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## **APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION**

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish**  
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Monday: 9:00 –3:00 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

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

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ;

On Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, there will be an information and registration meeting for the 2020 summer mission trips. Two *Catholic Heart Work Camp* (“CHWC”) trips have been planned for our youth in grades 7-12.

The staff and I concluded that *Catholic Heart Work Camp*, CHWC, was the best choice for us and for our youth and chaperones. We are very excited to have been able to reserves spots in both the Hartford CT, and Boston area trips! Both sold out shortly after the reservation window opened in September. CHWC has a strong reputation as a solid mission trip experience, both for the amazing experience for participants and the service work that is accomplished.

CHWC’s mission reflects this:

*“To share the love of Christ as we serve the neglected, brokenhearted and the marginalized in any way needed. Equally, to inspire participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others as a way of life; and to foster the Catholic faith of each participant through the sacraments, prayer and involvement in social service.”*

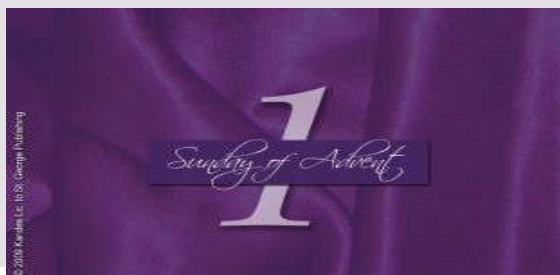
These trips will focus on the needs of the less fortunate and the most vulnerable of society, which are just as prevalent in our own local areas as well as in places far way.

Our youth will also have the opportunity again this summer to attend Steubenville East, a conference geared to help teens encounter the love of Christ and “Discipleship Week” a retreat on Leadership conducted by the Archdiocese of Boston.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

I am yours in Christ,

Fr. Jeff



## **Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament & Confessions**

On the First Wednesday of each month:  
**Wednesday, December 4**

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.

*Heavenly Father,  
your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to  
us, a great sign of your love.*

*Guide us as we strive to walk in that love  
together as a family this Advent.*

*As we prepare our hearts for Christmas,  
bring us closer to each other and to  
your son. Give us the grace and  
strength we need every day.  
Help us to always trust in you.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people  
closer to you.*

*Come and dispel the darkness of our  
world with the light of your love.  
Amen.*

### St. Elizabeth



Every year our parish generously supports many charities through their donation to the Giving Tree. This year we will be donating gifts to the following organizations: The Acton Housing Authority, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Los Amigos in Lawrence, Lazarus House in Lawrence, St. Patrick's Parish in Lowell, St. Mary's Parish in Lynn and Bellesini Academy in Lawrence. The Giving Tree with the tags will be placed in the entry way this weekend.

Please take as many tags as you are able to fulfill, purchase the suggested gift, and place your gift under the tree with the tag attached **before December 15**.

**Please note, some tags will indicate the gift to be wrapped, others will indicate to leave the gift unwrapped.**

Thank you in advance for helping out these charities!

## Apple Valley Catholic Mission Trip Information Summer 2020

### Information Meeting—This Week

AVCC Youth ministry is excited to be able to offer 2 Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trips next summer! Catholic Heart is an amazing experience for young people to serve those in need, deepen their faith, and make incredible friends.

Catholic Heart Hartford, CT.

Open to youth currently in grades 8 – 12

Sunday, July 5 – Friday, July 10

Cost \$495

Catholic Heart Boston, MA.

Open to kids currently in grades 7 – 12

Sunday, July 12 – Friday, July 17

Cost \$495

An informational meeting for kids in grades 7 – 12 and parents will be held in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. Registration will open at that time and all materials will be available at the meeting. Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted with a \$100 deposit on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on **December 4**.

### High School—Mystery All-Nighter!

December 7-8

Beginning at the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Isidore's we will be taking off on our adventure to do fun events and eats great food! You can find more information and forms at the welcome desk or in front of the Youth Ministry Office. Contact [kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org) if you have any questions.



## Baptisms This Weekend at Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative

We welcome two new members to our Christian community in the sacrament of baptism: Adrian James Akey, son of Austin Akey and Silvia Piccinotti; and Lavinia Eve Peculis, daughter of Matthew and Megan Peculis.

Please join us in holding Adrian and Lavinia, their parents and godparents in prayer as they continue to grow in faith together.

