



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE BEGINNING OF THE GALILEAN MINISTRY

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light. Matthew 4:16

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
89 Arlington Street, Acton, MA 01720
(978) 263-4305/Fax (978) 263-9014
Office Hours: Sunday Noon—4 p.m.
Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



St. Isidore Parish
429 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775
(978) 897-2710/Fax (978) 461-0577
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/>

ALPHA**It's not to late to join this
Winters's Alpha Session!**

You are invited to:
Tues, Jan. 28, 9:45 a.m., St. Isidore
Thurs., Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore

Teen Alpha on Jan., 28, 6:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

Meal included!



If you would like to learn more,
check out alphausa.org; or contact
Avccalpha@gmail.com

Virtus Training Sessions

Please sign up for Virtus training at least one week prior to each session.

You may register by contacting Barbara at barbara@applevalleycatholic.org or by calling 978-263-4305, ext. 16. Please leave your name, parish, the date you wish to attend and an email or cell phone number where you can be reached. Our next Virtus training sessions will be held:

Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth's Parish Center, Room 3

Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth's Parish Center, Room 3

**Upcoming Programs for
Middle School****Created for Love for Grades 7 and 8**

Fri. Jan. 31, 6:00 p.m.,
St. Elizabeth Parish Center 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.

Please register with Barbara Dane at barbara@applevalleycatholic.org

**Apple Valley Catholic
Mission Trips Summer 2020**

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

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

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

Deposit of \$100.00 due by January 31.
Contact Kayla Dee with any questions:
kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org

**Steubenville East Conference
Open to All High School Students**

July 10-12
Kingston, RI

Join us for this amazing praise and worship experience. \$200 includes transportation and a different t-shirt for each day!

Contact Kayla Dee with any questions:
kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org



Have you ever wondered...
“As my kid is growing up, why does it
feel like we are growing apart?
You are not alone!!!

Keep Connected is a 6 session workshop which gives kids in Grades 6 – 8 and their parents tools, practice, and support in developing communication skills, problem-solving, and conflict resolution. AVCC has been selected to pilot a faith-based version of the program this year. We ran our first group in the fall. And we are looking for 8 – 10 kids and at least one of their parents to join us for our second session this winter.

Want to be part of it?

There will be no cost to families who participate. However, we do need a firm commitment to attend all 6 sessions. Keep connected is designed for students in grades 6 – 8. However, under certain circumstances, applicants in grades 5 or 9 may be considered.

Keep Connected will meet after the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass on the following dates.
 Supper will be provided.

Sunday, Feb. 23	Sunday, March 15
Sunday, March 1	Sunday, March 22
Sunday, March 8	Sunday, March 29

Please consider taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to grow your relationship with your child, connect your life in a very meaningful way, and connect with other kids and parents in our community.

Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. Please register with the name and grade of your child and which parent(s) will attend. You may register at barbara@applevalleycatholic.org.

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.



Music Ministry—Come and See!

If you’ve wanted to sing with the Collaborative Music Ministry, come try it out on Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Elizabeth’s Parish Center Hall. Come meet the friendly members of the music ministry, sing with us, and see if it is good fit for you. There is no obligation. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Goodrich, Music Director:

andreag@applevalleycatholic.org

We hope to see you on Wednesday!

Collaborative Alter Server trainings For Current and New Servers

It has been a goal for both St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore altar server ministries to unite and function as one collaborative ministry. We have worked together to refine and unify the procedures where possible and to unify the scheduling of servers at all four of our weekend Masses. To that end, there will be trainings to review the procedures and bring everyone up to speed. All current servers are being asked to attend. Anyone else who may be interested in serving may also attend. The training dates are:

St. Isidore Training: (Please RSVP to Marcia Melone, melonem1@gmail.com)

- Saturday, February 1 at 4:15 p.m.
- Sunday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m.

St. Elizabeth Training: TBA (Please RSVP to Marianne Sullivan, 8patriots@gmail.com)

**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.

Scripture for the week of January 26, 2020

26	SUN	Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
27	Mon	2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Mk 3:22-30
28	Tue	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
29	Wed	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
30	Thu	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
31	Fri	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
1	Sat	2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Bob Mackin engages the children in a skit from the Gospel of the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord. If you have any questions about CLOW, or would like to join our ministry team, please contact Joan Mattila, Coordinator of Young Family Ministries at: joan@applevalleycatholic.org.



Young Family Ministry News

**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 this pre-registered date at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church:

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

**First Communion Mini-Lesson #1 –
February 2 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Elizabeth
Church Hall**

Children and their parent(s) will gather for our first mini-lesson as we prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion. Children and parent(s) should review Chapters 1-3 in their "Go Seek Find", and bring their backpacks!

Adult Christian Service Ministry

Monday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Room 1

Topics of discussion include the upcoming Lenten Food Drive, Habitat for Humanity, Robbins Brook volunteering, and more.

We hope to see you there.

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. Elizabeth

Sunday, January 26, 10:45 a.m.
David James Melchiore, Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 26, 5:00 p.m.
Leo DeSimone Jr., Memorial Mass

St. Isidore

Saturday, January 25, 5:00 p.m.
Maria Jose Alfame, Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 26, 8:45 a.m.
Gaetano Angelico, Memorial Mass

Lost and Found at St. Elizabeth



Left in Parish Center Hall, Rm 3 on Jan. 19.



Left in the Parish Center Hall after GIFT.

Welcome
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

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Timothy Duff - (978) 287-3015

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**

For the week ending 1/19/2020:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 3,343
Mailbacks:	1,710
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>26,113</u>
Total Parish Support:	31,166

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 387,456
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	399,439
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(11,983)

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 152

Preliminary target is \$698,000 for the year ended 6/30/2020

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 1/19/2020:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,014
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,500</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,514

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$138,451
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>14,107</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(6,656)

Grand Annual (60% of 65K goal) \$ 39,008

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 27

Preliminary target is \$260,000 for the year ended 6/30/2020