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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
Wed., 9:00 a.m.—St. Elizabeth

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.



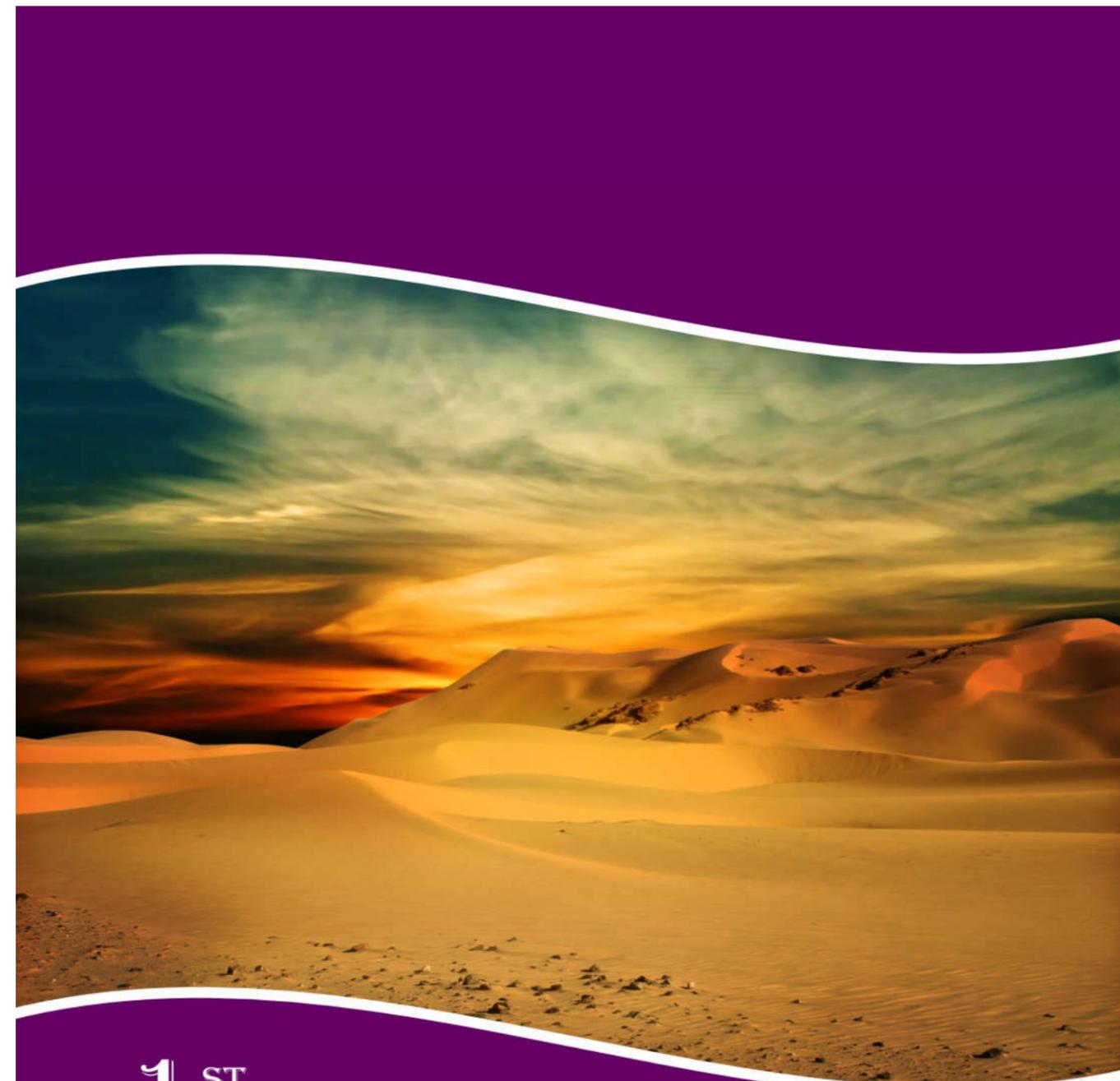
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**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Sunday 3/3/19:	\$ 4,091
Mailbacks for Week Ending 3/3/19:	\$ 1,837
Total EFT for Week Ending 3/3/19:	\$ 2,634
Total Support for Week Ending 3/3/19:	\$ 8,562
Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 487,461
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 511,105
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$ (23,644)

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 3/3/19:	\$ 2,947
EFT for Week Ending 3/3/19:	\$ 2,033
Total Parish for Week Ending 3/3/19:	\$ 4,980
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 178,313
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 175,968
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$ 2,345
Grand Annual (78% of goal)	\$ 51,243
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$ 557



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**SUNDAY
OF LENT**

THE TEMPTATION OF JEJSUS

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2

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Dear friends in Christ;

On Wednesday March 6th we celebrate Ash Wednesday, they day we gather as a community to receive our ashes and begin our 40-days of Lent. I am reminded of Jesus' 40-day journey in the desert as depicted in the Gospel of Matthew:

“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry.” (MT 4:1-2).

