

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.



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 12/23/18:	\$	3,510
EFT for Week Ending 12/23/18:	\$	2,023
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 12/23/18:	\$	5,533
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$	127,099
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$	127,000
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$	99
Grand Annual (73% of goal)	\$	47,248
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$	1804

Thank you very much!

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Sunday 12/23/18	\$	2,747
Mailbacks for Week Ending 12/22/18:	\$	1,188
Total EFT for Week Ending 12/22/18:	\$	33,693
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 12/22/18:	\$	37,628
Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$	339,452
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$	354,497
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$	(15,045)

Thank you very much!

OUR PARISHES:

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READINGS THIS SUNDAY— December 30

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— January 6

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

*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.



*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 30, 2018*

*Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*



*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 SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Holy Day of Obligation**



On Tuesday January 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. at St. Isidore Parish. All are welcome!

RETIREMENT NEWS

After 15.5 years as serving as a dedicated pastoral associate at St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish, Steve Ryan will be retiring as of the end of December. **We will be celebrating his service on January 20th after the 10:45 Mass**, during our Sunday Café time.

Please join us in showing our appreciation and gratitude for his years of dedication and ministry!

**ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY LEADERS!
Ministry Showcase January 12-13**

Ministry write ups are due by January 6. For more information and details, please contact Diahne Goodwin, diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org or Janet and Tom Moroney at jmmoroney@comcast.net or t.moroney@comcast.net

**MINISTRY SHOWCASE
January 12 & 13
After all Masses**

Plan to stop by our collaborative wide Ministry Showcase! Come learn about all the ways we work together to bring about the Kingdom of God, sharing our gifts to meet the needs of our church, the community and the world.

As disciples we all have a role in this mission. At the Showcase you can also learn about how to do this! Please consider sharing your time and talents in one of the many ministries, even in small ways. **Support and training are always provided!**



Please contact Diahne Goodwin for more information or if you can help: diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, December 29, 5:00 p.m.
Geraldine Colella, Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 30, 8:45 a.m.
Joseph & Marianna Melone, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Sunday, December 30, 10:45 a.m.
Edward Magee, Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, January 2, 9:00 a.m.
Judith Connelly, Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 6, 10:45 a.m.
Kathleen Winders Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 6, 5:00 p.m.
Felicia Gulachenski, Memorial Mass

**GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?...ABOUT FAITH?
— Try Alpha — for Everyone and Anyone!**

Alpha is an invitation to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves. No pressure! No charge!



Alpha is Great for:

- People who have doubts about God or faith
- People who may have drifted away from God/Church
- People who are curious about Christianity.
- People who want to grow deeper in their faith.

Alpha runs in a variety of places and times throughout the year, with typically 10 weekly sessions plus a day away. Each session includes a meal, a talk and time to discuss and share your thoughts in small groups. No need to commit up front—Come check it out at our Next “Come & See” event:

Monday, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

Other dates and times will continue to be offered throughout the year. Curious? Need more info? Check out alphausa.org; or contact avccalpha@gmail.com or any staff member.

Teen Alpha!

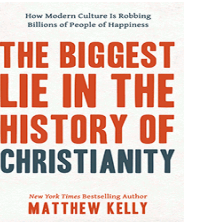
Teen Alpha is offered to all young people in Grade 9 and above. Teen Alpha will be offered at a variety of formats/times during the year - fall, winter and spring evenings.

**Join us for our next session beginning January 13, 6 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall!
Email Jim: jim@applevalleycatholic.org**

OUR GIFT TO YOU ~ THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY!

Don't worry—we are not going to lie to you —we are giving you a great book! We were pleased to give Matthew Kelly's book *The Biggest Lie In The History Of Christianity* to every family who celebrated Christmas Mass with us. **(We'll be happy to keep on distributing them as long as supplies last.)**

Do you believe it's possible to be happier than you have ever been before? Not for fleeting moments, but consistently? In his latest book, *The Biggest Lie*, bestselling author Matthew Kelly believes it is possible—and he explains how. He brings us hope in difficult times. Hope that, together we can change the course of history—with humility, generosity, kindness, and joy, one Holy Moment at a time.



We are also providing you the opportunity to gather together to discuss this book. Please rsvp to the mail indicated, as space may be limited. **We hope you can join us!**

Mondays, January 7 & 14, 9:45 a.m. (Two-week session)

St. Isidore Church Hall, Stow
RSVP: diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

Friday, January 11, 8:15 a.m. (Single Session)
Kimball Farm Country Store, Westford
RSVP: diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

Monday, January 14, 7:00 p.m. (Single Session)
St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Acton
RSVP: annmarie@applevalleycatholic.org

Tuesday, January 15, 7:30 p.m. (Single Session)
St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Acton
RSVP: sjryan01@verizon.net

Wednesday, January 16, 9:45 a.m. (Single Session)
St. Elizabeth Church (Pope Francis Mtg. Room)
RSVP: diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

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.

JANUARY GIFT SESSIONS: EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 5, 6:00 p.m.,
St. Isidore Church Hall Basement

Sunday, January 6, 11:45 a.m.
St. Elizabeth Church Hall Basement

Sunday, January 6, 6:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Church Hall Basement

Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. (Single Session)
@Sean O'Sullivan's home, 125 Hayward Rd, Acton
RSVP: seanosullivan43@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 23, 10:00 a.m. (Single Session)
@Sean O'Sullivan's home, 125 Hayward Rd., Acton
RSVP: seanosullivan43@gmail.com

Thursday, January 24, 10:00 a.m. (Single Session)
St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Acton
RSVP: diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. (Single Session)
St. Isidore Rectory, Stow
RSVP: andreas@applevalleycatholic.org or
robin@applevalleycatholic.org

Monday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. (Single Session)
Legends Café, West Acton
RSVP: barbara@applevalleycatholic.org



We're told in today's gospel that Mary 'stored up all these things in her heart'. Mary is a model of the reflective life. When extraordinary, life-altering events occur to her, she is portrayed as pondering these events in her heart. She responds to these events by allowing them to speak to her and speak to her heart rather than simply 'reacting' as so many of us do. The ability to reflect on events, rather than react to them, can lead to a much better considered response and less chance of making the same mistakes over and over again.