

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Power in weakness.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

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

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What would you like to ask Jesus for?

Question for Youth: "Master, I want to see!" What do you most want to be able to "see" in your own life? How are you blind?

Question for Adults: What does it mean for you to "see"? Are there blind spots in your life?

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.



SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

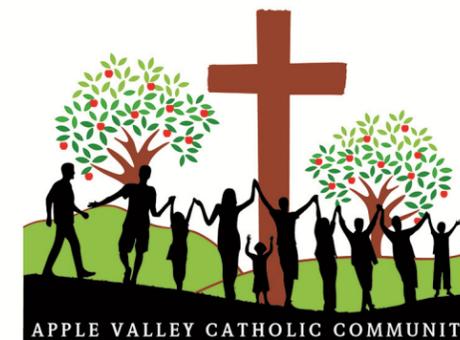
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St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough

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



*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 28, 2018*

*Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death
and brought life to light through the Gospel.*



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!*

**ALL SAINTS MASS SCHEDULE
(Holy Day of Obligation)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

9:00 a.m. – St. Isidore
7:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE
Welcome Katie & Wes!**

This weekend, at the 8:45 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore, the Rite of Acceptance will take places for our RCIA participants, who have been studying, praying and asking questions about the Catholic faith. In the Rite, inquirers, Wes Alexander and Katie Mikoski, have consciously and freely sought a closer relationship with God and entered the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. They will publicly declare for the first time that they want to be baptized. Through this Rite, they will be entering into a formal, although still incomplete, relationship with the Church. This Rite will supply them with the graces they need to grow in this new way of life as they continue their journey to the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. We invite you to take an active role in welcoming Katie and Wes by praying for them and by being models of faith and Christian charity for them. Thank you for your support as they continue to learn and grow!

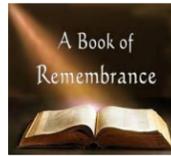


**INVITATION TO THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING
THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE**

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.



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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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:

There will be no 9:00 a.m. morning Mass on Monday October 29 at St. Isidore due to a funeral.

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Daily Eucharist at St. Elizabeth this week.

There will be no 9:00 a.m. morning Mass on Wednesday October 31 at St. Elizabeth due to a funeral.

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 28

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— November 4

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

**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)

In the past few weeks, parishioners donated \$1,388 to the Holy Father & Missionary Efforts combined collection in support of multiple causes including: Catholic University of America and Peter's Pence. Thank you for your support.

**RCAB LAY MISSION PROJECT
Mini-Workshop**

Saturday, November 10, 9:00a.m.— 3:00 p.m.
Pastoral Center - 66 Brooks Dr., Braintree

Join other Catholics who seek to deepen their understanding of the faith and become an essential part of the Church's mission to the world in the ordinary circumstances of daily life. Papal Ninja Sean Bryan and Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP will be in Boston to present this MINI-WORKSHOP from the Lay Mission Project. Make the Faith relevant and life-giving for you and your family. Bring scriptures to life. Learn how to effectively use your gifts to influence your work, society, and your relationships for the good. This mini-workshop provides a sampling of what the Lay Mission Project offers through an in-depth formation that's accessible to the average busy layperson; whether a young adult, middle aged, or elderly, single or married, professional, retired, or a homemaker, FIND OUT how you can have an ongoing faith deepening encounter with Christ. Contact mwakelee@rcab.org with questions and register at www.disciplesinmission.org. Cost: \$20.



**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.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE	
Total Offertory Last Sunday: 10/21/18:	\$ 3,008
EFT for Week Ending 10/21/18:	\$ 2,391
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/21/18:	\$ 5,399
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 82,848
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 84,008
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$ (1,160)
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$ 19

Thank you very much!

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.

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

**Ministry Renewal Day!
MISSION
MINISTRY
DISCIPLESHIP**

**Saturday, November 17, 2018
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
St. Isidore Church Hall**

Please join us for a time of renewal, refreshment and rekindling of relationships with one another as fellow disciples in mission. This is for anyone involved in or considering getting involved in any ministry at our Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative. Lunch is included! There is no cost, but pre-registration is needed for planning, thank you! Please sign up with Judy at: judy@applevalleycatholic.org, no later than November 11. For other questions, please see Diahne Goodwin.

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

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

No Children's Choir this week.

Adult Music Ministry will rehearse on Thursday from 8:00—8:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.



Dear people of God at St. Elizabeth,

It has been a privilege to serve the music and sung prayer of St. Elizabeth these past eighteen years. With the collaborative's recent budget adjustments, my tenure now comes to an end, and I look back at these years with great gratitude. As accompanist, and for a time as interim music director and youth choir director, I have had the rich opportunity to play a role in supporting the worshipping life of this parish. The music ministry, under the exceptional pastoral leadership of Andrea Goodrich, has been family these many years, with wide arms of welcome to so many: from children's choir, into youth and adult choirs, and continuing to include those many young adults who return to share their musical gifts for Christmas and Triduum liturgies. Through the liturgical seasons, through feasting and joys, tragedy and deep grief, this greatly gifted music ministry, now sharing song with the musicians of St. Isidore, has led and upheld the prayer of this community through music.

St. Augustine said "*Cantare amantis est*" – 'Singing belongs to one who loves.' The singing that has risen from this community week after week, and year after year is profound witness of this love – of God, of one another, of our Church, of our world. I will carry this love and this song in my heart.

My thanks, prayers, and blessings – Mary Kantor

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.

**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>.

**5th Annual Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
and Taco Night**

Friday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.
Join us at the St. Isidore rectory to celebrate with a *free* taco dinner and conversation! Bring friends!

Christmas in the City

Sunday, December 16, 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Volunteer at a giant Christmas party for children who live in homeless shelters with their families! Help provide a meal, take children on rides, and see the joy that this event brings them and their family.

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>.

JESUS aCROSS the Border

Join us as we go to JESUS aCROSS the Border for adoration, mass and a social hour on the third Friday of every month. This organization brings together young adults from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We go every month. <http://jesusacrosstheborder.org>.

**Check out the Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult
Group Facebook group for updates:**

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

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

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.

YOUNG FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

Here is our upcoming schedule of events:

First Communion Sacramental Preparation

- **Mini-Lesson #3** for children and parent(s) is this Sunday October 28 at St. Isidore Church Hall at 8:00 a.m. (Parent and child complete Go Seek Find lessons 5&6 beforehand.)

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

Thursday, November 1 there will be pizza and a 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 RSVP to ministry coordinator, Joan Mattila so that we can plan for pizza and workshop materials: joan@applevalleycatholic.org.

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.

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 27, 5:00 p.m.
Mileski Family, Memorial Mass

DAILY MASS THIS WEEK:

There will be no 9:00 a.m. morning Mass on Monday October 29 at St. Isidore and Wednesday October 31 at St. Elizabeth due to funerals.

**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!

NOTE!

**Overview of Catholicism Course
POSTPONED**

The fall class is being rescheduled to begin January 28, Monday mornings. Those interested may register with Diahne at diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org