

*R*ather, when you hold a banquet, invite
the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;
blessed indeed will you be because of their
inability to repay you. For you will be repaid
at the resurrection of the righteous.

Luke 14:13-14

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ;

I hope everyone is enjoying summer. Yet, we know that soon September will be upon us, our programs and events will start, the children & teens will be returning to school, and our graduated seniors will be heading off to college, permanent jobs, the military or a host of other selected opportunities. The days of summer are going by so fast.

After careful thought, prayer and accepting the advice from the staff, I have made the decision to offer confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the **first Wednesday of each month at St. Elizabeth of Hungary**, starting Wednesday, September 4, 2019. We feel that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament should be part of our community's prayer practice; and offering a weeknight confession time allows more people the opportunity to come by after work, school, or a busy day. This new schedule on the first Wednesday of each month is:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Confessions from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

With this addition, I have also decided to **permanently cancel** the weekly 4:00—4:45 p.m. confessions on Sunday afternoon at St. Elizabeth of Hungary. The last Sunday confessions at St. Elizabeth of Hungary will take place on Sunday, September 1, 2019. **Confession will continue** at St. Isidore every Saturday from 4:00—4:45 p.m.

Making these changes gives our community the opportunity to participate in weekend confessions at St. Isidore, and weeknight confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Wednesday of each month at St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families.

I am yours in Christ,
Fr. Jeff

God needs priests



**Is He calling you?
If you are 30-60,
you may be surprised.**

First Friday Visits”
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary,
558 South Ave., Weston
Friday, September 6, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Join the Seminary community for
- Prayer & fellowship
 - Holy Hour and Evening Prayer
 - Dinner with the seminarians
 - Tour of the Seminary

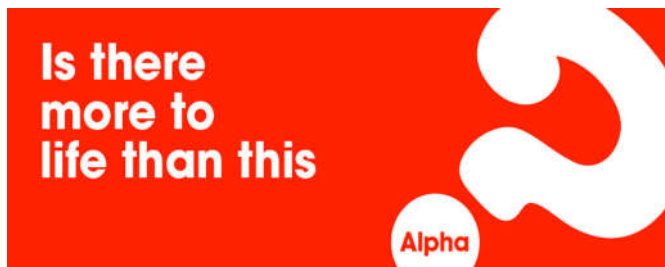
RSVP Msgr. Fay at 781-899-5500 Ext. 127
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Alpha Food Ministry

Do you have a joy of cooking or baking, or the gift of hospitality? Do you like to have fun with fun people? Then, this may be for you! We have recently formed an Alpha Food Ministry, coordinated by Linda Bertonlino, whose mission is to lovingly prepare and serve meals to our Alpha guests. We need entrée cooks, dessert makers and also people to serve and clean up. You are welcome to do one aspect of this ministry or all three; to participate once or twice over an Alpha season, or every week! Please reach out to Linda if you would like more information or would like to help: lindazen69@gmail.com.

Thank you!





Starting in Two Weeks! Who do you want to invite?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment.

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 atheist... **everyone is invited to try Alpha!** Check it out at: Alphausa.org

We offer Teen Alpha as well!

Teen Alpha is offered to all young people in Grade 9 and above.
See Jim for more information.

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

The next "Come and See"

Evening will be on:

Sunday, September 15, 6:15-8:45 p.m.
(For both teens and adults)

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

Hope to see you there!

21 DAY, 11:02 Prayer Campaign

He (Jesus) said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come.'" Luke 11:2

Prayer is powerful!! Last August, the prayer team at Holy Trinity Brompton Church in London launched 21 days of prayer leading up to Alpha not knowing what kind of impact it would have on their course. That September, the Alpha course grew by 40% from the previous year! This is what we long to see, more people than ever before discovering and developing a relationship with Jesus.

So, this fall, we encourage you to **join us in prayer in preparation for our fall Teen and Adult Alpha.** We ask you to not only invite people to attend Alpha, but also to begin in prayer before extending an invitation. At 11:02 a.m. (in reference to the scripture passage) each day for 21 days, we want everyone to pray for our tri-town area and for three people they know to come to know Jesus.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Write down the names of three people they would like to see explore faith.
2. Set a daily alarm for 11:02 a.m. as a reminder to pray for their three people.
3. Be open and expectant to see how God might use you. When we spend time with the Living God, we see Him do extraordinary things.

