

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: We are called to serve as Jesus served.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel, the short form

Step One: Listen to the Word

When you hear Jesus' teaching today, what words or phrases strike you? What image from Mark's Gospel lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

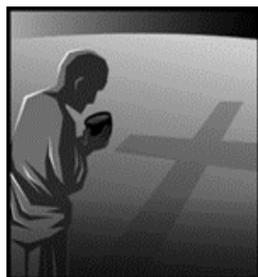
Question for Children: Name some ways that you can serve others.

Question for Youth: Jesus changed the way we think of leadership to be someone who serves others. How are you a leader in school, your family, the parish and/or your community?

Question for Adults: What are some times in your own life when you have the chance to be last instead of first?

EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS FALL RETREATS

The Office of Chaplaincy Programs is now offering the *Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents*, a unique program providing spiritual retreats for grieving parents given by grieving parents. It is a safe place where parents can find peace, comfort, and hope—at least for a time. Currently we are offering One-Day and Weekend Retreats. Parents focus on questions, such as “Where is God in my pain? Where is my child right now? Will I ever see my child again?” “How can I get through this horrific situation? These are for parents of any age who are grieving the loss of a child of any age. Upcoming Retreats: November 2-4 at the Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury and December 8 in Weymouth. For more details go to www.emfgp.org.



LIVING THE GOSPEL

Servant Leadership

What does it really mean to practice servant leadership? It means placing the needs of others before your own desires for prestige or authority. We've all known people who have been given a position of leadership and they really only wanted the job as recognition of their popularity; a thank you for previous work done; an opportunity to demonstrate their strength of will or cleverness with words. Servant leadership is about collaborating; it's about empowering people to do their best; it's about trusting others and about rolling up your sleeves and getting on with the job.

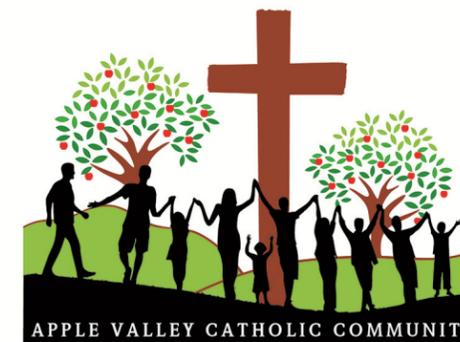
St. Isidore Parish, Stow
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough

Celebrating God's love in Jesus Christ. Going forth to share it with all.



*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 21, 2018*

*The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.*



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!

Dear Parishioners,



As we say "good-bye" to summer and welcome the fall season I am excited to spend my first fall with all of you in the Apple Valley Catholic Community. If asked, "What excites you about fall this year?" my answer would be two-fold. First, fall brings the season of apple picking here in the Apple Valley of Massachusetts. Many of you have told me about apple picking and how popular it is. Second, I would say the start of a new season of programs offered in our Catholic community, all leading our community to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and discipleship. The following programs have already started or will start in a few weeks: Alpha & Teen Alpha, Bible Studies, Confirmation preparation, First Penance & First Communion preparation, GIFT, Music ministry, Young Adult Scripture Study, Book Discussion group, and several other programs, as well as the celebration of the Sacraments of our faith. This is our Catholic community, this is who we are.

Fall also brings with it the need to review where we stand financially at both Parishes. On a monthly basis the Parish Finance Council ("PFC") for each parish meets together with me to review and discuss our offertory, our expenses, and the work needed to ensure that our buildings and grounds remain in good condition for many years to come. The PFCs and I have been monitoring our financial condition over the last several months and have concluded that we need both the Grand Annual at St. Isidore and the Increase Offertory at St. Elizabeth. Without the appeals, at St. Isidore we are projecting a net loss for fiscal 2019 of (\$65,000), while at St. Elizabeth we are projecting a net loss of (\$32,000). In past years both appeals have helped our community to reduce projected deficits. The PFCs and I are praying for the same results this year. Unless the projected losses are significantly reduced, we will need to determine whether the current level of program offerings are sustainable.

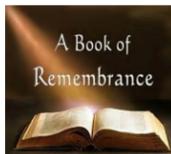
During this week, letter packets have been mailed to all parishioners on record. Each packet will contain a letter from your respective PFC council and me. Additional information will include financial results for fiscal 2018, projections for fiscal 2019, and a summary explanation of how much it costs financially to keep our parishes operating. For those not receiving parish direct mailings, letter packets will also be available at each church beginning the weekend of October 20th.

