

A photograph of a man kneeling in prayer against a blue wall. He is wearing a light-colored t-shirt and blue pants. His hands are clasped in front of his face, and he is looking down. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God,
be merciful to me
a sinner.

Luke 18:13

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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

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Office Hours: Sunday 10:00 a.m.—Noon
Monday: 9:00 –3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Visit us at <https://applevalleycatholic.org/>

We are so excited to announce the
 launch of our
 New Collaborative Website!
<https://applevalleycatholic.org/>



WELCOME TO THE
 APPLE VALLEY
 CATHOLIC
 COMMUNITY!

New?



If you are new to our parish, our community and/or our website, we welcome you. We hope you'll find that our churches are filled with smiling faces, warm and faithful people, and an open spot in our pews, saved just for you. Join us for Mass or for any of the programs or events we offer to help you grow deeper in faith and friendship with Jesus.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM in sacristy



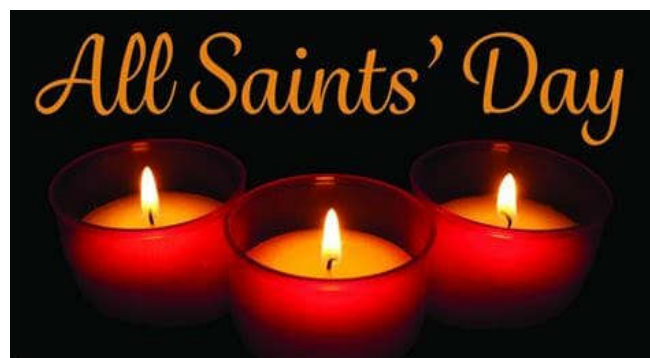
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Apple Valley Catholic Community where it asks you to find your Parish then enter your email address. You should then be all set to take advantage of these wonderful resources!

As our two parishes have grown together in so many ways, the time was right to come together under one website. The new site is designed to serve both the needs of all in our parish communities as well as provide a source of invitation and welcome to visitors. Some new features include the interactive ability to update one's own parish records, links for a myriad of Catholic content and resources, online learning and more. As we continue to develop the website, we look forward to adding more interactive content and continue to keeping the site current, relevant and meeting the needs of our mission and all in our community.



Friday, November 1
(Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 a.m. Mass—St. Isidore
7:00 p.m. Mass—St. Elizabeth

Baptism This Weekend At Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative

We welcome a new member to our Christian community in the sacrament of baptism: Elena Valentina Tabares, daughter of Gustavo Tabares and Jenniffer Sanchez.

Please join us in holding Elena, her parents and godparents in prayer as they continue to grow in faith together.

Remembrance Service for the Faithful Departed Friday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.



The month of November is a time when we remember those who have died. On Friday November 8, the St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Communities will gather at 7:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Church to pray with each other as we remember our family members and friends who have passed on to eternal life. This service of scripture readings, music, and reflective silence will offer an opportunity for those present to light a candle for those who are ever present in our hearts and minds. The Cursillo Group will host a reception following the service in the church hall. All are invited.

Collaborative Music News

Teen Ensemble rehearsal is Monday from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.

Children's Choir rehearsal is Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Adult Choir rehearsal is Wednesday from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

November—The Month of All Souls

During the month of November we remember those who have died and pray that they might share in the peace and joy of the Resurrection. In keeping with the tradition at St. Elizabeth Parish, we remember our deceased family members and friends by writing their names in our Book of the Names of the Dead and placing their pictures on the wall in St. Elizabeth Alcove.

The Book of the Names of the Dead will remain in the Alcove throughout the month of November. You are invited to place a picture of your loved one on the wall in the Alcove at any time during the month. Please write the name of your loved one on the back of the picture before placing it on the wall. After November 29, you may either leave the picture with us to keep for next year or pick it up after Mass on the weekend.

Adult Christian Service Ministry

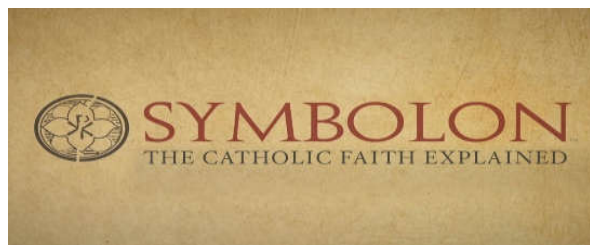
Oct. 28 - Monthly meeting, St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Room 1.

Nov. 2- Habitat for Humanity for house in Ashburnham. Volunteer time 8:30-4 p.m. More people are needed!

Nov. 20- Acton Community Supper 4:30-6 p.m. Contact John Corvat covert@covert.org

Please contact Mary Amato amato.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. Please follow AVCC Adult Christian Service Ministry on Facebook.





The Catholic Faith Explained
Monthly discussion
begins November 13!

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained features video and discussion sessions that brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. Please join us on November 13th from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center for our inaugural gathering. The topic will be: The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith, and the God who is Love.

