

**ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS**

**DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE**  
Saturday, March 2



Registration is now open for our *2nd Annual Intentional Discipleship Conference: CALLED* to be held on Saturday, March 2 at Fontbonne Academy in Milton. We are excited about our list of presenters, Mass with Bishop Robert Reed, and a new evening component. If you are interested in evangelization, discipleship, faith formation, and family life, then this conference is for you! This event is open to any clergy, lay leaders, or lay person interested in the mission of sharing Jesus Christ's Good News to others. Last year, 200 people gathered for our first conference and we would like to top that and set our goal at 300 this year! We look forward to seeing you there! Information and registration details can be found at: <https://disciplesinmission.com/conference>.

**CATHOLIC YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM**  
June 12—16

Registration for the GIVEN Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum is open! This forum is designed for young adult Catholic women seeking leadership training, faith formation, and support to better understand and pursue their particular mission and/or vocation. This year it will take place in Washington D.C., June 12—16. For more information, go to <https://giveninstitute.com/>.

**BOSTON CURSILLO WEEKENDS**  
Women's weekend: February 28—March 3  
Men's weekend: April 4—April 7

Cursillo is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church so that His love and grace can be brought to every aspect of life. Weekends are held, Thursday – Sunday, at the Campion Renewal Center, 319 Concord Road, Weston. For more information on the Boston Cursillo weekends and how to participate, go to <http://bostoncursillo.org/about.htm>.

**ST. ELIZABETH YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

For tax purposes, parishioners often seek to document their contributions to St. Elizabeth. Your bank statement constitutes acceptable IRS documentation for donations by check or EFT. The parish can also supply a statement, provided they were made by means of donation envelopes, EFT or contributions of \$250 or more on a single day. If you would like a statement, please fill out the form below and return it by mail or the collection basket. Thank you, as always, for your support of St. Elizabeth and its mission.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or email (in case we have questions) \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH	
Total Offertory Sunday 2/3/19:	\$ 4,290
Mailbacks for Week Ending 2/3/19:	\$ 2,257
Total EFT for Week Ending 2/3/19:	\$ 2,634
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 2/3/19:	\$ 9,181
Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 433,857
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 455,533
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$ (21,676)
Thank you very much!	

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE	
Total Offertory Last Sunday: 2/3/19:	\$ 3,147
EFT for Week Ending 2/3/19:	\$ 2,541
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 2/3/19:	\$ 5,688
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 158,310
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 156,328
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$ 1,982
Grand Annual (78% of goal)	\$ 50,553
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$ 68
Thank you very much!	

*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.*



*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 10, 2019*

*Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.*



*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!*



As pastor of our Collaborative, one of my primary responsibilities is to help you grow as disciples of Jesus and to equip you to go and make disciples of others. I am excited to share with you that our parish is going to participate in a parish survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth.

The web-based survey will be accessible online and in paper form February 16 – March 18. If you have an opportunity, please stress the importance of responding to this survey to your ministry members.

At the completion of the survey, our parish will receive an aggregate report of the results. We will NOT have access to individual survey responses. This survey offers us a unique and important opportunity to learn about issues of importance to parishioners in a confidential and professional way. We will use these results to 1) look at opportunities to support parishioner growth in discipleship and 2) inform the council and staff as they continue to assess and adjust our ongoing pastoral plan.

Thank you for your participation in this survey and the future growth of our Collaborative!

Fr. Jeff

### SPRING BIBLE STUDY – WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

The next collaborative Bible study offering draws upon stories of the unique contributions that women in the New Testament have made to the annals of faith. This study begins on Tuesday evening, February 26, at St. Elizabeth's parish center and continues for seven Tuesday evenings (not all consecutive due to other parish commitments). This study is categorized by Little Rock Scripture studies as in-depth and of greatest value for those with previous Bible study experience. However, participation is open to all and study participants do support one another. The cost for study materials is expected to be \$20. Additional information about this study will be found on the website. Enrollment deadline is February 15. To enroll or ask questions, please contact Steve Ryan [sjryan@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:sjryan@applevalleycatholic.org).

