

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
As of June 1, 2018**

St. Elizabeth Parish:
Sunday: 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

St. Isidore Parish:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:45 a.m.

Daily Eucharist this week:
St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

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

For current information, check the Parish website or call the Parish telephone number.

INTERCHURCH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes are available at each church for both St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth. Envelopes are available in the gathering areas of both parishes for parishioners who prefer to send their offertory to a specific parish.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Sunday 5/20/18	\$ 3,885
Mailbacks for Week Ending 5/19/18:	\$ 2,542
Total EFT for Week Ending 5/19/18:	\$ 567
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 5/19/18:	\$ 6,994
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 656,822
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 643,223
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ 13,599

Thank you very much!



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 5/20/18:	\$ 2,657
EFT for Week Ending 5/20/18:	\$ 2,403
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 5/20/18:	\$ 5,060
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2017:	\$ 227,933
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2017:	\$ 248,536
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2017:	\$ (20,603)

Seminary Collection	\$ 738
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 120

Thank you very much!

OUR PARISHES:

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www.seoh.org

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Stow, MA 01775
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www.stisidorestow.org

**COLLABORATIVE STAFF
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READINGS THIS SUNDAY— May 27
(Cycle B)

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40, Rom 8:14-17, Mt 28:16-20

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— June 3
(Cycle B)

Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16; 22-26

*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.



**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
May 27, 2018**

*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.*



**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,



A well-known passage from the Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that “there is an appointed time for every-thing, and a time for every affair under the heavens.” After sharing so many times and affairs with you, it is now time for me to say good-bye. I have been privileged to serve St. Isidore Parish for the last six years, and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish for the last twenty. Honestly, I never expected to have anything close to that many years at St. E’s, and never expected to have any time at St. I’s. Being part of both parishes—one graced community—has been a blessing to me. I give thanks for it, for all of you, and for those I have known over the years. I am a better person, disciple, and priest because of you and your witness of kindness and faith. In particular, I want to thank Fr. Paul and our staff for their accompaniment on the road and their generous support and service. There is and will always be a special place in my heart for our teens (and former teens). To them and to all, my prayer is that you open yourself anew each day to the personal love of Jesus Christ for you and everyone. Embrace that love, live from it, and never let anyone tell you that you are excluded or persuade you to doubt or walk away from it. “Hold onto love!” and then, in thanksgiving, go forth to share it.

Looking ahead, I plan to begin my trip to California next Friday morning. I decided to travel by car, by myself, for spiritual and personal as well as practical reasons. I will proceed at a pace that is safe and reasonable, but without undue delay. Once in SoCal, I will stay with my sister while seeking a place of my own. Longer term, I will take whatever time I need to transition fully into retirement. Then, when the moment is right (Ecclesiastes again), I will offer to help out in a local parish and hopefully become part of the community there.

You are always welcome to get in touch. You can get my cell number, personal email address, and (eventually) my mailing address from our staff persons.

With love, prayers, and thanksgiving,

Fr. Walter

A NEW COLLABORATIVE MASS SCHEDULE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1

Saturday at 5 p.m. – St. Isidore Church
Sunday at 8:45 a.m. – St. Isidore Church
Sunday at 10:45 a.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
Sunday at 5 p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 9 a.m. – St. Isidore Church

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION SOCIALS

Take a break and enjoy some good food, good company and good conversation! Please RSVP to Diahne Goodwin by the week prior to each event and let her know if you can attend the pot luck supper and, if so, what you can bring.

Monday, July 9
St. Isidore Church Hall
6:30 p.m. Potluck supper
7:30 p.m. Discussion of book



Angels and Demons:
What Do We Really Know about Them?
by [Peter J. Kreeft](#).

In response to actual questions many people have asked him about angels and demons, well-known author and philosophy professor Peter Kreeft separates fact from fantasy and myth from reality as he answers 100 common questions about these spiritual beings. Based on a very popular college course he teaches on this subject, this book responds to the incredible amount of interest in angelic beings and attempts to clear up some of the misinformation abounding in the numerous books today on what we know about these mysterious spirits. If you would like a copy of the book (\$15), please place your order with Diahne no later than May 31.

Wednesday, August 22
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall
6:30 p.m. Potluck supper
7:30 p.m. Discussion of book

Rejoice and be Glad (Gaudete et Exsultate): Apostolic Exhortation on the Call to Holiness in Today's World, by [Pope Francis](#). Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation involves the call to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time. As he has explained in this way, “Seeing and acting with mercy: That is holiness.” If you would like a copy of the exhortation (\$11) please place your order with Diahne no later than May 31.

Copies can be also be downloaded from the Vatican (http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html).



BACCALAUREATE BRUNCHES
All Seniors are Welcome

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
Wednesday, May 30, Parish Center Hall
Immediately after graduation rehearsal.



Baccalaureate

St. Isidore Parish
Wednesday, June 6
11:00 a.m. in the Rectory

8th GRADE GATHERING
Pizza, Sundaes and Tye-Dye
Tuesday, June 5

5:30-7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall

The Teen Leadership Committee welcomes you to this fun evening of food and fun. Come find out about Youth Ministry in the Apple Valley Catholic Community. Please bring a t-shirt to tye-dye.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT THE STEUBENVILLE EAST CONFERENCE!
Friday, July 13, 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 15 at 1:30 p.m., UMass Lowell

Together, we'll join more than 4,000 Catholic High School Students throughout New England as we listen to inspirational talks, hear great music and worship together.

This year's theme is REVEALED: “In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.” – 1 John 4:9. Cost is \$150/person.

Follow this link to learn more:
<https://youtu.be/JXU6pWII0JU>

If you want more even more reasons to attend, follow this link: <https://youtu.be/HB6BKDafVyo>

If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please email

Bryce Connors - bryceconnors@comcast.net
Jim Flanagan - jim@applevalleycatholic.org

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:
Monday, May 28, 9:00 a.m.
Frances Kelly, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, May 30, 9:00 a.m.
Paul J. Curran, Jr., Memorial Mass

St. Isidore:
Sunday, May 27, 9:00 a.m.
Serge Bernard, Memorial Mass

Tuesday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.
Marcia Melone, Special Intention

Wednesday, May 30, 9:00 a.m.
Kathy O'Keefe, Special Intention

Thursday, May 31, 9:00 a.m.
Bertha Malonis, Memorial Mass

ST. ISIDORE ANNUAL GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY
Saturday, June 9, 9:00 a.m.—Noon



Volunteers are needed to clean up the flower beds, the vegetable garden, repair the edges of the lawn and general lawn clean-up. Please join us and bring your garden tools & gloves. Call Robin in the office if you have any questions.

CATHOLIC MOMS NIGHT OUT!
Monday, June 11, 7:30—9:30 p.m.
Red Raven Restaurant, Acton

Come have a summer night out with the moms of the Apple Valley Catholic Community! No formal discussions at this meeting, just a friendly, relaxing social with moms sharing stories of faith and family. If you have been wanting to get to know the Apple Valley Catholic Community on a more personal basis, then THIS is the event to try! Hope to see you there! Contact Hayley at psychchic04@gmail.com with questions.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Protecting God's Children is a one-time required class for everyone 18 years old and older who volunteers with children, youth, or the homebound. If you plan to chaperone a mission trip, help with Children's Liturgy, or assist at Vacation Bible School, you must be Virtus Certified and have a current CORI form on file. Virtus will be offered at St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. Please register with our Child Abuse Protection leader, Jack Deasy at: j.w.deasy@gmail.com. CORI forms are available in the Parish offices Sunday - Thursday.