



Take care to guard against
all greed, for though one may be
rich, one's life does not consist of
possessions.

Luke 12:15

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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Growing in Faith Together Registration is Now Open



Our GIFT team has been busy all summer planning for next year's program. We have been working to connect our Catholic faith to real life issues that every family deals with. Our September session will be on how our faith can help us to build stronger relationships at home, school, and in the world. Everyone is invited to join us. **GIFT is for all ages.**

Information and registration forms are available in both churches and parish offices and online at: <http://www.seoh.org/images/ParishBulletinsEtc/GIFT%20Registration%202019-2020.pdf>. If you have any questions, please to contact us by email, phone, or in person at the Faith Formation Office at St. Elizabeth's.

First Communion Registration Information

We invite parents with children entering the second grade to register their child for First Communion preparation. Registration forms were mailed to parish families in mid-July, but it is also available in both of our churches, in our parish offices, and on our websites. If you have any questions, or for more information contact: Joan Mattila, Coordinator of Young Family Ministries at 978-263-4305, x17 or joan@applevalleycatholic.org.



Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our collaborative will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let the changes in the kids hearts be an inspiration to their families and lead them to a deeper relationship with you. Amen.



A joyful picture to see Tom Spataro with son William Leading CLOW at St. Isidore. We are most grateful to our summer Children's Liturgy Of the Word ministry team. Would you like to join CLOW? Please contact Joan Mattila, Coordinator of Young Family Ministries at 978-263-4305, ext. 17.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections on my Mission Trip this Summer

Before the mission trip, I was reluctant to go. I didn't want to take a week off of my summer to "pray" and do service work. My expectations for the trip were so low that I didn't have many hopes. I just wanted to be provided with good food and an ok living area. I was also concerned about being away from my family and not attending my daily math class. Overall I didn't want to go and in my mind, the cons of going on this mission trip heavily outweighed the pros.

From the moment I stepped into the church, to the moment I left, I was surrounded with nice people that shared my faith. We worked and participated in a variety of prayer and activities all surrounding "the Beatitudes."

We did a refugee simulation where we were thrown into a desolate and desperate family and given the bare necessities. We then went through a chain of events meant to break spirit and destroy hope. After this experience, we proceeded to reflect on our journey and talk about what happened. The fact that some families and people had and have to go through this inhumane journey appalled most of us and I was very thankful for all of my blessings after this experience.

The overlying theme of the week in my mind was service. (As it was a service trip!) To exercise Jesus's teachings and to serve his name, we worked at a senior home. The senior home was called Mercy Life and it isn't your average senior home. At Mercy Life, no one stays on-site and it was described as "a daycare for seniors." Mercy Life is very upbeat and all of its employees are very committed to their jobs. It is located in West-Springfield, Massachusetts.

Mercy Life serves low income people from 55-105 and it was founded by The Sisters of Providence. We mainly just hung out and participated in recreational activities with the seniors. My favorite part of the service work was seeing the look in the seniors' eyes when they saw us shining a light in their days. I also liked playing poker and bingo with some of the gents.



With all of the controversies in the Catholic Church, this experience changed my view on what it means to be Catholic. Before I thought to be Catholic was just going to church every Sunday and sometimes reading the Bible, but my view has completely flip-flopped.

Now I know that being Catholic means being a servant. Serving those who are less fortunate and answering their call for help. I enjoy church more now that I have a better understanding of what my responsibility is and what God is calling me to do. I will bring the spirit of the trip home with me by doing my best to live in God's word and serving and helping others when I can.

In conclusion, I would encourage all middle schoolers to come to Just5Days. I would especially encourage those struggling to find their faith identity to come as it cleared my sight to what being Catholic entails. I have the most utmost of confidence that it will clear your's or your son's/daughter's too.

Sincerely,
Ryan Anthony Leo
Grade 8



Mass Intentions

St. Isidore

Saturday, August 3, 5:00 p.m.
Francisco Rodrigues, Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 4, 8:45 a.m.
Richard Frates, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday, August 4, 10:45 a.m.
Richard Higdon, Anniversary Mass

Sunday, August 11, 10:45 a.m.
Patricia Fallon, Memorial Mass

Boston Red Sox vs. Philadelphia Phillies

Open to the entire family!!

