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**Collaborative Worship Schedule**

**Saturday**  
5:00 p.m.—St. Isidore

**Sunday**  
8:45 a.m.—St. Isidore  
10:45 a.m.—St. Elizabeth  
5:00 p.m.—St. Elizabeth

**Daily Eucharist**  
Mon., 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore  
Tues., 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore  
Ash Wednesday—March 6  
(See inside for schedule)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

St. Isidore  
Saturdays, 4:00—4:45 p.m.  
6:00-7:30 p.m. During Lent, St. Isidore on  
March 20, 27; April 10, 17

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



*Thank you*  
**FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Sunday 2/24/19:	\$ 3,547
Mailbacks for Week Ending 2/24/19:	\$ 2,711
Total EFT for Week Ending 2/24/19:	\$ 28,318
Total Support for Week Ending 2/24/19:	\$ 34,576

Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 478,898
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 504,657
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$ (25,758)

We also collected \$1,457 for Parish Sharing and \$1,343 for the support of the Church in Latin America.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 2/24/19:	\$ 2,790
EFT for Week Ending 2/24/19:	\$ 2,541
Total Parish for Week Ending 2/24/19:	\$ 5,331

Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 173,333
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 171,080
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$ 2,253

Grand Annual (78% of goal)	\$ 51,028
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$ 34



**SERMON ON THE PLAIN: A TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUIT**

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil."  
Luke 6:43,45

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION**

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[www.seoh.org](http://www.seoh.org)

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429 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775  
(978) 897-2710/Fax (978) 461-0577  
[www.stisidorestow.org](http://www.stisidorestow.org)



**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**

### This is Commitment Weekend

In the Gospel today, Jesus reminds us that we are known by the fruits of our generosity. In opening the doors of our hearts to this season of Lent, may we consider supporting those who turn to the Church for assistance, through life-changing ministries such as Addiction Recovery Services of the Faith Community Nursing program. Your gift to the Catholic Appeal provides half of the funding for many important programs that enrich parish life, our Catholic schools, and the lives of many. Every gift has an immediate impact in our parish communities. Please find more information about this life-changing work in today's bulletin insert or visit our website at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to view our latest video about the Appeal. Thank you!



Join our community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS-Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the gathering space. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.



**Apple Valley Catholic Community  
Celebrated this year at St. Isidore  
Wednesday's: March 20<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>,  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:00p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

#### Steps to a Good Confession:

The basic requirement for a good confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the "prodigal son" and to acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before the priest.

If you need help-especially if you have been away for some time-simply ask the priest and he will help you by "walking" you through the steps to make a good confession.

Begin your confession with the sign of the cross, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. My last confession was \_\_\_\_\_ weeks (months, years) ago."

Say the sins that you remember. Start with the one (s) that is most difficult to say. (In order to make a good confession the faithful must confess all mortal sins.) After confessing all the sins you remember since your last confession, you may conclude by saying, "I am sorry for these sins".

Listen to the words of the priest. He will assign you a penance. Doing the penance will diminish the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. When invited the priest will ask you to say the Act of Contrition such as:

*An Act of Contrition:* Praying the Act of Contrition,

*My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against Thee whom I should love above all. I firmly intend, with Thy help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen.* The priest will conclude with the Absolution Prayer.



### Mission Trips 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

Steuenville East - Lowell  
July 12 to July 14; Cost - \$150.00  
Open to all high school young people

Just5Days - Center for Ministry Development  
Springfield, 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 in the Fall of 2019

**Deadline to register is March 20**

### Collaborative Music News

*Teen Ensemble* will rehearse on Monday from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.  
*Adult Music Ministry* will rehearse on Wednesday from 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.  
*No Children's Choir rehearsal this week.*

### Ultreya

Calling all Cursillistas! Remember? "Alive, alive, alive forevermore My Jesus is alive, SING ..." and too we live our lives in our Father's love, by the sacrifices of His Son and with the power of the Holy Spirit. Come be renewed in community so we can share our JOY. 7:00 p.m. Friday March 8, St. Elizabeth Parish Center Room 4.



#### St. Isidore:

Sunday, March 3, 8:45 a.m.  
Lenore Ulichney, Memorial Mass

Tuesday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.  
Jim Murphy, Memorial Mass

#### St. Elizabeth:

Sunday, March 3, 10:45 a.m.  
Tony Kelly, Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 3, 5:00 p.m.  
Robert Renzi, Memorial Mass

### Scripture for the week of March 3, 2019

3	SUN	Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
4	Mon	Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
5	Tue	Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
6	Wed	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
7	Thu	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
8	Fri	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
9	Sat	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
10	SUN	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

### Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative 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. **The survey is open and can be accessed at: [www.DiscipleMakerIndex.com](http://www.DiscipleMakerIndex.com)** between now and March 18. **All responses will be confidential** and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

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!**

### Wednesday Booklet Discussion

Did you know that the 40 days of Lent aren't literally 40? Come Wednesdays after morning Mass (9:45) to learn from and share on the Black Lenten Booklet and the Burgundy Stewardship Booklet. We will meet on Wednesdays after morning Mass at the St. Isidore Rectory on Ash Wednesday, March 6 only. All other sessions will take place at St. Elizabeth in the Pope Francis meeting room. The booklets are FREE. To reserve your copy or if you have any questions contact Anita Sutherland at 978-263-0452 or [anitasuth@verizon.net](mailto:anitasuth@verizon.net). Hope you can join us!

### Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry Auction 2019

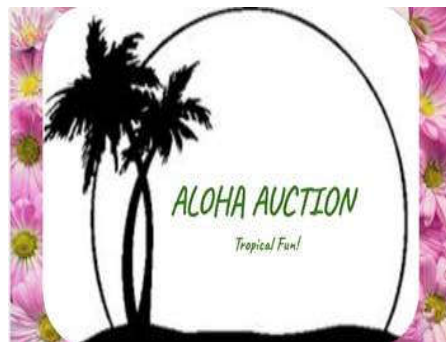
Join us for a night of tropical fun featuring a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. You will have the opportunity to bid on unique auction items while supporting our Youth Ministry!

Tickets are \$25.00 and will be on sale beginning March 9 after each Mass leading up to the auction!

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; 2nd prize \$100; 3rd prize \$100.

Donate! Please consider donating an item to the auction. Email [Fredzup@yahoo.com](mailto: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 McMahon, [m\\_allardmcmahon@hotmail.com](mailto:m_allardmcmahon@hotmail.com), or Phil Landry, [Plandry125@gmail.com](mailto:Plandry125@gmail.com)



### Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Group

#### Scripture Study

First and third Sunday of every month: from March 3—June 2 (No Study on April 21.) 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.



Household Goods Inventory Help  
March 23, 8:45 -12:00 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, 6:00 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, 9:00 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).

Check out our Facebook for the latest details Regarding all events. Facebook: Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Group. Email: [YoungAdults@AppleValleyCatholic.org](mailto:YoungAdults@AppleValleyCatholic.org)

### Volunteers Still Needed for the Lenten Food Drives



Volunteers are still needed to help distribute bags and collect food at all Masses. Drivers are needed to help deliver food to St. Martha's Food Pantry on Sunday,

March 24 at 1:00 p.m. and the Acton Food Pantry on Thursday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m., and the Stow Food Pantry on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Barbara Dane [barbara@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:barbara@applevalleycatholic.org) if you can help out in any way! Food Collections before all Masses March 16-17. Food deliveries March 24—30.

### Living Lent

Lenten Breakfast and Prayer  
Friday Mornings - March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12  
7:00—7:45 a.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Lenten Breakfast and Prayer  
Wednesday Mornings – March 13, 20, 27;  
April 3, 10 from 6:30 – 7:15 a.m.  
(March 13 starts at 8:30 a.m.), St. Isidore

Lenten Evening with the Lord  
Evening Prayer, Taize, Reconciliation, Adoration  
Friday, March 22, 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.  
St. Elizabeth Church

Lenten Mission – “The Seven Last Words of Christ”  
with Fr. Jeff  
Monday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 26  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., St. Isidore Church

Emmaus Walk  
Saturday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m.  
Stow Community Park: 60 Old Bolton Rd, Stow

Lenten Retreat - “Who Do You Say that I Am: The Great Story of Jesus”  
Saturday, April 13 - preregistration required  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth

Stations of the Cross  
Friday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m., St. Isidore Church

### Young Family Ministries

#### First Communion News

Sunday, March 2- 3 - GIFT Weekend. Please join us for one of the three "Growing in Faith Together" sessions. Our theme is helping families prepare for and celebrate Lent together!

Sunday, March 10 - Mini Lesson #3. First Communion children and their parent(s) will gather together in the St. Isidore Church Hall before Mass at 8:00 a.m. This session will assume that the children have completed Chapters 6-7 of their "Go Seek Find" First Eucharist Lesson. We will discuss highlights from these lesson themes as well as the "Liturgy of the Eucharist" part of the Mass.

Tuesday, March 12- Sacrament of First Reconciliation. The final pre-scheduled group of children and parent(s) will gather on Tuesday, March 12 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! Contact Joan Mattila if your child is not scheduled yet.

### Confirmation Teens Help to Lead Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)!



The above picture features our Confirmation teens leading CLOW at St. Isidore. We are most grateful to all of the Confirmation teens, their adult leaders, and to Barbara Dane, who have so generously shared their time, leadership, and witness as disciples in faith, with the children of our parish collaborative. But, they can't do it alone—we still need more volunteers at both churches. Please contact Joan Mattila for more information.