

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this familiar reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: How can you believe in Jesus whom you have never seen?

Question for Youth: Jesus' words of greeting were "Peace be with you," followed by the invitation to forgive sins. How does forgiveness bring peace to you? How does it change the world?

Question for Adults: What strengthens your faith? Why do you believe in Jesus?

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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.



*Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018*

*Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.*



**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).

TOGETHER LET'S HONOR, THANK AND CELEBRATE FR. WALTER & FR. PAUL

The Retirement of Fr. Walter

Friday, May 25, 2018
6:00—10:00 p.m.
Wedgewood Pines Country Club
[215 Harvard Rd., Stow, MA](#)

The seating is limited and Reservations are Required!
Reservations are taken on a first-come basis.

\$20 per reservation to help offset the cost of dinner.
Due to the limited seats, tickets can only be purchased
by coming into the St. Elizabeth's office and making
your reservation with Janice.

The Retirement of Fr. Paul:

Fr. Paul will be available in each parish after Masses to
personally connect with people, with a special gathering
at the Sunday Café's on the following weekends:

-May 12/13 at St. Elizabeth
(Sunday Café at 11:30 a.m. on 5/13)

-May 19/20 at St. Isidore
(Sunday Café at 10:00 a.m. on 5/20)

Last Mass Weekend: May 26/27

Fr. Walter: St. Isidore Masses
Fr. Paul: St. Elizabeth Masses

**HOLY THURSDAY SUPPER
A WONDERFUL NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP**

Thank you to the 170+ collaborative parishioners and
friends who attended the Holy Thursday Supper at St.
Elizabeth Parish Center. This cherished tradition pro-
vided an opportunity for all to come together to share a
meal and conversation.

A heartfelt thank you to those who organized the event,
sold tickets, cooked the meal, set up/cleaned up, and
especially to the 18 junior high and high school youth
who volunteered their time that evening. It would not
have happened with you!

**UPCOMING COLLABORATIVE
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

Confirmations:

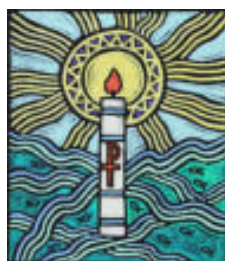
April 8, 2:00 p.m. – St. Isidore
May 13, 2:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth

Baptisms:

April 15 – St. Isidore
June 17 – St. Isidore
June 23 – St. Elizabeth
June 24 – St. Elizabeth

First Eucharist:

April 29 – St. Elizabeth
May 6 – St. Isidore
May 12 – St. Elizabeth
May 27 – St. Isidore
June 3 – St. Elizabeth



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome two new members to our Christian com-
munity in the sacrament of baptism: Ethan Louis Chan-
dler, son of Jason Chandler and Kristin Corapi;
and Teaghan Eileen Lawlor, daughter of Brian and
Kelly Lawlor. Please join us in holding Ethan and
Teaghan, their parents and godparents in prayer as they
continue to grow in faith together.

**TEEN ALPHA
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Includes dinner!**



Teen Alpha is open to all high school young peo-
ple. Freshman and Sophomores are encouraged to at-
tend for the Confirmation Preparation Program. For any
questions please contact Jim Flangan at:
jim@applevalleycatholic.org.

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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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Fax: (978) 461-0577
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., Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday.
St. Elizabeth—9:00 a.m., Monday, 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—APRIL 8
(Cycle B)

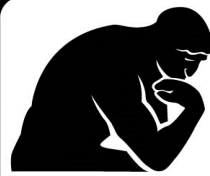
Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— APRIL 15
(Cycle B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Untie him and let him go." Let the love of God free us from any fetters in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 21-22, in Brewster, MA and May 19-20, in Warner, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



Have you thought?

Those who have not seen

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we - Blessed are we - who have not seen and yet still believe!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT: ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Sunday 4/1/18:	\$ 1,997
Mailbacks for Week Ending 3/31/18:	\$ -
Total EFT for Week Ending 3/31/18:	\$ 567
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 3/31/18:	\$ 2,564

Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 575,578
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 571,345
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ 4,233

Thank you very much!

