

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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"And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
Matthew 3:17

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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



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Monday: 9:00 –3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

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

Got Questions about Life?... About Faith? Try Alpha!



What is Alpha?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. A place where you can belong to a group of people exploring these questions.

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 eat together, we listen to a talk and then we gather together in small groups for discussion. Over 29 million people across the globe have experienced Alpha.

We will be offering Winter Alpha Sessions starting on:

Tues., January 21, 9:45 a.m., St. Isidore
Thurs., January 23, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore
and
Teen Alpha, January 21, 6:30 p.m.,
St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

In the meantime if you would like to learn more, check out alphausa.org; or contact avccalpha@gmail.com

MISSION TRIP: HONDURAS

**Honduras Mission Trip
(Graduated Seniors and Adults)
June 8-13**

Information Meeting for this trip:
January 14, 7 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Room 1

Deposit of \$100.00 can be paid at this meeting to secure your spot.

What's Next After Alpha? Connect Groups

A place where people go to connect and grow!

Join a Connect Group! Connect Groups are where Alpha alumni go to connect and grow! They are an opportunity to continue to grow in the relationships that were formed in the Alpha course with each other and with God. They are places where members are known, loved and cared for by one another. We meet in homes, share a meal, have some fun, listen to a short talk by one of its members, have conversation and pray together.

Our first Alpha Connect Group gathering of the year is **Friday Evening January 24** at Sean O'Sullivan's home, 125 Hayward Rd., Acton from 6:30-8 p.m. We will continue every first and third Friday after that. If you would like to join this group that is starting, contact: avccalpha@gmail.com.

Apple Valley Catholic Mission Trips Summer 2022



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

Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted with a \$100 deposit on a first-come, first-served basis.

Young Family Ministry News *Happy New Year!*

GIFT Sessions – Sunday, January 12

Please join us for an engaging session about how our faith can help us grow as disciples:

- 11:45 a.m.--1:45p.m. (after 10:45 a.m. Mass) or,
- 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (after 5:00 p.m. Mass)

First Communion Preparation Kick-Off - Sunday, January 26

Children and their parent(s) Church Hall. The children will receive their new “Go Seek Find” folders for First Communion, and Fr. Jeff will lead a “Walk Through The Mass” upstairs in the church.

Upcoming Dates for Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Please pray for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on these pre-registered dates at St. Elizabeth:

- Wednesday, January 22 at 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 29 at 4:00 p.m.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Our Confirmation teens engage the children in the Gospel message of the Feast of the Epiphany of The Lord. If you have any questions about CLOW, or would like to join our ministry team, please contact Joan Mattila:
Joan@applevalleycatholic.org.

St. Elizabeth Christmas Season Flower Fund



Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards enhancing our worship environment during the Christmas Season.

Your gift is greatly appreciated. Listed below are the names of those whose a contribution was made:

Shaun Patrick Rogers
Jennifer Anne Zupicich
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Maria Carmen Marcos
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Dorothy, Leo & Janice Harmonay
Betty Saganich
Donald A. Wilks
The Doucette Family

SYMBOLON

The Catholic Faith Explained
Next Monthly Discussion is January 15
The Sacraments and overview of Baptism and Confirmation

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained features video and discussion sessions. Please join us on January 15, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. The topic will be: The Sacraments and overview of Baptism and Confirmation. 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.

Future dates and topics include:
Feb 12: The Eucharist
Mar 11: The Mass
April 15: Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace
May 13: Mary and the Saints

**Accompanying others on the
Journey of Faith
Ananias Training 2020
Begins Wednesday, February 19**

Inspired by the important role Ananias played in St. Paul's journey to Christ, Ananias Training **includes five sessions plus an optional retreat day**, and is designed equip people to accompany, or "be Ananias," to one another, within the Church as well as to those in the world. The training will use Scripture reflections, video, and facilitated discussions to help you to:

- Recognize the stages of another's spiritual journey through compassionate listening.
- Listen lovingly to their real questions and opinions God in order to guide the discovery of how God is present and active in a person's life.
- Talk about our relationship with God.
- Share how we came to be a disciple of Jesus.
- Share Jesus' own story in response to the spiritual hunger of another.

Training Schedule: Wednesday Evenings. Sessions build upon one another and completing all sessions bring most value to participation. February 19, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 22, May 6, April 4 (retreat day – highly recommended but not mandatory)

Cost: \$25 per person for the training, (\$30 for those outside St. Elizabeth or St. Isidore)
\$12 for a copy of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, if needed. \$15 for retreat day*

*The stand alone retreat is open to the community at large at \$25 per person. Ananias Training participants receive a \$10 discount.

Please be in touch with Diahne Goodwin with questions or to register.

Collaborative Music News

Teen Ensemble will rehearse on Monday from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.

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

Adult Music Ministry will rehearse on Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Upcoming Programs for Middle School

The Archdiocese of Boston offers the following programs for middle school kids.

Keeping Kids Safe for Grades 5 and 6

Sun. Jan. 26, After the 10:45 Mass – 2 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Room 1 and Room 4

Keeping Kids Safe offers ways for early adolescents to protect themselves and stay safe while they are home alone, in public places with friends, and online. Topics such as sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and exploitation will be discussed in an age appropriate manner. Parents are welcome to attend.