## Outdoor Nativity Scene

The St. Elizabeth parish stable team set up the stable last weekend to prepare for Christmas, and during the week the animals slowly began to arrive! Each week during Advent and leading up to Christmas Eve you will see that the placement of figures and the lighting in the stable does not take place all at once, but occurs in stages. This is done to highlight the season as a time of waiting and expectation until we celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve.

Please take time each week to stop and notice the changes that take place in the stable during our journey through Advent to Christmas; and to appreciate the beauty of the visible structure and, more important, the gift God has given us through the birth of his Son, Jesus.



**Collaborative Website!**

<https://applevalleycatholic.org/>



## Sign Up For FORMED Daily Advent Readings

**We are not meant to journey alone!**

**Share the joy of the season with those you love by creating a space for Christ in your day and in your heart. Join us - receive daily meditation, formation, and motivation in preparation for Christ's coming.**

<https://formed.org/advent>

## St. Elizabeth Christmas Season Flower Fund

We welcome your contribution towards flowers and items that will decorate our church for the Christmas Season. Please complete and mail the form below to St. Elizabeth Parish 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720 or put it in an envelope marked '**SEoH Flower Fund**' and place it in the collection basket. If your donation is in memory of a deceased loved one and you wish to have his/her name published in our bulletin on January 12<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, please check off the appropriate box on the form below. Contact Mary Ryan at [mgr@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:mgr@applevalleycatholic.org) or 978-263-4305 X35 if you have questions.

Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the SEoH 2019 Christmas Season Flower Fund.

I am making this donation in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_ *(please print clearly)*

I would like the above name/s published in the bulletin on the Feast of the Baptism. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

My name is : \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you would like your donation to be made anonymously. \_\_\_\_\_

## St. Isidore Grand Annual

The letters announcing the kick off of the 2019 Grand Annual campaign were mailed a month ago but as we are finding out many parishioners have not yet received them. After several check-ins with our post master it was suggested our letters may have gone to NJ to be sorted and could still arrive in your mail. For this we apologize but want you to know that while the letters have yet to arrive in your mailbox we have extra copies located on tables at each exit in the church. Please take one to find out about the Grand Annual, our EFT program and St. Isidore. If you have any questions please contact Robin in the office.

Thank you for your patience and for your continued support of St. Isidore.

## St. Mary of Lynn Christmas Gift Card collection at St. Isidore

Once again we are helping St. Mary's of Lynn help those in need this Christmas season by giving Gift cards. Snowflake tags will be hung on our Giving Tree with specific Gift cards information (Walmart, Target, Market Basket etc.) and return date. Please help by taking a tag or two and be sure to return the gift cards by **Sunday December 15**, so they will be ready for pickup by a member of St. Mary's in Lynn. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Virtus Training Sessions

Please sign up for Virtus training at least one week prior to each session. You may register with Barbara, [barbara@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:barbara@applevalleycatholic.org) or by calling 978-263-4305, ext. 16.

Tues., Dec. 10 @ 1:00 p.m. St. Isidore,  
Upstairs Rectory  
Wed., Jan. 22, 11:00 a.m., St. Elizabeth, Room 3  
Wed., Feb. 12, 7:00 St. Elizabeth's Parish  
Center Room 3  
Thurs., April 23, 7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth's Parish  
Center Room 3.

## Mass Intentions

### St. Isidore

Saturday, November 30, 5:00 p.m.  
David Marinello, Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 1, 8:45 a.m.  
Joseph & Marianna Melone

### St. Elizabeth

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

Sunday, December 1, 5:00 p.m.  
Hank Allard, Memorial Mass

## Collaborative Music News

Teen Ensemble rehearsal on 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. Isidore Church Hall.

Adult Choir rehearsal is Wednesday from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in St. Isidore Church Hall.

**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, MA

**Friday, December 6**

4:30 - 7:30 PM

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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### 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:

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Charlie Corley

Dave Goulet

Glen Bunnell

Rosario Rizzo

Tom Moroney

#### St. Elizabeth:

Christopher Brolin - Vice-Chair

Dawn Gomez

Don Armstrong



### Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth

6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Isidore

10:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth

### Christmas Morning Masses

8:45 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore

10:45 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth

### Scripture for the week of December 1, 2019

- 1 SUN Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
- 2 Mon Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
- 3 Tue Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- 4 Wed Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
- 5 Thu Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- 6 Fri Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
- 7 Sat Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- 8 SUN Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12