We will report on the Triduum collections next week.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:

Monday, April 9, 9:00 a.m.
Elizabeth Klix, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.
Frances Kelly, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, April 11, 9:00 a.m.
Richard Hassmiller, Memorial Mass

Friday, April 13, 9:00 a.m.
Spors Hoffman Families, Memorial Mass

St. Isidore:

Saturday, April 7, 5:00 p.m.
Newton J. Taylor, Memorial Mass

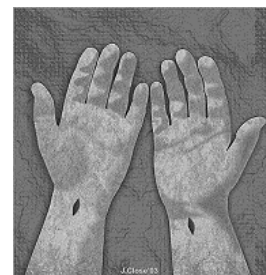
Sunday, April 8, 9:00 a.m.
Josephine Angelico, Memorial Mass

Tuesday, April 10, 9:00 a.m.
Vito DiBenedetto, Memorial Mass

**To ensure the safety of all children,
we ask that parents accompany their children who go
to the restrooms during Mass.
The parish hall is used by the community at large and
the doors remain open during Mass.
Thank you.**

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

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



EMMAUS WALK Sunday, April 22



Easter Greetings! May the peace of Christ be with you during this beautiful season! You may remember that we had to cancel the Emmaus Walk as part of the 24 Hours for the Lord event due to storm damage. We are happy to announce that the Emmaus Walk has been rescheduled to a new date and location!

Date: Sunday, April 22, 3:30
Location: Acton Arboretum
10 Taylor Rd., Acton
Light refreshments 4:15 p.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth

Parking is available at the site and across the street at the Acton Library. There is a shorter, accessible route suitable for wheelchairs and strollers--so everyone can participate! Find out more about the Acton Arboretum at: <http://www.actonarboretum.org/> For more information, please contact Barbara Dane at: barbara@applevalleycatholic.org.

SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION

Mere Christianity
By C. S. Lewis

**Monday Mornings 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center
Beginning April 9, 2018**

First heard as informal radio broadcasts and then published as three separate books - *The Case for Christianity*, *Christian Behavior*, and *Beyond Personality* - *Mere Christianity* brings together what Lewis saw as the fundamental truths of the religion. Rejecting the boundaries that divide Christianity's many denominations, C.S. Lewis finds a common ground on which all those who have Christian faith can stand together. (*Goodreads*).

Please let Diahne Goodwin know if you would like to participate (or simply show up on April 9!) There may also be a Thursday morning group at St. Isidore. Details to come. Books are generally available at your local library or online via resources like Amazon.

SUNDAY CAFÉ NEEDS YOU!

It is wonderful to have the opportunity to gather after Mass as community to socialize and get to know each other better! Thank you to all who have made this possible! Can you shop? Can you make coffee and set up refreshments? Can you tidy up? Are you looking for a simple way to get involved in the community? It does not take too much to make any particular Sunday Café possible. However, it takes a team of people committed to helping to sustain it every week. Family groups, friends, individuals, can sign up to help with any or all parts of Sunday Café. Many hands make light work. The more teams we have the fewer times each team needs to be assigned! Please contact the following coordinators if you would like to join these awesome groups!

For St. Isidore: Jill Smith:
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St. Isidore's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on
Monday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Upstairs in the Rectory.

St. Elizabeth's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on
Tuesday, April 10 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in
Room 4, St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILY NEWS

We will meet with parent(s) and children for our First Eucharist Potluck Lunch and Workshop this Sunday, April 8 at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall. Please contact Joan Mattila with any questions about this event or the sacrament of First Eucharist.

2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



GROUP VBS 2018:
SHIPWRECKED
RESCUED BY JESUS

August 13-17, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.
Check upcoming bulletins for further
information on volunteering and registration.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Sunday, April 8

First Eucharist Family Workshop
11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m., Church

Monday, April 9

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

Tuesday, April 10

Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:00—11:30 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Wednesday, April 11

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

CPC/PFC Joint Meeting

7:00—9:00 p.m., Parish Center, Room 1

Thursday, April 12

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

ST. ELIZABETH MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Almost every week we hear about one of our fellow parishioners who is not able to get to Mass due to temporary or long-term physical limitations. We miss them and they miss us! They also miss the opportunity to receive Christ in the Eucharist. We have a dedicated group of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who, in teams that rotate, are sent forth from Mass to visit the homebound, sharing the Word, prayers and bringing them Holy Communion. The requests are increasing, but the number of visitors hasn't been able to keep up with demand.

