

Easter Sunday

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IS
RISEN

Hallelujah!

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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No matter who you are, where you are from or why you are here, we welcome you and invite you to join us in growing to know Jesus Christ more personally and then going forth more prepared to share the Good News with others. We offer our collaborative community as a place to belong—a spiritual home where the love, mercy, and joy of the Lord are gratefully received and generously shared.

Easter is more than just one day. We celebrate the Glory of The Risen Christ for 50 days!



The faith that brings so many to church today has been passed on to us from those early disciples. **We now are invited to be just as excited, committed, determined, and joyful as they were as we live our Christian faith every day. Now it's our turn to pass on, to witness, to evangelize and to live lives filled with the Holy Spirit.** Easter is much more than a day. It should give meaning to our life. No matter how many crosses we bear, deaths we die, or challenges we face, Jesus Christ is with us. The Risen Lord asks us to surrender to him with the understanding that he is with us and will give us whatever we need to turn from sin, to trust him and to receive the strength and guidance we need. The word “alleluia” which is proclaimed throughout the year, especially during Easter, comes from the Hebrew word meaning “Praise God.”

Look around the church at those who surround you. They remind us that we are not alone, we are a community of believers who by our presence at Mass strengthens our faith and the bond we have with each other. Yes, Easter is much more than a day! It's the reason we are Christian. We live Easter today and everyday throughout the year. **Alleluia!**

Got Questions about Life?... About Faith? Try Alpha!



What is Alpha?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. A place where you can belong to a group of people exploring these questions.

Alpha is not so much a *course*, but an experience! Gathering once a week over a ten week period, each Alpha brings together people from every walk of life. We begin each Alpha gathering by sharing a meal. We eat together, we listen to a talk and then we gather together in small groups for discussion. Over 29 million people across the globe have experienced Alpha.

We will be offering Alpha again this fall.

In the meantime if you would like to learn more, check out alphausa.org; or contact avccalpha@gmail.com with questions or to be emailed when the Fall Alpha will begin.

Not Catholic? Seeking? Curious? We Welcome you!

Perhaps you, or someone close to you, may be searching for meaning or purpose in life or are seeking a spiritual home. Maybe you or they have wondered what it means to be Catholic. We are here to support you, provide a safe place to explore your questions and assist you on your journey of discovery and faith. Please contact any staff person to learn more.

2019 Summer Mission Trips

It's not too late to register!

Olancho Aid Foundation Juticalpa, Olancho – Honduras

June 10 to June 18

Cost - \$1200.00

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

Our Own Trip - Corpus Christi, Texas

June 23 to June 29

Cost - \$750.00

Open to all young people presently in high school.

Steubenville East - Lowell, MA

July 12 to July 14

Cost - \$100.00

Open to all present and rising high school young people.

Just5Days – Center for Ministry Development, Springfield, MA

July 15 to July 19

Cost - \$300.00

Open to all young people presently in grades 6, 7 and 8.

Additional information on all trips
contact jim@applevalleycatholic.org



Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Group

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.

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.

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



2nd Annual Mission Trip for Adults - Corpus Christi Texas

Mon., May 13 to Sat., May 19
(Stay for the entire time or
Come and go as needed)

Cost - \$150.00 plus airfare
(Cost helps to cover food, vans,
supplies and a donation to
our host)

Open to all Adults!

Contact

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Living as an Intentional Disciple: Meet Maura Pavao

An intentional disciple is someone who has personal relationship with Jesus Christ and has chosen entrust his or her life to him and share Christ with others. How they live their life reflects this love and mission to others.

Maura Pavao is an intentional Disciple! Over the years, she has been an active member of the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative, both at St. Isidore, where she lived when her children were young and at St. Elizabeth's, where they moved when the kids were in middle and high school.

Maura grew up attending church faithfully and attending religious education regularly. But she was not an intentional disciple until she was a young adult. She remembers very vividly the first time she truly felt the power of the Holy Spirit in her life. It was during a difficult and important conversation with someone where she felt at a total loss for words. Suddenly she found herself speaking loving, compassionate words that were very healing. Maura knew at that moment that God was with her and guiding her. She had a very deep profound understanding from that day on that we are all God's children and are all deserving of love, respect, and compassion, no matter what the situation. That encounter with God's grace in her life has shaped her discipleship ever since.

