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Sunday
of EASTER



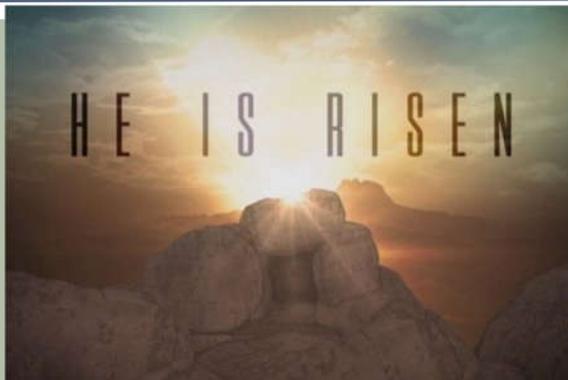
Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them,
and they follow me." John 10:27

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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I woke early Easter Monday, tired from Holy Week and Easter yet filled with great joy and happiness that words could not explain. As I sat quietly before morning prayer my mind was drawn to my first Holy Week & Easter at the Apple Valley Catholic Community. **"There it is"** I said to myself – the source of my joy and happiness on this Easter Monday.



It was then that I began to reflect on Holy Week and Easter Sunday Masses, and my joy and happiness increased. From Palm Sunday to the Triduum and Easter Sunday I could feel the heightened joy in our community. I could feel the heightened joy in myself. I could feel and see the unity and community within our collaborative as we came together to celebrate this sacred and Holy Week together, not as two churches but as one – one community unity in our love for our Lord Jesus Christ. What an honor and privilege it was for me to be part of this community, with each of you, during this time. Truly the highlight of my first year here in this wonderful community that I come to love. A week that I will remember for a long time to come.

And yet at the same time I was reminded of all the work that went into preparing for this sacred week. So many in our community came together to volunteer their time, their talents, and their love. The truth is the volunteers/ministers reached beyond 125 of our parishioners. For all of those who sang in the choir, played instruments, decorated both Churches, ordered the flowers, planning and helping at the Holy Thursday night dinner, served at the

Masses and services, developed the liturgy, chose to have the feet washed and washed others, and the many others who made sure every detail was covered were the contributors to

a successful sacred week. And yet I cannot stop there. I must extend to the staff a thank you for all the work added to your already heavy work load. Each of you stepped up. A thank you as well to everyone who attended Masses and services during this sacred week. You did so with such joy and reverence and with such a sense of community. The number of parishioners and visitors that came out was truly awe-inspiring.

And so, with that stated I want to say to everyone **THANK YOU!** Thank you for all the work you did prior to Holy Week, your full and active participation during Holy Week and for coming together as one community united in our love for God, Jesus Christ our Lord, the Holy Spirit and love for each other. Thank you everyone for making this Holy Week a special and joyful week for me as I shared it with each of you. How grateful I am that He, our Lord and Savior is Risen. And yet at the same time how grateful I am to be part of this community, this Apple Valley Catholic Community rich in unity and love for each other. **THANK YOU** everyone!

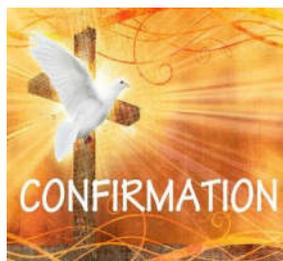
Be assured of my prayers as we continue our 50-days of Easter.

God Bless You,
Fr. Jeff



Congratulations to those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend!

