



*Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us
and persevere in running the race that lies before us
while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.*

Hebrews 12:1-2

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APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

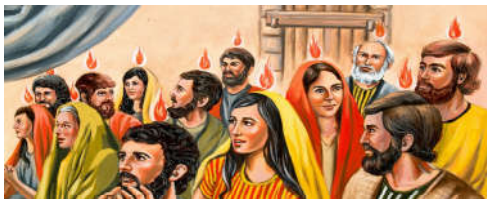
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Annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal—This Weekend

As part of annual Mission Co-Operative Program, Fr. Rocco Puopolo, s.x. (Xaverian Missionary) will speak at all Masses this weekend about The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the Four Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Archdiocese of Boston. Fr. Rocco will share stories about his experiences in the missions and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from our own. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church dedicated to assisting and supporting lay people, priests, and religious in their evangelizing mission work. May our hearts and ears be opened by the Holy Spirit to support and pray for all missionaries and people they serve in the missions. Thank you in advance for your prayerful support.

Fall Bible Study – Acts of the Apostles



The study of the Acts of the Apostles focuses on the story of the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the early church after its beginnings at Pentecost. It recounts the preaching of Peter, Paul and other disciples as they spread the faith throughout Judea, Samaria and beyond. We begin on Tuesday evening September 10 at St. Elizabeth's parish center and continue for nine weeks. Enrollment is by email to Steve Ryan with a deadline of **August 27**.

Study materials will cost \$20. Additional information about this study will be found on the website. For questions and enrollment, please contact Steve Ryan sjryan@applevalleycatholic.org.

Is there
more to
life than this

Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment, through a series of conversations. **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 listen to a talk and then we gather together in small groups for discussion. Over 29 million people across the globe have done Alpha.

Alpha is for everyone. Absolutely no question is out of bounds, and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. You can have literally no background knowledge or belief in Christianity, be a life-long Catholic, or an atheist... **everyone is invited to try Alpha!** Check it out at: Alphausa.org

*Come see for yourself at the first session.
No upfront commitment necessary!*

We offer Teen **Alpha** as well!

Teen Alpha is offered to all young people in Grade 9 and above.

**The next “Come and See” Evening
will be on:
Sunday, September 15, 6:15-8:45 p.m.**

St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall
Questions? Contact:
avccalpha@gmail.com or call Diahne
978 263-4305 x13.

Hope to see you there!



Growing in Faith Together Register Now!

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Conferences

In today's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!"

Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with the of God's love. We are so fortunate to serve God and our neighbors with our very own local conferences, one at St. Isidore and one at St. Elizabeth. Donation envelopes can be found in the gathering area at both parishes to help support these conferences.



Mass Intentions

St. Isidore

Saturday, August 17, 5:00 p.m.
Marie Helen Richard, Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 18, 8:45 a.m.
Albert Darby, Memorial Mass

Saturday, August 24, 5:00 p.m.
James P. Gray, Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 25, 8:45 p.m.
Stan, Rose and Bob, Curley,
Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday, August 18, 10:45 a.m.
James P. Gray, Anniversary Mass

Sunday, August 18, 5:00 p.m.
George and James Sutherland,
Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 25, 10:45 a.m.
Patricia Norton, Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 25, 5:00 p.m.
Fr. Jerome Tracy, Healing

Apple Valley Collaborative High School Youth Ministry Summer Events

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.

Teen Leadership Committee Applications due!

We need you! Join our team!
Contact Jim for an application at
jim@applevalleycatholic.org

Boston Red Sox vs. Philadelphia Phillies— August 20

Open to the entire family!!

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.** To purchase tickets: Please drop payment to Youth Ministry Office. *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.

Scripture for the week of August 18, 2019

18 SUN Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
19 Mon Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
20 Tue Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
21 Wed Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
22 Thu Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
23 Fri Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
24 Sat Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
25 SUN Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



During the week of August 4, an email was sent out requesting corrugated cardboard that would be used in one of our summer garden projects. Thank you to all those who responded!!! We really appreciate your help on such short notice!

On the afternoon of August 10, Eric and Charlotte Duhamel and Abhinav and Ari Shukla, representing Troops 12 and 32, respectively, joined forces with Cathy Fochtman and Fran Portante to finish this step of the project. They laid cardboard over the reclaimed space, sprayed it down with water and spread nine cubic yards of mulch on top. The team worked tirelessly through a few rain sprinkles and one memorable wind gust! We look forward to begin planting in the Fall.

Thank you to Cathy, Fran, Eric, Charlotte, Abhinav and Ari for all your hard work in transforming this area! Pictured left to right: Eric Duhamel, Charlotte Duhamel, Ari Shukla, Abhinav Shukla and Fran Portante.

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!

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.

Adults interested in volunteering to serve meals at Cor Unum in Lawrence should contact Melissa Hatanaka: melissahatanaka@gmail.com for information on how to participate.



CODE -- BREAKER! Crossword solution from last week

F	O	E	S	S	T	A	R	S
A		E		E				O
I	S	A	A	C	N			O
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H	O	L	Y		S			
P				L	T		K	
S	E	A	T	A	P	R	O	N
O	N	H		M		U		E
N		H	E	L	P	S		W
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The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: D = I, and Z = E.

D CVQZ XJHZ OJ NZO
 OCZ ZVMOC JI ADMZ,
 VIY CJR D RDNC DO
 RZMZ VGMZVYT WGVUDIB.

ANSWER
 I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.

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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 8/11/2019:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,540
Mailbacks:	1,161
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>753</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,454
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$58,365

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 8/11/2019:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 1,723
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,557</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,280
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	27,887
St. Vincent de Paul collection:	121