

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** Live the First Commandment.

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to this familiar Scripture, what caught your ear in it today? What one word did you notice?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** How often do you put God first in your life?

Do you think you can love others as much as you love yourself?

**Question for Youth:** What do you think Jesus meant when he said to the scribe, "You are not far from the reign of God"?

**Question for Adults:** When you heard the Greatest and New Commandments, which one should you improve on in your own 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: December 8 in Weymouth. For more details go to [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org).



## GOSPEL FOCUS

### First of all

Jesus is asked which commandment is first and he provides two commandments as his answer. However, he doesn't bundle them together as one overarching commandment – he very distinctly identifies them as first and second. Sometimes we can feel the way to express love for God is through demonstrating our love for other people in charitable or justice-focused actions. However, Jesus makes clear that the first commandment of all is the love of God with all our being – that God is worthy of love in God's own right. Our love of God may inspire us to action for others but the first step is loving God for who God is.

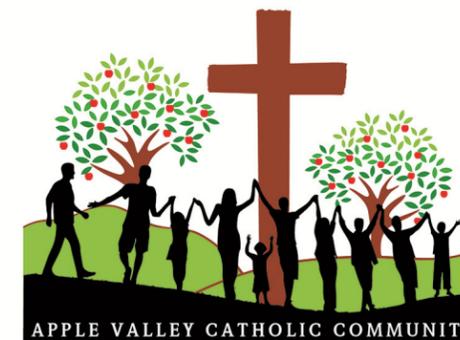
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St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough

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



*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 4, 2018*

*Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord;  
and my Father will love him and we will come to him*



*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!*

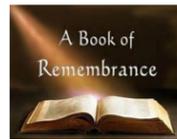
## NOVEMBER ~ THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

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

### REMEMBRANCE ALCOVES

#### 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.



#### 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.

**During this month, please make time to stop and read the names in the Book, look at the pictures in the Alcove, and say a prayer for those who have gone before us in faith.**

### 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.

## MINISTRY RENEWAL DAY! MISSION MINISTRY DISCIPLESHIP

**Saturday, November 17, 2018  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 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: [judy@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:judy@applevalleycatholic.org), no later than November 11. For other questions, please see Diahne Goodwin.

### 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](mailto:pam.pnelson@gmail.com); 978-337-3153.

### COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

**It's not too late to join any of the music groups!  
Please join us at rehearsals listed below.**

Teen Ensemble (grades 7 – 12) will rehearse on Monday from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.

Children's Choir (grades 2 – 6) will rehearse on Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Adult Music Ministry will rehearse on Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

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**Catholic Chaplain - Emerson Hospital**  
Timothy Duff - 978-287-3015

### 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:

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**  
89 Arlington St.  
Acton, MA 01720  
Phone (978) 263-4305  
Fax: (978) 263-9014  
[www.seoh.org](http://www.seoh.org)

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429 Great Rd.  
Stow, MA 01775  
Phone (978) 897-2710  
Fax: (978) 461-0577  
[www.stisidorestow.org](http://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:**  
9:00 a.m. Monday & Tuesday.

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Isidore  
Saturdays, 4:00—4:45 p.m.

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



**READINGS THIS SUNDAY— November 4**  
Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— November 11**  
1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

**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](mailto: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

**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](mailto:mwakelee@rcab.org) with questions and register at [www.disciplesinmission.org](http://www.disciplesinmission.org). Cost: \$20.

**MONDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION**  
Begins November 5, 9:45—11:30 a.m.  
St. Isidore Rectory, Upper Meeting Room

Please join us to explore The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief, by Francis Collins. It is not too late to join! We will begin with the introduction to the book on November 5, and then begin with Chapter 1 on November 19, skipping the veteran's day holiday on November 12. (You'll have plenty of time to begin reading!). Please contact Terry Herring at 978-897-9377 or [theresajh@aol.com](mailto:theresajh@aol.com) with any questions.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY  
MYSTERY ALL-NIGHTER**  
November 10-11  
Sign up by November 5.

This is the SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR! Start by going to the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Isidore Parish. We will be finishing up at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning—ending back at St. Isidore Parish. Space is limited!

Please contact Jim Flanagan at [jim@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:jim@applevalleycatholic.org) for permission forms.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY  
Upcoming Events**

**Evening of Reflection with Dan Harms from Popple**  
Thursday, November 8, 6:30 —8:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Come join us for this informal night of fellowship and prayer with this dynamic speaker and musician. Pizza will be served.

