

**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 2/17/19:	\$ 3,672
Mailbacks for Week Ending 2/17/19:	\$ 1,274
Total EFT for Week Ending 2/17/19:	\$ 753
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 2/17/19:	\$ 5,699
Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 444,323
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 470,976
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$ (26,654)
Thank you very much!	

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE
Updated numbers will be provided next week.

*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.*



*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 24, 2019*

*I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
love one another as I have loved you.*



*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!*

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

St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Isidore is 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 is open and can be accessed at: [www.DiscipleMakerIndex.com](http://www.DiscipleMakerIndex.com) between now and 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 are paper surveys at both parishes' gathering spaces. When completed, please place your survey in a sealed envelope and either hand it to any staff member or place in the locked "drop-off" box is located at St. Elizabeth parish center main hallway. **Thank you for helping with this important project!**

**2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Next weekend, we will be taking important steps to enrich many life-changing ministries and our parish communities. Life Teen Youth Ministry and other religious education programs, Addiction Recovery Services, and Faith Community Nursing for our homebound parishioners are among more than 50 critical ministries supported by the 2019 Catholic Appeal. As we prepare to embark on this season of Lent, may you prayerfully consider supporting these important ministries.

Your generosity provides nearly half the funding for these great efforts, and every gift makes a difference. Please visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to view the video about the Appeal. Thank you.

**ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES  
MARCH 6**



9:00 a.m.-Mass and Distribution of Ashes  
St. Isidore Parish

Noon -Liturgy of the Word and Distribution  
of Ashes—St.Isidore Parish

4:30 p.m. -Liturgy of the Word and  
Distribution of Ashes—St. Elizabeth Parish

7:00 p.m. - Mass and Distribution  
of Ashes—St. Elizabeth Parish

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

- **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday**, and all **\*Fridays** of Lent.
- **Fasting** is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics over the age of 18 but not yet 59. Those bound by this may only take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal practices.**

(Those who are ill, pregnant, on medication or special diets for health concerns, or those who work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations).

\*In the United States, the bishops have asked Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

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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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89 Arlington St.  
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[www.seoh.org](http://www.seoh.org)

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429 Great Rd.  
Stow, MA 01775  
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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:**

Monday at 9:00 a.m

**Daily Eucharist at St. Elizabeth this week:**

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for  
Joseph McGinty

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 24**  
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— March 3**  
Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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

**One-Day Retreat**

**Saturday, 3/23/19 9:30 a.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

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

**Theme:** Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

**Breaking Open the Word**

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

**Step One: Listen to the Word**

Which line in this reading caught your ear? What sense do you get about God as you listen to this Word proclaimed today?

**Step Two: Look into Your Life**

**Question for Children:** Jesus tells us to treat others as we would want others to treat us. How do you treat others as you want to be treated?

**Question for Youth:** How do you follow Jesus' teaching to "bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you?"

**Question for Adults:** Jesus says, "Give, and gifts will be given to you." When have you experienced your generosity coming back to you?

**MASS INTENTIONS  
THIS WEEK:**

**St. Isidore:**

Saturday, February 23, 5:00 p.m.  
Gil Kendirgi, Memorial Mass



**St. Elizabeth:**

Sunday, February 24, 10:45 a.m.  
Deacon Jack Bortz, 6th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 24, 5:00 p.m.  
Paul Hebert, Anniversary Mass

**Prayers for the Departed:**

George William Taylor  
Claire Abare  
Joseph McGinty

**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.

**COLLABORATIVE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

Each year, our collaborative collects ~ 500 bags of groceries to deliver to local area food pantries during Lent. There are many ways to be involved in this project and it is open to people of all ages. It is truly a community-wide experience and it helps so many people in need. I think it is a time that the generous spirit of our collaborative shines. We have broken the project into several steps. It takes a lot of hands to make this happen. Some people choose to do it all and that is great. But other folks can only participate in one piece of the drive and that is also awesome. We are grateful for whatever level of participation you can manage. Below are the various opportunities to get involved.

**Bag Preparation and Storing Help:**

At Sunday Café after the 8:45 Mass in Stow and the 10:45 Mass in Acton

**Handing out Bags and Food lists (Takes about 10 minutes. All ages)**

Sat. March 9, 5:00 Mass at St. Isidore  
Sun. March 10, 8:45 Mass at St. Isidore  
Sun. March 10, 10:45 Mass at St. Elizabeth  
Sun. March 10, 5:00 Mass at St. Elizabeth

**Collecting Food Bags ( Arrive 20 minutes before Mass. Ages 10 and older)**

Sat. March 16: Collecting bags before the 5:00 Mass at St. Isidore  
Sun. March 17: Collecting bags before the 8:45 Mass at St. Isidore  
Sun. March 17: Collecting bags before the 10:45 Mass at St. Elizabeth  
Sun. March 17: Collecting bags before the 5:00 Mass at St. Elizabeth

**Food Sorting and Deliveries: Everyone welcome. Trucks, vans, and large SUVs are especially helpful!**

Sun. March 24, 1:00 p.m. — Meet at St. Elizabeth to deliver to St. Martha's Food Pantry, Lawrence.  
Thurs., March 28, 1:30 p.m.—Meet at St. Elizabeth to deliver to Acton Food Pantry (especially for elementary kids on early release day).  
Sat., March 30, 10:00 a.m.— Meet at St. Isidore to deliver to Stow Food Pantry.