In the coming weeks, please take the time to read through the materials and formulate your personal response to the Grand Annual at St. Isidore or the Increase Offertory at St. Elizabeth. Through your financial support you enable our Community to carry out its mission and continue to serve with the effectiveness, hospitality and generosity that have been our hallmarks.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Jesus Christ's mission through our Apple Valley Catholic Community.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jeff

REMEMBRANCE ALCOVES



During the month of November we remember those who have died and pray that they might share in the peace and joy of the Resurrection.

ST. ELIZABETH

We remember our deceased family members and friends by writing their names in our Book of the Names of the Dead and placing their pictures on the wall in St. Elizabeth Alcove. Please print your loved one's name on the back of the picture before placing it on the wall. After November 30, you may either leave the picture with us to keep for next year or pick it up after Mass on the weekend.

ST. ISIDORE

The remembrance Alcove will be set up for the month of November with the book of Names to honor and pray for friends and family who have died. You are invited to share a photo of your loved one at any time during the month in the remembrance alcove. Please write your loved one's name on the back so we may return the photo to you at the end of the month or, if you wish we can keep the photo for next year.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Friday, November 2
7:30—8:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church

The month of November is a time when we remember those who have died. On Friday, November 2 from 7:30-8:30 pm we will gather as a community in the church to pray with each other as we remember our family members and friends who have died.

This service of scripture readings, music, and reflective silence will offer an opportunity for those present to light a candle for those members of our families and for our friends who have died, but who are ever present in our hearts and minds. All are welcome.

A reception hosted by the Cursillo Community will be held after the Remembrance Service in the church hall.



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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.



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Phone (978) 263-4305
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www.seoh.org

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Stow, MA 01775
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Fax: (978) 461-0577
www.stisidorestow.org

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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 at St. Isidore this week:
Monday & Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Daily Eucharist at St. Elizabeth this week:
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Isidore
Saturdays, 4:00—4:45 p.m.

St. Elizabeth
Sundays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.



READINGS THIS SUNDAY— October 21
Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— October 28
Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:
VIRTUS TRAINING AND CORI CHECKS**

The Archdiocese of Boston mandates that all volunteers who minister directly to children or elders, or who have the potential for unmonitored access to children must be Virtus (Child Abuse Protection) trained and must have a CORI check. This requirement may include, but is not limited to GIFT and Teen Alpha group leaders, chaperones, Confirmation leaders, Children's Liturgy of the Word ministers, musicians, altar server trainers, EM's for the homebound, etc. You only need to complete this training once.

Criminal Offender (CORI) checks *must be completed on a yearly basis* and are submitted for each organization in which one volunteers. (A school CORI check, for example, will not be acceptable for church.) CORI forms must be completed and returned to a staff member. CORI forms are available in the collaborative offices and after Masses.

Virtus Training Session

Please sign up for Virtus training at least one week prior to the session. You may register by contacting Barbara Dane at barbara@applevalleycatholic.org or at 978-263-4305, ext. 16. Please leave your name, parish, and an email or cell phone number where you can be reached.

Saturday, November 10, 10:00 a.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Room 3

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

Total Offertory Sunday 10/14/18:	\$ 3,671
Mailbacks for Week Ending 10/13/18:	\$ 1,571
Total EFT for Week Ending 10/13/18:	\$ 429
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/13/18:	\$ 5,671
Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 180,295
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 192,101
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$ (11,807)

Thank you very much!

JANUARY MINISTRY SHOWCASE

~ Seeking Organizing Help! ~

Periodically it is helpful to showcase all parish ministries. This helps to let everyone know what ministries are available and is also a time to invite new participation. We hope to plan and offer a collaborative wide Ministry Showcase after all Masses on the weekend of January 12/13. We need a small team of 2-4 people to help coordinate the details to make this possible. This involves communicating with ministries and organizing the set up and presentation in each of the Church halls. Please contact Diahne Goodwin for more information or if you can help, diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES OFFERING
SOLIDARITY RETREAT
October 27**

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas and throughout the US. If you have a passion for global solidarity and are interested in learning more about getting involved and making a difference, then this retreat is for you. There is no pressure for commitment to anything specific. It is a time to learn and discern.



The Fall Retreat will be held on October 27 at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. Please contact Danielle Corea-Smith, Regional Relationship Manager, at 973 255-6502 or danielle.corea-smith@crs.org for details.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 10/14/18:	\$ 3,609
EFT for Week Ending 10/14/18:	\$ 2,391
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/14/18:	\$ 6,000
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 77,449
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 79,120
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$ (1,671)
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$ 52

Thank you very much!