**Sunday, November 11**  
Starting with the 5:00 p.m. Mass  
Dinner and Board Games

All High School Young People Welcome!  
(This will be held on the second Sunday of every month beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Mass.)

**Friend's Thanksgiving Dinner**  
Monday, November 19, 6:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

This has become an annual tradition. We will be cooking a turkey and ask you to bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert. Come join us for dinner, a brief prayer service to thank our God for all that we have and all that we are!

**ST. ELIZABETH HUNGARY INCREASE  
OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN**

We are well underway with the Increase Offertory Campaign at St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Letter packets went out to all parishioners on record the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>. Letter packets were insert in each bulletin at St. Elizabeth the weekend of October 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>. I spoke at all the Masses the weekend of October 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> as to the importance of this year's campaign. And this past weekend, October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, Don Armstrong and Chris Brolin from St. Elizabeth's Finance Council along with Glen Bunnell from St. Isidore's Finance Council spoke about the finances, the expenses and the many programs we have at St. Elizabeth and within our Apple Valley Catholic Community as a whole.

Once again, I, along with the Parish Finance Council, ask that you prayerful consider increasing your offertory this year if you are able. Every dollar raised through the campaign will go towards the needs of the Church and help to fund the deficit that we are facing this year. Should you have any questions please feel free to call the office.

I, along with the Council, thank you for your consideration towards increasing your offertory and, for being part of the faithful here at St. Elizabeth. Be assured of my prayers.

Fr. Jeff

**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.

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

Total Offertory Sunday 10/28/18:	\$ 3,243
Mailbacks for Week Ending 10/27/18:	\$ 2,397
Total EFT for Week Ending 10/27/18:	\$ 429
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/13/18:	\$ 6,069
Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 218,587
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 230,517
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$ (11,930)

Thank you very much!

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 10/28/18:	\$ 2,450
EFT for Week Ending 10/28/18:	\$ 2,391
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/28/18:	\$ 4,841
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 87,689
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 88,896
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$ (1,207)
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$ 36

Thank you very much!

## 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 10. 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

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

For more information on all our young adult Programs: [youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org)

## YOUNG FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

Here is our upcoming schedule of events:

### First Communion Sacramental Preparation

- **Mini-Lesson #4** for children and parent(s) – Sunday, November 11 at St. Elizabeth Church Hall at 10:00 am. Parent and child complete “Go Seek Find” lessons 7&8 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.

### Children’s Liturgy of The Word (CLOW) Features Children’s Choir!



This past Sunday our CLOW program at St. Isidore was blessed to have the children’s choir join us! The above picture shows the children’s choir, under the direction of Lisa Lapinski, leading the CLOW children and parents in a musical and signed version of “Open My Eyes Lord”. We are most grateful to all of the volunteers in our CLOW ministry team. Thank you to last Sunday’s team members Beth McDonough who lead at St. Elizabeth’s and to our first-time leader Kelley Christie assisted by Sandra Morales! We welcome those interested in joining our CLOW ministry to contact Joan Mattila, and parents of children who are interested in joining our Children’s Choir to contact Andrea Goodrich.

*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 are open during Mass.*

## KIDS HEALTHY MINDS INITIATIVE

### Education Session

November 28, 7:00—8:00 p.m.  
St. Isidore Church Hall



The prevalence of youth mental illness is staggering. Sadly we have witnessed the devastating effects in our own communities. 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. 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.

Parishoners and community members 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.**

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](mailto:Kidshealthyminds@franciscanchildrens.org)*

### MINISTRY SHOWCASE

November showcase is rescheduled to  
January 12/13 2019!

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. The Ministry Showcase originally scheduled for November 17/18 has been postponed to January.

We plan and offer a collaborative wide Ministry Showcase after all Masses on the weekend of January 12/13. We will be seeking help from ministry participants to showcase their ministries as well as a small team of 2-4 people to help coordinate the details to make this possible (which 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](mailto:diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

### St. Isidore:

Saturday, November 3, 5:00 p.m.  
Donald and Jane MacClellan, Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 4, 8:45 a.m.  
Raymond Cacciatore, Memorial Mass

Tuesday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.  
Jim Murphy, Memorial Mass



### St. Elizabeth:

Wednesday, November 7, 9:00 a.m.  
Shirley Ciraldo, Memorial Mass

## GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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I, along with the Council, thank you for your consideration in donating to the Grand Annual and, for being part of the faithful here at St. Isidore. Be assured of my prayers.

Fr. Jeff