**Please let Barbara Dane know which of the events you will be able to attend by emailing her at [barbara@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:barbara@applevalleycatholic.org). Thank you!**

**COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS**

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.  
Music Ministry rehearsal on Wednesday from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in St. Isidore church hall.

**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/>.

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUTH  
MINISTRY AUCTION 2019



Join us for a night of tropical fun featuring a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. You will have the opportunity to bid on unique auction items while supporting our Youth Ministry!

Tickets are \$25.00 and will be on sale soon!

**Raffle tickets:** 1 for \$5, 5 for \$10, 15 for \$15, and 25 for \$20. You do not have to be present to win.

**Grand Prize** \$500; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$100; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$100

**Donate!** Please consider donating an item to the auction. Email Fredzup@yahoo.com

**Sponsor an ad!** \$75 quarter page; \$100 half page; \$175 full page. And only \$25 for a shout-out to your favorite loved one! Email Michelle McMahan, [m\\_allardmcmahan@hotmail.com](mailto:m_allardmcmahan@hotmail.com), or Phil Landry, [plandry125@gmail.com](mailto:plandry125@gmail.com).

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY  
SNOW TUBING!



Nashoba Valley Ski, Westford  
Friday, March 1  
7:30-9:30 p.m.

Meet at the snow tubing entrance. The cost is \$35. Please sign up with permission slip by February 27. Everyone grades 9-12 welcome, so bring your friends! We hope to see you there!!

MISSION TRIP SUMMER 2019



Olancho Aid Foundation  
Juticalpa, Olancho - Honduras

June 10 to June 18

Cost - \$1500.00 (\$1300.00 with support of the Auction)

Open to all Graduating high school seniors, college young people and young adults

Corpus Christi Texas

June 23 to June 29

Cost - \$1000.00 (\$850.00 with support of the Auction)

Open to all young people presently in high school

Stuenville East - Lowell

July 12 to July 14

Cost - \$150.00

Open to all high school young people

Just5Days - Center for Ministry Development  
Springfield, Massachusetts

July 15 to July 19

Cost - \$550.00 (\$400.00 with the support of the Auction)

Open to all young people presently in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade

North Haledon, New Jersey

July 21 to July 27

Cost - \$800.00 (\$650.00 with the support of the Auction)

Open to all young people entering high school and in high school in the Fall of 2019

*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. Thank you.*

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUNG  
ADULT GROUP

Kickoff Social Event—February 24, 12 p.m.

Join us at Apex Entertainment Center in Marlborough! Come meet your fellow Young Adults as we enjoy a night of bowling, arcade games, food, and entertainment. Pay your own way.

Household Goods Inventory Help  
March 23, 8:45 -12 p.m.

Join us for a new service opportunity! Every Saturday, hundreds of donors come to Household Goods to drop off their donations. Our group will be volunteering to process these donations. No training required. Meet us at Household Goods at 530 Main Street, Acton MA.

Youth Auction—March 30, 6 p.m.

Come and help support Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry by helping or attending the Youth Auction. This Luau will be a blast for all ages. Please contact Amy Jussaume at [AmyJussaume@gmail.com](mailto:AmyJussaume@gmail.com) for details and to RSVP for this event.

Walk for Hunger—May 5, 9 a.m.

Join us on this historic 20 mile walk to raise money and awareness for the Walk for Hunger. This annual event supports Project Bread, which is committed to preventing and ending hunger in Massachusetts. Please RSVP to Allan Jussaume at [AllanPaulJussaume@gmail.com](mailto:AllanPaulJussaume@gmail.com).

Volunteer at Cor Unum Meal Center  
Saturday, May 18, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

We will serve dinner at Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence. Dinner is provided there. Please RSVP by May 1st. Meet us at St. Elizabeth of Hungary at 3:15 p.m. to carpool. Learn more about Cor Unum at: [corunummealcenter.org](http://corunummealcenter.org).

Look out for other events still being planned: Hope Lodge, Prisoners Book Program, "Faith, Food, and Friends" Dinner, Habitat for Humanity, and more.

Check out our Facebook for the latest details  
Regarding all events.

Facebook: [Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Group](https://www.facebook.com/AppleValleyCatholicYoungAdultGroup).  
Email: [YoungAdults@AppleValleyCatholic.org](mailto:YoungAdults@AppleValleyCatholic.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.

UPCOMING VIRTUS SESSIONS AT THE  
APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC  
COLLABORATIVE

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m., St. Isidore, Upstairs Rectory— Enter through front door of the rectory. Christin Don

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 p.m., St. Isidore, Upstairs Rectory— Enter through front door of the rectory, Barbara Dane

Monday, June 3, 7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth, Parish Center Room 4, Jim Flanagan

Monday, June 24, 7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth, Parish Center Room 4, Jim Tabner

SCRIPTURAL  
CONTEXT

Compassion

*The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasized and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.*