## NEW ALPHA COURSES STARTS THIS WEEK!



**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:

**Tuesday, February 12, 10:00 a.m.,  
St. Elizabeth Parish Center**

or

**Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.,  
St. Elizabeth Parish Hall**

**Curious? Need more info? Check out**  
[alphausa.org](http://alphausa.org) or contact [avccalpha@gmail.com](mailto: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. It's not too late to join us! Our next session is Sunday, February 10, 6:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall! Email Jim: [jim@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:jim@applevalleycatholic.org)

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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.



#### OUR PARISHES:

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Stow, MA 01775  
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[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:**  
Monday & Tuesday at 9:00 a.m

**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— February 10**  
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— February 17**  
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

**SPIRITUAL HELP FOR GRIEVING PARENTS  
DURING LENT AT ST. ANTHONY SHRINE IN  
DOWNTOWN CROSSING**

**One-Day Retreat**

**Saturday, 3/23/19 9:30a.m.—7:00 p.m.**

Give yourself the gift of getting away to focus on where God is in your life after the death of your child—and how to survive this horrific situation. Pre-Registration at [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org) required.

**One-Hour Brown Bag Lunch Retreat**

**Wednesday, 3/27/19 12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m.**

Keeping Ashleigh Alive: My Spiritual Journey after the Death of My Beautiful Daughter, presented by Genevieve Baudin. Bring a lunch; we provide beverages. No pre-registration or cost required.

For more information, see [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org)  
Or call 617-542-8057

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Theme:** We are continually invited to follow Jesus.

**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? What lingers in your memory?

**Step Two: Look into Your Life**

**Question for Children:** What is a way that you can follow Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** Following Jesus can mean leaving some things behind. What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in your life?

**Question for Adults:** When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?

**MASS INTENTIONS  
THIS WEEK:**

**St. Isidore:**

Saturday, February 9, 5:00 p.m.  
Mary Stonach, Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 10, 8:45 a.m.

Elsie & William Monahan, Memorial Mass



**St. Elizabeth:**

Sunday, February 10, 10:45 a.m.  
Edward F. Dewire, 20th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 10, 5:00 p.m.

Helen V. Walsh, 20th Anniversary Mass

**BOSTON COLLEGE ON-LINE COURSE**

**Paul's Letter to the Romans  
February 13—March 26**

Written nearly two millennia ago, St. Paul's message to the Romans is appropriate to our times as well. Discover how the Apostle calls us to love and community, following the faithfulness of Jesus, empowered with hope by the Holy Spirit. This course looks at key themes in Paul's writing, including God, Jesus, Spirit, Salvation, and Church. The course fee is \$50. To register and for more info got to: <https://bostoncollege-stm.catalog.instructure.com/courses>

**PROJECT RACHEL  
Abortion Healing Retreats**

"My spirit was broken and as far as I knew beyond repair. I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself." – A Project Rachel Retreat Attendee. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Winter/spring dates are February 23, March 23 and April 27. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at (508) 651-3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

**2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL**

From Life Teen Youth Ministry to Addiction Recovery Services to Faith Community Nursing, more than 50 critical ministries enrich parish life, our Catholic schools, and the lives of those who turn to the Church for assistance. In the coming weeks, many of you will receive a letter from Cardinal Sean requesting your support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal, which provides nearly half of the funding for these life-changing programs. We hope that you will respond generously. This is our Church and every gift makes an immediate impact in the lives of those in need. Thank you!

**THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE  
HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY!**

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 providing you the opportunity to gather together to discuss this book this **Monday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.**, Legends Café, West Acton. RSVP: [barbara@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:barbara@applevalleycatholic.org)

**ALPHA COOKS AND KITCHEN  
HELP NEEDED!**

Our next season of Alpha is upon us! We are seeking a team of people who would like to share their gifts of cooking and/or hospitality and service to help with the dinners for our Wednesday evening Alpha. These sessions will begin on February 13. There are two primary roles. The cook prepares the meals for 11 sessions. If two or three people share the role, it spreads the work out and is quite manageable. The kitchen crew serves the meal and cleans up. Usually one or two people can handle this part. Please let Di-ahne Goodwin know if you can help out or would like to discuss in more detail. It's a great way to support this process of welcome and evangelization for our guests! Thank you!