Thomas Armstrong
 Matthew Azar
 Elena Bauer
 Abigail Burianek
 Katelyn Burns
 Victoria Clayman-Carpentieri
 Timothy Colley
 Olivia Daniell
 Isabella Dee
 Alan Gregg Dennison
 Hannah Dennison
 Matthew Dresser
 Colin Eaton
 Anthony Galletta
 Hudson Gore
 Kaitlyn Grady
 Ava Graham
 Michael Grega
 Robyn Hamann
 Chloe Hamilton
 Esme Harshbarger
 Sofia Harshbarger
 Emily Hocknell
 David Humphreys
 Madelyn Jaroch
 Joseph Kalarickal
 Matthew Kalarickal



David Kosakowski
 Cara Leahy
 Isabelle Letourneau
 Erin Little
 Daniel Lobo
 Nicholas Lynch
 Joseph Maffa
 Grace Maffei
 Liam Manning
 Benjamin McCarthy
 Florence McCarthy
 Alexis McCauley
 Kate Mielke
 Sarah O'Sullivan
 Jason Perreault
 Alyson Politano
 Katherine Poulton
 Alex Rakauskas
 Aidan Reed
 Caroline Roach
 Conor Roy
 Joseph Silva
 Ryan Skripps
 Stephen Sluyski
 Abigail Sullivan
 Amanda Sullivan
 Halston Wilkey

Upcoming Collaborative Sacraments

Confirmation:

May 12, 2:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth

First Communion:

May 11, 5:00 p.m.—St. Isidore

May 19, 10:45 a.m.—St. Elizabeth

June 2, 8:45 a.m.—St. Isidore

Warm welcome to all our many visitors this weekend! We are so happy to have you with us and we hope to see you again!



Congratulations to those receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this weekend!

Kathryn Chamberland
 Ella Clisham
 Olivia Clisham
 Tess Clisham
 Eve Cote
 Jack Dyda
 Dave Gallacher
 Olivia Graves
 Elena Hoban
 Elsie Konno
 Jack Shippee
 Amelia Wald
 Rylie Warner
 Hailey Wilcox
 Kellyn York



Collaborative Music News

The Children's Choir celebrated the end of the season with a rehearsal, games, and a cookout in preparation for singing at their last Mass of the year at St. Isidore's last week.

We are thankful for the children sharing their gifts of music and prayer with the Apple Valley Community. Many thanks also for the support of their parents.

Rehearsals will resume next September on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

All children in grades 2 – 6 are welcome!
Contact Music Director Andrea Goodrich
for more information at
andreag@applevalleycatholic.org



Please Note

St. Isidore Next Sunday

To everyone attending Mass at St. Isidore next Sunday, May 19, at 8:45 a.m. **please note:** This is the annual SpringFest weekend and there will be a 10 a.m. race that morning which will shut down Rt. 117 in front of St. Isidore at 9:55 a.m. to approximately 10:10 a.m. Parishioners who have not exited the parking lot by 9:55 a.m. will be required to wait until the road opens up about 15 minutes later. Please consider joining us for coffee and donuts while you wait.

For all Adults interested in ministering with young people...

Is Our Wind Favorable?

Sailors need a favorable wind to get them to their port, but no wind is favorable if they don't know to what port they're headed. Same is true for ministry; if we don't know have a vision, or know the core purpose for our ministry, then all we really have is a program, and a program is not really ministry. This evening will begin a journey to identify our port – our vision and core purpose – for our youth ministry, and to evaluate if our wind – what we do and offer – is favorable.

Monday, May 20

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center Hall
Presenter – Don Boucher – Director for the
Office for Youth Ministry in Davenport Iowa*

HAPPY
Mother's Day

Mass Intentions

St. Isidore:

Saturday, May 11, 5:00 p.m.
Teresa Mertz

Sunday, May 12, 8:45 a.m.
Patricia Noone

St. Elizabeth:

Sunday, May 12, 10:45 a.m.
Mary and Joseph Witek, Memorial Mass

**No Weekday Masses this week.
No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, May 12**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please join us for the next Prayer Shawl ministry meeting next Monday night, May 13, 7:00 p.m., upstairs in the St. Isidore rectory.

Greetings & Thank You from Rome!

Fr. Walter has enjoyed his trip to Rome, a gift made possible from so many parishioners upon his retirement. This photo tells it all! Thank you!



At the meeting of the Collaborative Pastoral Council on April 30, 2019, the following 'resolution' was adopted.