We invite all who are curious about his ministry to be in touch with Mary Parrella, the coordinator, at vparrella@comcast.net. A great way to explore this ministry is to accompany a current minister on some visits to get a sense of what happens and to discern if you may be called to this ministry. We make visits after weekend Masses and also after weekday morning Masses. All Eucharistic Ministers need to be affirmed and commissioned by the pastor, but anyone can accompany a minister on a visit. Just 45 minutes of time can make a huge and positive difference in someone's week.

Please consider it!

ST. ELIZABETH EASTER FLOWERS

Your contribution helps us provide the flowers and decorations that will adorn St. Elizabeth church for the *entire* Easter Season. Please complete the form below and mail it to the parish office at 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720 Attn: John Morris. You may also put it in an envelope marked 'SEOH Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket at either parish. If your donation is in memory of a deceased loved one and you wish to have his/her name published in our bulletin on the Feast of Pentecost, the end of the Easter Season, please check off the appropriate box on the form below. Contact Mary Ryan at mgr@applevalleycatholic.org or at 978-263-4305 X35 if you have any questions.

St. Elizabeth Flower Fund Donation	
Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ towards the Easter Season Flower Fund.	
I am making this donation in memory of _____	
<i>(please print clearly)</i>	
I would like the above name/s published in the bulletin on the Feast of Pentecost. Yes____ No_____.	
My name is _____	
Please check here if you would like your donation to be made anonymously. ____	

ST. ELIZABETH PRAYER LINE

Are you looking for a way to give back? Do you have 10-15 minutes a week to pray? We have an email prayer line that generates a few emails per week that are requests for prayer. It is amazingly comforting to know that a group of people are praying for you. Please email Cathy Griffin at cathleengriffin@comcast.net.

We would love for you to join us! And, if you need a prayer, you can use the same email. We only use first names, or no name, to protect your privacy.

ROSARY AND COMMUNION VISITS TO THE NURSING HOMES

A very small team of very dedicated volunteers visit the residents at Life Care Center of Acton on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each a month and Robbins Brook on the third Tuesday morning of each month. During the visit, volunteers begin with leading residents in praying the Rosary. This is then followed by a Communion Service, led by trained Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. After that, the EMs visit those residents who are unable to attend the gathering to provide them with Holy Communion (room visits occur at Life Care Center only). The volunteer ministers are sent forth from weekday morning Mass, just as the Homebound ministers are sent forth from Mass.

For many who benefit from these visits, it is their only connection with the church and church community. The chance to pray and receive the Eucharist brings great comfort and peace. For those who have been visiting, often for many years, find the bonds and community shared truly a gift! This ministry is at risk of ending unless we get more volunteers - both Rosary leaders and Eucharistic Ministers. Our current team is small and is often challenged with scheduling issues related to illness, retirement, and other life commitments that pop up.

Please prayerfully consider the possibility. Could you spare 30 - 60 minutes once a month to share your faith and prayers with these often forgotten members of our community?? We are looking for people to serve as Eucharistic Ministers or Rosary leaders (or both!). Please contact Diahne Goodwin if you have questions or you think you may be called to this beautiful ministry. We can also arrange a "job shadow" - you can come observe without commitment.

ARCHDIOCESAN CURSILLO Men's Weekend April 26—29

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. The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston MA. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Warmest congratulations to the young people being Confirmed this weekend at St. Isidore and to their families!

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our many visitors this weekend. We are glad to have you worship with us and hope you'll join us again!

EXTRA PARKING FOR ST. ISIDORE

Please note that there is extra parking space at the Center Elementary School (2 doors east of St. Isidore on Rt. 117). If all spaces are taken in the St. Isidore parking lot and on the street, please park at Center Elementary. We ask that you do not park on the grass or block the driveway and fire lanes in front of the church. - Thank you.



CORI—ST. ISIDORE

All volunteers at St. Isidore must have a current CORI. For the month of April, after all Masses, volunteers can fill out new or renewed CORI forms in the Work Sacristy on Saturdays and the Church Hall on Sundays.

COLLABORATIVE CHOIR

Collaborative choir will rehearse on Monday, April 9 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in St. Isidore Church Hall.

PALLIATIVE CARE COLLOQUIUM

Caring for the caregiver: How do we support those who care for the seriously ill? Please join the Archdiocese of Boston's Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning in welcoming guest speakers as they guide us through the challenging role of the caregiver in response to the needs of the seriously ill.

When: Saturday, April 14
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree
Cost \$15 (includes presentation and light refreshments)

For more information please go to
<http://www.bostoncatholic.org/palliativecare/>