Maura has continued to grow in her relationship with the Lord. Sharing her gifts, she has made it part of her life's work to share God's love with her family and those in the Church. She has been involved in many ministries: a catechist for many years, a Confirmation leader; a leader on many mission trips and a supportive Music Ministry parent. Currently, she is a Eucharistic Minister during Mass and to the homebound and is also one of the primary leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word at St. Isidore.

With her children grown, Maura's witness is growing beyond the church walls. She is now part of a team developing a new ministry to bring social justice and outreach opportunities to adults in the collaborative. She is also a member of the Massachusetts Society of Catholic Scientists, and has worked with many to help connect faith and science. In all she does, the constantly present is the smile of joy, the presence of Christ in her life. We thank an praise God for her presence in our community!

Do you know an intentional disciple? Let us know! We'd love to learn about and share their story too!



*Delivering groceries to
St. Martha's Food Pantry*

Vacation Bible School

ROAR! with all your friends at the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Vacation Bible School this summer.

We are looking for teen and adult volunteers and lots of excited kids to gather at St. Elizabeth's on **August**



5-9, 2019 for games, adventures, and songs teaching us about Jesus's love for all of us. Contact Sarah Burianek at applevalleyvbs@gmail.com

Prayer Line

Prayer makes a difference!

- o Can you take a few minutes each week to pray for others?
- o Do you need prayers yourself?

Connect with our email prayer group!

To join the group or to request prayers, please send an email to Cathy Griffin, cathleengriffin@comcast.net. For requests, to protect privacy, we only use first names or no name.

Mass Intentions

**All Masses this weekend will
be celebrated for:
The People**

CONGRATULATIONS



Our Collaborative Family congratulates; Katie Mikoski and Wes Alexander on their Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmation at this year's Easter Vigil.

We are so appreciative to all our community for their prayers and support along their journey and to the R.C.I.A. team members and other parishioners who have journeyed with them.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During Children's Liturgy of the Word Children through grade 5 are dismissed from the assembly to the church hall, where the readings and Gospel are proclaimed from a Children's Lectionary. They return to the church during the time of the Presentation of the Gifts. Parents are welcome to attend, but must attend with children age 4 and under.

***You Matter to God!
You Matter to Us!***

***May God bless you and our
community.***

***As always, please let us know how we
can be of help and support for you and
your loved ones.***

Why do you look for
the living among
the dead?

He is not here

He Has Risen!

Luke 24:5

Scripture for the week of April 21, 2019

- 21 SUN Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12
- 22 Mon Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
- 23 Tue Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
- 24 Wed Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
- 25 Thu Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
- 26 Fri Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
- 27 Sat Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
- 28 SUN Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn
20:19-31

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Collaborative Worship Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m.—St. Isidore

Sunday

8:45 a.m.—St. Isadore
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

No Daily Mass on April 22 & 24.

Sacrament of Reconciliation



St. Isidore

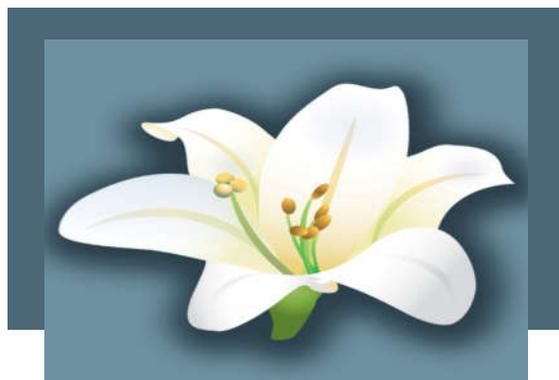
Saturdays, 4:00—4:45 p.m.
6:00-7:30 p.m. During Lent, St. Isidore on
March 27; April 10, 17

St. Elizabeth

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

Easter Collection Clergy Health & Retirement Trust

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Alleluia!