Resolution: Be it resolved that we, the members at large of the Collaborative Pastoral Council, for Parishes of Saint Elizabeth, and Saint Isidore, approve and endorse unanimously, the following statement of commendation:

That we express with prayer and enthusiasm our gratitude for the Liturgies of the Triduum. It is our observation that every aspect of these Liturgies was conducted with the highest level of professionalism and attention.

We acknowledge the performances of the Choirs; the homilies; the design and printing of Liturgical Guides; the decoration of both Churches; the dedication and performance of numerous Ministries. In combination, we believe these aspects of the Liturgy, which were carried out so well, led to a prayerful and joyful participation in the Triduum by all the faithful. We acknowledge especially Father Jeff and Deacon Charlie for their roles in leading us through each of the Liturgical Celebrations.

We commend the hard work and dedication of the staff and so many parishioners who coalesced in their efforts to make this Easter the glorious and joyful experience it truly was.

Collaborative Pastoral Council: Ex Officio Members: Fr. Jeff Archer, Deacon Charlie Cornell, Diahne Goodwin. Members at Large: David Winders, Edward Kelly, Hayley Reynolds, Steve Ryan, Valerie Pietry, Maria Mpelkas.

Scripture for the week of May 12, 2019

- 12 SUN Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- 13 Mon Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
- 14 Tue Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- 15 Wed Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
- 16 Thu Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
- 17 Fri Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
- 18 Sat Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
- 19 SUN Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Financial Summary for Saint Elizabeth
July 1, 2018 - Mar 31, 2019

	Actuals for the nine months ended Mar 31, 2019	Budget for the nine months ended Mar 31, 2019	Actuals for the nine months ended Mar 31, 2018
Offertory	531213	565,044	577,105
Religious Education	36395	36,000	34,375
Catholic Appeal Rebate	4272	-	5,716
Other	23496	15,750	10,679
Total Revenue	595376	616,794	627,875
Compensation & Benefits	359429	386,250	355,136
Archdiocesan Tithe	53402	53,397	53,423
Buildings & Grounds	92403	97,500	89,987
Administration	35735	25,353	26,233
Faith Formation	11548	4,875	7,006
Music, Worship & Liturgy	9335	9,750	4,779
Christian Service & Community *	18188	21,000	26,738
Total Expenses	580040	598,125	563,302
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	15336	18,669	64,573

Expenses for the twelve months ending June 30, 2019 are projected to be \$797,500.

Should you have any questions regarding the financial information, please contact a member of the Saint Isidore Parish Finance Council: Chris Brolin, Mary Amato, Don Armstrong, Dawn Gomez and Richard Heffernan.

Financial Summary for Saint Isidore
July 1, 2018 - Mar 31, 2019

	Actuals for the nine months ended Mar 31, 2019	Budget for the nine months ended Mar 31, 2019	Actuals for the nine months ended Mar 31, 2018
Offertory	186,519	197,550	188,851
Grand Annual	58,258	30,000	27,365
Religious Education	11,607	14,000	13,782
Catholic Appeal Rebate	-	-	245
Other	13,215	18,360	15,338
Total Revenue	269,600	259,910	245,581
Compensation & Benefits	169,614	181,360	156,715
Archdiocesan Tithe	15,112	14,990	17,664
Maintenance & Repair	14,489	16,455	16,616
Pastoral & Liturgical	12,874	15,527	14,288
Office Expenses	11,311	11,140	10,050
Property & Liability Insurance	12,735	11,105	10,548
Utilities	8,423	7,369	5,947
Household	528	287	283
Miscellaneous **	789	958	930
Total Expenses	245,875	259,191	233,040
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	23,724	719	12,540

Expenses for the twelve months ending June 30, 2019 are projected to be \$ 354,023.

Should you have any questions regarding the financial information, please contact a member of the Saint Isidore Parish Finance Council: Bill Oberlies, Glen Bunnell, Charlie Corley, Dave Goulet, Mary Henry, Tom Moroney, Rosario Rizzo and Mike Rondeau