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC  
COLLABORATIVE WILL BE PARTICIPATING  
IN A PARISH-WIDE DISCIPLESHIP SURVEY!**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Isidore will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help. Please visit <https://disciplesinmission.com/dmi> to learn more.

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey opens next week and can be accessed at: [www.disciplemakerindex.com](http://www.disciplemakerindex.com) between February 16 – March 18 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. **All responses will be confidential** and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

**We are trying to get the highest response rate possible.** This information will be invaluable to Fr Jeff, the staff, the councils and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you don't use the computer - there will be opportunities to complete a paper survey after Masses and you can obtain a paper copy by contacting the parish offices.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

**PAPER GROCERY BAGS NEEDED**

Looking for somewhere to put all those paper grocery bags you've been collecting? Our Apple Valley Lenten Food Drive would love to have them!! Each year we deliver over 500 bags of groceries to local area food pantries during Lent. You can help us by donating your bags! Bags may be dropped off at the Religious Education Office in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center or in the back of the St. Isidore Church Hall. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry Auction 2019  
Saturday, March 30, 6:30—10:30 p.m.**

Join us for a Lua themed tropical night out featuring hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and cash bar. The auction is a great night out for adults who may bid on one-of-a-kind items in our silent and live auctions. The event is also a critical funding mechanism for our amazing Youth Ministry events for both parishes. Stay tuned for more details and ticket information.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

**Teen Alpha**  
**Sundays February 10—April 7**  
Immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

**February Vacation Getaway**  
**February 18—20**  
Mellos Retreat Center/Dumaine House  
Information is in the mail!

### Summer Mission Trip and Conferences

Olancho Aid Foundation – Honduras - June 10—  
June 18  
Our Own Trip - Corpus Christi Texas - June 23—  
June 29  
Steubenville East – Lowell - July 12—July 14  
Just5Days - Springfield - July 15—July 19  
Catholic Heart Workcamp - New Jersey -  
July 21—July 27

**Snow Tubing at Nashoba Valley Ski Area**  
**Saturday, February 23**  
Immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Isidore  
Cost: \$35 (plus snacks)

### Find us on...

Facebook Groups: AppleValley Catholic Youth  
Ministry; Apple Valley Catholic TLC; AVCC  
Confirmation Preparation Program 2018-2019.

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Hearing the Call

*Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!*

## YOUNG FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

Wednesday, February 20  
Sacrament of First Reconciliation

The next pre-scheduled group of children and parent(s) will gather on Wednesday, February 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the church at St. Isidore to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Please keep the children in prayer who will be celebrating this joyful sacramental milestone!

Please contact Joan Mattila if you haven't signed your child up yet.

Sunday, February 24  
Mini Lesson #2  
St. Elizabeth Church Hall at 10:00 a.m.

First Communion children and their parent(s) will gather together in the St. Elizabeth Church Hall before Mass at 10:00 a.m. This session will assume that the children have completed Chapters 3—4 of their "Go Seek Find" First Eucharist Lesson. We will discuss highlights from these lesson themes as well as the "Liturgy of the Word" part of the Mass.



### COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

Teen Ensemble—Pizza, Prayer, Practice on Monday from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center.

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

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



## UPCOMING VIRTUS SESSIONS AT THE APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m., St. Isidore, Christin Don

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 p.m., St. Isidore,  
Barbara Dane

Monday, June 3, 7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth,  
Jim Flanagan

Monday, June 24, 7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth, Jim Tabner

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 89 Arlington St., Acton  
Parish Center Hall Room 4

### APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP

#### 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 out 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 updates**

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



St. Isidore's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. Upstairs in the Rectory.

### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"They left everything and followed him." Leave behind the world's plan for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are March 8-10 in Duxbury, and April 13-14 in Brewster. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

### 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. The cancellation is also left on both parishes phone system.

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.

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### The Call of the disciples

*In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!*