**INVITATION TO THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING
THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE**

The Ministry of Consolation from St. Elizabeth invites all who grieve the loss of a loved one to attend the 10:45 Mass on November 4 and the reception which will follow in Room 1 of the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. If you plan to attend or have any questions please contact Deb Lundquist at 978-290-1355.

**IMPORTANT TIME CHANGE FOR EVENING
GIFT SESSIONS THIS WEEKEND!**

- Saturday, Oct. 20 at St. Isidore: was originally 6:15 p.m. **NOW 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**
- Sunday, Oct. 21 at St. Elizabeth still 11:45 a.m. **(no change!)**
- Sunday, Oct. 21 at St. Elizabeth: was originally 6:15 p.m., **NOW 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL LASER TAG TRIP

Sunday, November 4 after the 10:45 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth.

- Bus leaves St. Elizabeth parking lot at 12:00 noon
- Bus pick up at St. Isidore lot: 12:15 p.m.
- Returns to St. Isidore, 4:00 p.m.
- Returns to St. Elizabeth, 4:15 p.m.

Xtreme Craze
Westmeadow Plaza
166 Milk Street
Westborough, MA 01581

Cost: \$45 and *permission slip is required.*

Contact Barbara Dane at

barbara@applevalleycatholic.org

**ST. ELIZABETH SUNDAY CAFÉ
NEEDS YOU!**

We are in need of more volunteers to keep this running. Please contact Bob Meinhold at bob.meinhold@olympus.com if you are able to help in any way.

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

Our organist, Mary Kantor, will be leaving St. Elizabeth at the end of the month. Mary's last Mass will be Sunday, October 28. Please join us in thanking Mary for her 18 years of dedication and faithful service.



Teen Ensemble Rehearsal on Monday from 6:30—7:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.

Children's Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in St. Isidore Church Hall.

Collaborative Adult Music Ministry Choirs will rehearse on Wednesday from 7:00—8:30 p.m. in St. Isidore Church Hall.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

**Large Group Gathering
Tuesday, October 30
7:00—8:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall**

Please join us as to learn about Lazarus House.

**YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS
(Open to incoming Freshman to
Graduating Seniors)**

New - Youth Ministry Night!
Second Sunday of every Month after the
5:00 p.m. Mass

**Mystery All-Nighter
November 10-11
Sign up by November 1.**

Please contact Jim Flanagan
at jim@applevalleycatholic.org for the forms.

All events are on Facebook and in the parish bulletin.
Facebook: Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUNG
ADULT GROUP**
ATTENTION ALL YOUNG ADULTS (20s—30s)

Faith, Food and Friends
This week—Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for dinner and faith conversation with Fr. Paul Sughrue. This is always a fun night to talk about our faith and meet new people. Pay your own way. Location: Yangtze River Restaurant at 584 King St., Littleton.

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUNG
ADULT GROUP**

Volunteer at Cor Unum Meal Center

Saturday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
We will serve dinner at Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence. Dinner is provided there. Please RSVP by November 1. Meet us at St. Elizabeth Parish to carpool. Learn more about Cor Unum here: <http://www.corunummealcenter.org>.

Ongoing Events:

Scripture Study every First and Third Sunday
(through December 2)

Join us for a *free* dinner and good conversation about the readings from Mass. Meet us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the parish center at St. Elizabeth Parish.

Volunteer at Household Goods

Third Sunday of every month 12:45 —4:00 p.m.
Household Goods provides families with donated furniture and appliances to help them furnish their homes. Volunteers can either help families pick our goods or load their vans. Please contact us if this is your first time volunteering. Meet us at Household Goods at 530 Main Street, Acton. Learn more at <http://householdgoods.org>.

**Check out the Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult
Group Facebook group for the most up-to-date
events:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/558137624339112/>

Get in touch! Contact us!

For more information on all our young adult Programs: youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org

YOUNG FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

Here's our upcoming schedule of events:

First Communion Sacramental Preparation

- **This Weekend is GIFT Weekend!** Families choose one of three sessions during the weekend. Our First Communion children and parent(s) attend the K-4 breakout session with Joan Mattila.
- **Mini-Lesson #3** for children and parent(s) is on Sunday October 28 at St. Isidore Church Hall at 8:00 a.m. (Parent and child complete Go Seek Find lessons 5&6 beforehand.)