Created for Love for Grades 7 and 8

Fri. Jan. 31, 6:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Room 1 and Room 4

Created for Love presents the Church's teaching on Love, Marriage, and Chastity. Kids will learn about the importance of developing positive relationships in their lives, the sacrament of Marriage, and why the Church promotes chastity. Parents are welcome to attend. For both programs, please register with Barbara Dane at barbara@applevalleycatholic.org no later than January 21.

Sunday Café at St. Isidore

The Café Volunteers need more people to join their team to set up, make coffee and clean up at the Café on Sundays after the 8:45 a.m. mass. Please consider joining this wonderful group and help us keep this ministry going. For more information or to sign up contact Robin in the office or Jill Smith at Jillian Smith: jillian_k_smith@yahoo.com.

Scripture for the week of January 12, 2020

12	SUN	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
13	Mon	1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
14	Tue	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
15	Wed	1 Sm 3:1-10/Mk 1:29-39
16	Thu	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
17	Fri	1 Sm 8:4-7/Mk 2:1-12
18	Sat	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

St. Isidore Grand Annual

Dear St. Isidore Parishioners,

As you know we are in the midst of our Grand Annual Collection. If you didn't receive a mailing regarding this collection, copies are at the entryways of the church. We are grateful to everyone who has already given.

We want to point out you can donate **appreciated stock** or **mutual fund units** as part your contribution to the Grand Annual. Donating some of those securities to St. Isidore's Grand Annual Collection helps reduce your capital gains tax.

As you plan for the upcoming year, you may want to consider donating a portion of your IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) to St. Isidore, and if you are over 70 and 1/2 years old, you can use a tax efficient tool called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) that counts toward your RMD, but is not considered taxable income. There are three simple steps involved in making a QCD:

1. Contact your IRA Company or Advisor and tell them you'd like to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to St. Isidore Parish.
2. Your IRA company will send a check directly to St. Isidore Parish.
3. St. Isidore Parish receives your gift and the amount is excluded from your income.

You should consult with a tax or financial advisor regarding your specific situation and other potential tools that are available to you for planned giving. Please let Robin know if you plan on using one of these methods.

In closing, we thank you for your past financial support of the parish and we hope you will continue this support during this time.

Sincerely,
St. Isidore's Parish Finance Council

Collaborative Website!

<https://applevalleycatholic.org/>

Mass Intentions

St. Isidore

Saturday, January 11, 5:00 p.m.
Jeffrey Barila, 1st Anniversary Mass

Sunday, January 12, 8:45 a.m.
Antoine Farah, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday, January 12, 10:45 a.m.
Edward J. Magee, Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 12, 5:00 p.m.
Vincent McEnerney, Memorial Mass

Prayer Shawl Ministry

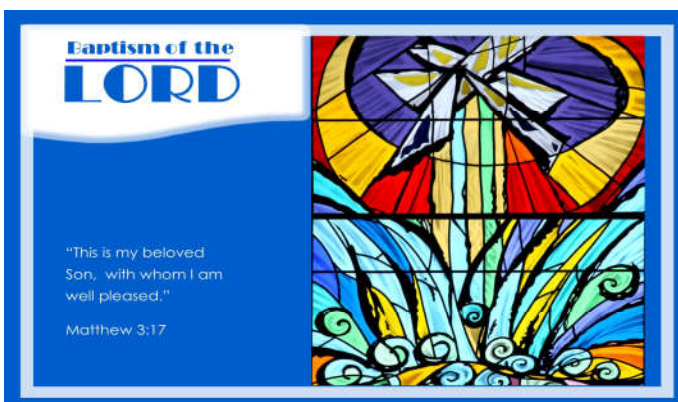
Please join us for the next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We will meet on Monday night, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. upstairs in the rectory at St. Isidore.



Clothes Drive at St. Isidore January 18 & 19

My name is Terry Herring, I am a member of the St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth parish family. I am collecting **gently used men's and women's clothing, (pants, shirts, sweaters, tee shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, socks, boots, sneakers, shoes, coats etc.)** for The Dimock Center in Boston, an Acute Treatment Services and Detox Center that provides support to men and women for addictions including treatments, therapeutic support, after-care planning, and connections to onsite primary medical care: www.Dimock.org

Please contact me with questions at 978-897-9377, or theresajh@aol.com with Dimock Donations in the subject line. Thank you.



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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

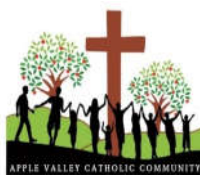
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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
Fr. Jeffrey Archer - ex officio
St. Isidore:
Bill Oberlies - Vice-Chair
Charlie Corley
Dave Goulet
Glen Bunnell
Rosario Rizzo
Tom Moroney
St. Elizabeth:
Christopher Brolin - Vice-Chair
Dawn Gomez
Don Armstrong

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 346,082
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>358,090</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(12,008)

Parish Sharing	373
Clergy Benefit Trust	13,525

*Preliminary target is \$698,000 for the year ended 6/30/2020
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 341

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,432
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,532</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,964

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$129,158
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>134,657</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(5,500)

Grand Annual (54% of 65K goal)	\$ 35,058
Christmas collection	3,987
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 179