Lent is a time that offers us an opportunity to come to terms with the human condition we may spend the rest of the year running from. Lent is a time for us to open ourselves and our hearts a little wider and so to understand our Lord a little deeper. To find our Lord closer to us, loving us, and supporting us in this life God gave us. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the great Triduum of our Church and Easter Sunday. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* states the following:

“The real aim of Lent is, above all else, to prepare all peoples for the celebration of the death and Resurrection of Christ...the better the preparation the more effective the celebration will be. One can effectively relive the mystery only with purified mind and heart. The purpose of Lent is to provide that purification by weaning all peoples from sin and selfishness through self-denial and prayer, by creating in them the desire to do God's will and to make His kingdom come by making it come first of all in their hearts.”

As children of God and disciples of Jesus Christ, let us commit ourselves during these 40-days of Lent to fasting, prayers and almsgiving. Let's prepare our minds and hearts for the celebration that is yet to come – the death and Resurrection of Christ – that is Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families during these 40-days of Lent.

God Bless You.

In Christ,
Fr. Jeff

Rite of Election



After months of formation and preparation, as the season of Lent begins, our catechumens, Katie & Wes will gather with Cardinal Seán O'Malley, catechumens, pastors, and RCIA teams of other parishes in our Diocese this afternoon. During this rite, the catechumens formally declare their wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist, and write their names in the Book of Elect.

In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to a "Book of Life," in which are written the names of those who have chosen to follow the Lord Jesus and be baptized. In this Rite, those preparing for Baptism are invited to come forward and sign the book, which we call the "Book of the Elect," as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God.

As a community this weekend we celebrate the Rite of Sending Katie and Wes with our blessing and prayers as they go forth to the rite of election.



Encounter Norma

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit csrricebowl.org for more. Rice bowls are available in the gathering space.



St. Isidore:

Saturday, March 9, 5:00 p.m.
Stephen Orsatti, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

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

Sunday, March 10, 5:00 p.m.
George Bagley, Memorial Mass

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 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!

Scripture for the week of March 10, 2019

- 10 SUN Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- 11 Mon Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
- 12 Tue Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
- 13 Wed Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- 14 Thu Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
- 15 Fri Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- 16 Sat Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
- 17 SUN Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

New Apple Valley Adult Service Outreach Ministry



(May 2018 Adult Mission Trip—Texas)

All adults 18 and older in the Apple Valley Catholic Community are invited to consider joining a newly formed group that will plan and carry out service activities to help those in need. We have scheduled a planning meeting on Monday March 11 at 7 p.m. in Room 1 at the St. Elizabeth's Parish Center. For more information contact Mary Amato at amato.mg@gmail.com.



Collaborative Music News

Teen Ensemble will rehearse on Monday from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.
Children's Choir will rehearse on Wednesday from 5:30-6:15 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.
Adult Music Ministry will rehearse on Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.

Growing in Faith Together

Last weekend our Growing in Faith Together sessions focused on preparing for Lent. GIFT is an intergenerational faith formation program where everyone is invited and included—families, young children, teens, young adults, older adults, and seniors. GIFT always being with a meal. This session we shared a Mardi Gras themed dinner, complete with beads and masks, which was enjoyed by all.



After dinner, we discussed the Catholic traditions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent. One of the activities was to tie a prayer ribbon on the cross. Participants chose white for prayers to praise and thank God, pink for prayer for others, and purple for prayers for individual faith, forgiveness, or need.



Other activities helped people to decide why and how to fast during Lent and what kinds of almsgiving they would do.

Our next GIFT sponsored session will be March 22 “An Evening with the Lord” from 6 p.m. – midnight at St. Elizabeth. You are invited to come to part or all of it. There will be dinner, Liturgy of the hours, Reconciliation, Taize, prayer ministry, Adoration, and Night Prayer. Everyone is invited to attend.

If you have any questions about GIFT, please contact Barbara barbara@applevalleycatholic.org.

Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry Auction—March 30, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of tropical fun featuring a cash bar, hors d’oeuvres, and desserts. Say *Aloha* for your chance to win really cool and unique items during our silent and live auctions. By supporting this event, you will be helping our Apple Valley Catholic Community continue outstanding programs such as Mission Trips- for both **youth and adults**, Confirmation Preparation, Teen Alpha, among others. Tickets are \$25.00 and will be on sale beginning this weekend 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

Lenten Resources

Lent is a season for refocusing on the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we will be ready to embrace the good news of the Resurrection.

We invite you to spend some time reflecting using one of these online resources:

Loyola Press - Daily 3- Minute Retreat

3--Minute Retreats invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>

Dynamic Catholic’s “Best Lent Ever”

is a free email program <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>, that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent.

Word on Fire’s Lenten Gospel Reflections

Daily meditations <http://www.lentreflections.com/> with Bishop Robert Barron. Spend your time with Christ in the Gospel this Lent alongside Bishop Barron and the Word on Fire community.

Welcome!



Apple Valley Catholic Community Celebrated this year at St. Isidore Wednesday's: March 20th, March 27th, April 10th, April 17th 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.



Living Lent

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

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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

Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to advance programs for evangelization and pastoral outreach in our parish communities and schools, and in the lives of those who turn to us for assistance.

For those of you still interested in making a pledge to this life-changing work, please find a donation form available in the back of the Church or visit our website at bostoncatholicappeal.org to view our latest video about the Appeal. Thank you!