If you have not registered for GIFT or our First Communion preparation program, it's not too late! Please contact Joan Mattila with any questions about our sacramental preparation program for First Communion.

**Saints Workshop and Pageant for Children in
Grades K-4**
Thursday, November 1

Save the date for Thursday, November 1 for our pizza and Saints workshop that will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Church Hall, followed by a celebration of the Feast of All Saints Holy Mass and children's saints pageant. Siblings in upper grades are welcome to participate as helpers. Please contact Joan Mattila for more information.



This is a volunteer ministry offered most Sundays at both St. Isidore 8:45 a.m. and St. Elizabeth 10:45 a.m. Masses. Children in grades K-6 are accompanied by our CLOW team to the church hall following the opening prayers and they return to Mass prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Parents are welcome to accompany their young children as well. This is an amazing opportunity for the young children of our collaborative to hear the Word of God proclaimed and then reflected upon in a format that upholds the sanctity of this portion of the Mass, yet simplifies the language and message so that our young children can celebrate the Eucharist with "full, conscious and active participation." (Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy #14). If you have questions about CLOW, or would like to join our ministry team, please contact Joan Mattila at joan@applevalleycatholic.org or 978-263-4305 ext. 17.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH & FAMILIES!
The Kids Healthy Minds Initiative Education Session
November 28 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Isidore Church Hall

The Kids Healthy Minds Initiative (KHM) is an innovative mental health awareness and community education program offered across the Archdiocese of Boston in partnership with Franciscan Children's. The prevalence of youth mental illness is staggering. *20% of our children and adolescents hold a mental health diagnosis nationwide* according to the CDC. Failure to detect and treat mental illness early can have a significant impact on a child's potential and success later in life. Franciscan Children's will provide an education session in our collaborative on Wednesday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Isidore Church Hall. Those who participate in a KHM education session will gain an understanding of the early warning signs of mental illness, common youth diagnoses and the barriers of stigma impacting our families.

All are welcome to attend this important evening.

Please join our faith community to learn about this crucial initiative and what steps we can take together to support youth and families who suffer from mental illness. *Your attendance at this one session can make a tremendous difference!* For any questions regarding the program please contact Franciscan Children's team at: Kidshealthyminds@franciscanchildrens.org

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Join fellow parishioners on **Saturday, Nov 17, 6 p.m., in St. Elizabeth's parish hall** for a hands-on workshop to make an Advent wreath for your family table using fresh evergreens. Plan to roll up your sleeves for an evening of socializing, Advent music, and a bit of education. At the end of the night, you'll have a handmade Advent wreath to bring home.

We'll provide the undecorated wreath form, Advent candles, mini pink/purple ornaments, a gold plate to display the wreath, snacks, hot/cold beverages and wine. We will have some extra greens to share, but helpful if you can also bring greens from your yard, along with hand pruners, if you have them. Cost is \$25/pp. MUST be 21+ years old to attend. Any questions, or to RSVP: pam.pnelson@gmail.com; 978-337-3153.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:
Saturday, October 20, 5:00 p.m.
Donald Benoit, Kevin Lewis, Diane and Kelly Walsh,
Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 21, 8:45 a.m.
William and Elsie Monahan, Memorial Mass



St. Elizabeth:
Wednesday, October 24, 9:00 a.m.
Moe Joyal, Memorial Mass

**ST. ISIDORE FAMILY ITALIAN NIGHT
& SILENT AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA**

St. Isidore Hall
Saturday, November 3, 6:00—9:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening listening to Italian music while browsing our many Silent Auction items followed by a delicious homemade Italian dinner of Italian pasta, meatballs & vegetarian ziti. Gluten free will be available as well. Then enjoy a warm cup of coffee with a yummy dessert while listening for your name to be called as a winning bidder!

Reservations will be taken the weekends of October 20 & 27 at St. Isidore after all Masses. You may also request via email to Lauren at email address below. Adults-\$7.50 • Seniors (60+)-\$6.00 • Children 5 to 18-\$5.00 • Under 5 FREE.

WE NEED HELP! We need help serving dinner that night. Please consider volunteering to help us. We need four servers. Contact Lauren, debenedetto6@gmail.com, 978-897-2599. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE
MINISTRY RENEWAL DAY

Saturday, November 17
9 a.m.—3 p.m., St. Isidore Hall

All involved in **any ministry** are invited and encouraged to attend. Details coming.