There is no cost to participate, but please sign up ahead of time with Diahne (diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org) so that we may plan well for the event. Thank you!

Future dates and topics include:

Dec 11: Divine Revelation

Jan 15: the Sacraments and overview of Baptism and Confirmation

Feb 12: The Eucharist

Mar 11: The Mass

April 15: Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace

May 13: Mary and the Saints

You are invited to participate in one or all – each session stands alone. The *Symbolon* series is also available for viewing anytime through our Formed subscription! (go to formed.org and sign up, selecting Apple Valley Catholic Community under the organization)

Virtus Training

Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m.

Upstairs Rectory, St. Isidore

Register at:

barbara@applevalleycatholic.org

Young Family Ministry News

First Communion Preparation

October Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Wednesday the 23 or Sunday, the 27. All grade K-4 children and their parent (s) will gather for a meal and then an engaging break-out session about how faith can help us to care for our possessions.

First Reconciliation Mini-Lesson #2 on Sunday, November 3. Children and their parent(s) will gather for our second mini-lesson at St. Isidore, downstairs in the Church Hall after the 8:45am Mass. Parents and children should complete Chapters 3 and 4 in their activity folders prior to this session. Please contact Joan Mattila, our Program Coordinator, with any questions at: joan@applevalleycatholic.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)



Sam Doucette engages the children at St. Isidore in a discussion about the many different ways to pray.



Beth McDonough leads CLOW at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, teaching the children how to pray in different ways using sign language.

Interested In Becoming A Member?

Visit the Welcome Centre in the gathering space after Mass for more information or visit us online at: applevalleycatholic.org.

Mass Intentions

St. Isidore

Saturday, October 26, 5:00 p.m.
The Mileski Family, Memorial Mass

Sunday, Oct 27, 8:45 a.m.
Ruth & Richard Miano, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday, October 27, 10:45 a.m.
Prayers for the Sick

Sunday, October 27, 5:00 p.m.
Veronica D. Joyce, Memorial Mass

Advent Wreath Workshop

Join fellow parishioners on Saturday, November 23, at 6 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall for a hands-on Advent wreath-making workshop. We'll provide the undecorated wreath form, fresh evergreens, Advent candles, a gold display plate, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. It's a relaxing evening socializing with fellow parishioners, and at the end of the night, you'll have a beautiful Advent wreath to bring home. No floral design experience is necessary! Cost is \$25/pp. MUST be 21+ years old to attend. For questions, or to RSVP, contact pam.pnelson@gmail.com or at 978-337-3153.



Scripture for the week of October 27, 2019

27	SUN	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
28	Mon	Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
29	Tue	Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
30	Wed	Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
31	Thu	Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
1	Fri	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
2	Sat	Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
3	SUN	Wis 11:22—12:2/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

On the First Wednesday of each month:
Wednesday, November 6

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from
5:00-7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church

Confessions from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth, Old Rectory
(Building to the right of the Church)

Confession is also offered at St. Isidore every
Saturday from 4:00—4:45 p.m.

Welcome Desk

Love to smile? Outgoing? Enjoy hosting guests? Perhaps you are feeling called to assist our guests and fellow parishioners?

We need your assistance to greet people and answer basic questions before or after Mass. We'll provide all the information you may need. You would need to arrive at least 20 minutes before Mass and stay right after Mass as people are leaving. Please contact Robin at robin@applevalleycatholic.org to help out at St. Isidore or Janice at janice@applevalleycatholic.org to help out at St. Elizabeth. Thank you!

Saint Vincent DePaul Society

In this Sunday's Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God and so allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When we pray and give alms to those in need, we allow God's mercy to be poured into their hearts. You have been very good at contributing to those in need via St. Vincent de Paul and hope that you can continue to do so. 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 boxes can be found in the gathering area at both parishes to help support these conferences.

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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

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.

Collaborative Pastoral Council:

Edward Kelly
Maria Mpelkas
Hayley Reynolds
Valerie Pietry
David Winders
Steve Ryan

Diahne Goodwin - ex officio
Deacon Charlie Cornell - ex officio
Fr. Jeffrey Archer - ex officio

Parish Finance Council:

Annmarie Mazzucotelli - ex officio
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St. Isidore:

Bill Oberlies - Vice-Chair
Charlie Corley
Dave Goulet
Glenn Brunnell
Rosario Rizzo
Tom Moroney

St. Elizabeth:

Christopher Brolin - Vice-Chair
Dawn Gomez
Don Armstrong



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 10/20/2019:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,770
Mailbacks:	1,557
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>26,235</u>
Total Parish Support:	30,562
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 196,683
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	205,821
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(9,138)
*Preliminary target is \$698,000 for the year ended 6/30/2020	
Holy Father & Missionary Efforts	\$ 1,182

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 10/20/2019:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,351
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,519</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,870
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$73,169
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>79,823</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(6,654)
Preliminary target is \$260,000 for the year ended 6/30/2020	