Alpha Invitation Prayer Card

My Three names:



Heavenly Father,
I pray for my community
and especially for these 3
people.
Lord,
let your kingdom come
and your will be done
across this nation.
Holy Spirit,
come fill me today, that I
might share the good news
of Jesus to those around me.
Amen

Mass Intentions

St. Isidore

Saturday, August 31, 5:00 p.m.
Eleanor Stearns, Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 1, 8:45 a.m.
Nancy McLaughlin, Memorial Mass

Saturday, September 7, 5:00 p.m.
Marge Faneuf, Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 8, 8:45 a.m.
Paddy McCarthy, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday, September 1, 10:45 a.m.
Bethany Whiffin, Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 1, 5:00 p.m.
Jennifer Zupicich, Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 8, 10:45 a.m.
Cesario Geronimo, Memorial Mass

Prayers for the Departed:
Hilli Houle

Growing in Faith Together Register Now!

Information and registration forms are available in both churches, 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. GIFT is for all ages.

Adult Christian Service Ministry ~ Upcoming Events

Wed., Sept. 18, Serving dinner at Acton Community Supper

Contact John Covert covert@covert.org if interested in assisting.

Monthly Serving dinner at Cor Unum, Lawrence

Adults interested in volunteering to serve meals should contact Melissa Hatanaka melissahatanaka@gmail.com, for information on how to participate.

Contact Mary Amato ama-to.mg@gmail.com for more information about our ministry or to add your name to the mailing list. To volunteer for any of these opportunities, you are under no obligation for any long term commitments. All are welcome to volunteer according to their own schedules and interests.

Lost & Found at St. Isidore

Found: A pair of reading glasses in the parish hall after Mass last weekend (8/24th or 8/25th). Call Robin in the office 978-897-2710. Reminder: the lost & found area is in the gathering space on the bottom shelf of the brass bakers rack in the corner.



Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love. Bless their teachers and staff as together they embark on the journey together!

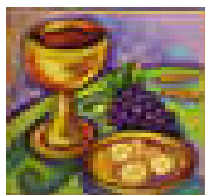
Amen

First Communion Preparation

Submit GIFT/First Communion Registration by Sunday, September 8th - Please complete the Apple Valley Catholic Faith Formation Registration form. Program materials for sacramental preparation will be ordered based on registrations received as of this date. 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 contact Joan Mattila at: Joan@applevalleycatholic.org, 978 263-4305, or in person at the Faith Formation Office at St. Elizabeth.

Attend Parent Information Session on Sunday, September 8- 9:45 a.m. at St. Isidore in the Church Hall, OR 11:45 a.m. at St. Elizabeth in the Church Hall - At least one parent from each First Communion family must attend one of these information meetings.

Attend First Communion Parent and Child Kick-Off on Sunday, October 6 at 11:45 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church Hall - parent(s) and First Communion children will gather after the 10:45 a.m. Mass for pizza and our opening session. Please note: each family must be pre-registered for Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) and First Communion sacramental preparation prior to the kick-off.



Scripture for the week of September 1, 2019

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| 1 | SUN | Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14 |
| 2 | Mon | 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30 |
| 3 | Tue | 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37 |
| 4 | Wed | Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44 |
| 5 | Thu | Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11 |
| 6 | Fri | Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39 |
| 7 | Sat | Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5 |
| 8 | SUN | Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33 |

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

CLOW is growing! We welcomed four new leaders during the summer: Sam Doucette, Hayley Reynolds, Lucienne Schmidt, and Odaviz Soto. This is a volunteer ministry that is offered for children during our Sunday morning Masses at both parishes: St. Isidore - 8:45 a.m. and St. Elizabeth - 10:45 a.m.

Children in Grades K-6 are accompanied by our CLOW team to the church hall following the opening prayers and then return to Mass prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Parents are always welcome, and are asked to accompany their young children. If you have any questions about CLOW, or would like to join our ministry team, contact Joan Mattila: joan@applevalleycatholic.org.

Collaborative Music News

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth **Children's Choir** (grades 2 - 6) will rehearse on **Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**, beginning on September 11.

Collaborative **Adult Choirs** will rehearse on **Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**, beginning on September 11.

The Collaborative **Teen Ensemble** (singers and instrumentalists in grades 7 - 12) will rehearse on **Mondays from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.** beginning on September 16.

For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich: 978-263-4305, ext.12. or andreag@applevalleycatholic.org.



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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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Wednesday of each month
5:00—7:00 p.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
First Wednesday of each month, 5:30—7:00 p.m.



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the two weeks ending 8/25/2019:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 6,083
Mailbacks:	2,689
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>27,088</u>
Total Parish Support:	35,860
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$89,123
Feast of the Assumption Collection:	266
Collection for Unbound on 8/18/19:	1,497

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the two weeks ending 8/25/2019:

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
Feast of the Assumption Collection:	345
Collection for Unbound on 8/18/19:	1,075
Saint Vincent de Paul collection:	121