


**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**SUNDAY**  
**OF LENT**



The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." *Genesis 15:5*

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

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**Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ  
from the Cross  
Lenten Reflection Series  
Present by Fr. Jeff**

Monday March 25 & Tuesday March 26,  
7:00—8:30 p.m., St. Isidore Parish



By all accounts Jesus didn't do a lot of talking from the cross. But He spoke His Last Seven Words ("statements") which provides a window into Jesus' soul, a way to understand what is ultimately important to this One who is dying on the cross.

**"Father, Forgive them"**

**"Today you will be with me in paradise"**

**"My God, My God why have you forsaken me"**

**"I Thirst"**

**Women, here is your son"**

**"It is Finished"**

**"Father, into your hands I Commend my Spirit"**

Come and reflect on these seven last words of Christ from the Cross to draw us closer to the One who died for us, and how these words become the **very fabricate of who we are as Catholics.**

**All are welcomed!**



**Living Lent**

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

Lenten Breakfast and Prayer  
Wednesday Mornings - March 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



*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 [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.





**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.



## 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.

## Catholic Appeal

This St. Patrick's Day, we celebrate the saint who, like the Life Teen program, brings others to Christ. Over the last ten years, participation in the **Life Teen program has resulted in 22 vocations to the priesthood in our Archdiocese and a stronger faith life for thousands of young adults.** This important youth program is one of more than 50 ministries that rely on your support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal. It's never too late to support this important campaign! More information can be found at: [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org).

## Upcoming Growing in Faith Together

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, contact Barbara [barbara@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:barbara@applevalleycatholic.org).

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



**It's not to late to donate!**

Our *Aloha Auction* is fast approaching- Saturday, March 30! But you can still support our event to benefit the Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry. Consider donating a unique item such as a week at your vacation home, or a pair of theater tickets. Would you or someone you know be willing to donate music lessons or landscaping services? Experiences like dinner in your home or an afternoon boat cruise, will surely raise a lot of funds! And don't forget your kids- they can donate too! "Auction Goers" love lawn mowing services or babysitting. But if you simply want to donate funds, we will greatly appreciate that donation too. Please email Fred Zupicich at [fredzup@yahoo.com](mailto:fredzup@yahoo.com) with your donation details.

### Young Family Ministries

*Children's Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW)* Ministry in Need of Volunteers. This is a vital ministry for bringing the Word of God to the young children of our collaborative! We are in need of more CLOW ministry volunteers so that we can continue to offer CLOW at both of our churches each Sunday. Please contact Joan Mattila for more information at 978-263-4305, ext. 17 [joan@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:joan@applevalleycatholic.org).



Sunday, March 24 - *First Communion Mini Lesson #4*. 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 8-9 of their "Go Seek Find" First Eucharist Lesson. We will discuss highlights from these lesson themes as well as the "The Communion Rite" part of the Mass.

## 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

Stedenville 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* Pizza Prayer and Practice on Monday from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Room 1.

*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.

### CORI Sign-up at St. Isidore

CORI forms must be filled out annually for all persons who volunteer their services. Whether you are a first-time volunteer filling out a CORI or a volunteer who needs to re-new their CORI status, forms will be available after all masses from April 6 through May 5. Forms will be available in the work sacristy after Saturday masses or in the church hall after Sunday masses. If you have any questions please contact Robin in the office at [robin@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:robin@applevalleycatholic.org) or 978-897-2710.

## Mass Intentions

### St. Isidore:

Saturday, March 16, 5:00 p.m.  
George Taylor, Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 17, 8:45 a.m.  
Rick Connelly, Memorial Mass

Monday, March 18, 9:00 a.m.  
Katheryn & Bill Denne, Memorial Mass

Tuesday, March 19, 9:00 a.m.  
Helen Hill & Family, Memorial Mass

### St. Elizabeth:

Sunday, March 17, 10:45 a.m.  
Marlene O'Halloran, Memorial Mass

### Prayers for the Departed:

Helen Krysieneil  
Patricia teDuits

### Scripture for the week of March 17, 2019

- 17 SUN Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk  
9:28b-36
- 18 Mon Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
- 19 Tue 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18,  
22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- 20 Wed Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- 21 Thu Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- 22 Fri Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-  
46
- 23 Sat Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Ever consider a Catholic high school experience for your son?

On Tuesday, April 2, two parish families, the McMahons and the Kosakowskis, will host an informational gathering for prospective parents and students of Saint John's High School, a Catholic Xaverian high school for boys located in Shrewsbury. The event will be held at the McMahon's Acton home from 6:30–8:00 p.m. and students, parents and staff from Saint John's will be on hand to answer questions. Please join us! For details and to RSVP, email [SJinfoMcMahon@gmail.com](mailto:SJinfoMcMahon@gmail.com).



Holy Thursday—April 18, **St. Elizabeth**  
Holy Thursday Mass, 7:30 p.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11:40 p.m. Night Prayer, Parish Center

Good Friday—April 19, **St. Isidore**  
Liturgy of the Hours, 9:00 a.m.,  
Stations of the Cross, 3:00 p.m.  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday—April 20, **St. Elizabeth**  
Liturgy of the Hours, 9:00 a.m.  
(No confessions today)  
Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.

Easter Masses—April 21  
8:45 a.m.—**St. Isidore**  
10:15 a.m.—**St. Elizabeth**  
Noon—**St. Elizabeth**



### Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Parish-Wide Discipleship Survey!

*Open until this Monday, March 18*

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).** 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!**



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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.



*Thank you*  
**FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Sunday 3/10/19:	\$ 2,014
Mailbacks for Week Ending 3/10/19:	\$ 2,150
Total EFT for Week Ending 3/10/19:	\$ 753
Total Support for Week Ending 3/10/19:	\$ 4,917
Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 492,377
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 520,531
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$ (28,153)

We have also collected \$1,260 for the support of the church Around the World. Thank you for your generosity!

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 3/10/19:	\$ 2,603
EFT for Week Ending 3/10/19:	\$ 2,033
Total Parish for Week Ending 3/10/19:	\$ 4,636
Ash Wednesday/Catholic Charities	485
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 182,949
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 180,856
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$ 2,093

Grand Annual	\$ 58,258
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$ 57