August 20

Cost - \$45.00

(includes bleacher seat and bus)

Meet at St. Isidore Parish Parking Lot at 5:15 p.m. and return to St. Isidore Parish immediately after the game. **Space is limited - First come, first served.** Once the tickets are sold out - we can't purchase more.

To purchase tickets:

Please drop (or mail) payment to
Youth Ministry Office.

*Please make checks out to St. Elizabeth
of Hungary*

**If you are in high school and not
coming with your family - you must
have a permission slip.**

Apple Valley Collaborative High School Youth Ministry Summer Events

July 28—August 1

Teen Alpha

5:00—10:00 p.m. Dinner included.
Open to all high school young people,
especially freshman and sophomores.
Please register by July 25.

Friday, August 9

Catholic Day at Six Flags New England

Cost: \$50 includes van/bus, ticket, parking,
all you can eat buffet and more. Meet at St.
Isidore at 7:30 a.m. We will stay at the park
until 8:00 p.m. and stop at Coldstone
Creamery on the way home. Register
by August 1.

Wednesday, August 14

Beach/Fireworks Trip to Hampton Beach

1:00—11:00 p.m., Pay as you go! Register
with permission slip by August 10.

Sunday, August 25

Mini Golf Tournament at Kimball's

Join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St.
Elizabeth then we will head over to
Kimball's. Pay as you go. Prizes for winners.

Sunday, September 1st

**Teen Leadership Committee Planning
Retreat** 1:00—6:00 p.m. All young people
are welcome to be part of the
Teen Leadership Committee and to come to
this retreat.

Sunday, September 1

Back to School Cookout

starting with the 5:00 p.m. Mass. It will be a
night of great food and fellowship. Bring a
salad or dessert to share



Adult Christian Service Ministry

We are a newly forming group of adults interested in service opportunities. Please consider joining us at one of these upcoming activities!

Sunday, August 11

Serving dinner at Cor unum, Lawrence

Please contact Melissa Hatanaka, melissahatanaka@gmail.com before August 5 to participate.

Monday, August 26

Service Ministry Meeting

Please come to our next meeting at 7:00 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Parish Center or contact Mary Amato, amato.mg@gmail.com for more information. All are welcome.

Wednesday, September 18

Serving dinner at Acton Community Supper

Please contact John Covert, covert@covert.org if interested in assisting.

Other upcoming events include working with Habitat for Humanity, a social at Robbins Park, volunteering at Household Goods.



Scripture for the week of August 4, 2019

- 4 SUN Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
- 5 Mon Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
- 6 Tue Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
- 7 Wed Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
- 8 Thu Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
- 9 Fri Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
- 10 Sat 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) - Stow

If you go to "smile.amazon.com" instead of "amazon.com" you can choose a charity that will give back .5% of your purchases.

The one for SVdP in Stow is: "**Society of Saint Vincent De Paul in the Archdiocese of Boston**". Click on: "**Location: Stow, MA**". please be sure you click on Stow, MA.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Prepare your marriage for the coming of the Lord by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are September 14—15, in Medway and October 18—20, in Laconia, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

WORDSEARCH

Solution to last week's crossword

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

- VANITY EARTH GREED
- WISDOM ABOVE HEART
- WEALTH GLORY GRAIN
- CREATOR PROFIT FOOL
- HARVEST IMAGE TOIL

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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

Apple Valley Catholic Community Office Hours:

St. Isidore
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.—Noon
Monday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Sunday: Noon—4:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Isidore
Saturdays, 4:00—4:45 p.m.

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



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 7/28/2019:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,266
Mailbacks:	1,252
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	753
Total Parish Support:	4,271
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$46,687

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 7/28/2019:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 1,757
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	2,557
Total Parish Support:	4,314
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	18,539
St. Vincent de Paul collection:	141