the Church Hall,
after the 10:30 Mass.

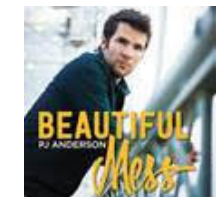
PLEASE JOIN US...

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 cost of transportation. RSVP by February 5, barbara@applevalleycatholic.org.

**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.

More information - please contact
Jim Flanagan at jim@applevalleycatholic.org



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Sunday, February 4

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

Monday, February 5

Book Discussion
9:45—11:15 a.m., Parish Center Hall

Mission Trip Registration Meeting
7:00—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Overview of Catholicism
7:00—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Room 1

Tuesday, February 6

Winter Teen Alpha
6:30—9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Wednesday, February 7

Apple Valley Teen Ensemble—
Pizza, Prayer and Practice
5:30—7:00 p.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Thursday, February 8

Writing in Faith
9:30—11:30 a.m., Parish Center, Room 2

Alpha Connect Group
7:00—8:30 p.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00—9:00 p.m., Church

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC
YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

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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THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE

Monday, February 5

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs
5:30-6:15 p.m., Church Hall

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m., Rectory Dining Room

Collaborative Adult Music Ministries of
St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth
7:30—9:00 p.m., Church Hall

**CANCELLATION OF MASS
DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**



If you don't have internet access, closings can be found on TV on Channel 4, WBZ. The names of closed institutions scroll continuously across the screen. Cancellation of Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday will be posted on the home page of the parish web site <http://www.seoh.org/> or <http://www.stisidorestow.org/> at least one hour before Mass is scheduled to begin.

Weekday morning Masses are canceled whenever the local high school cancels class or has a delayed opening. St. Isidore follows NRHS and St. Elizabeth follows ABRHS.

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.

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 robin@applevalleycatholic.org.