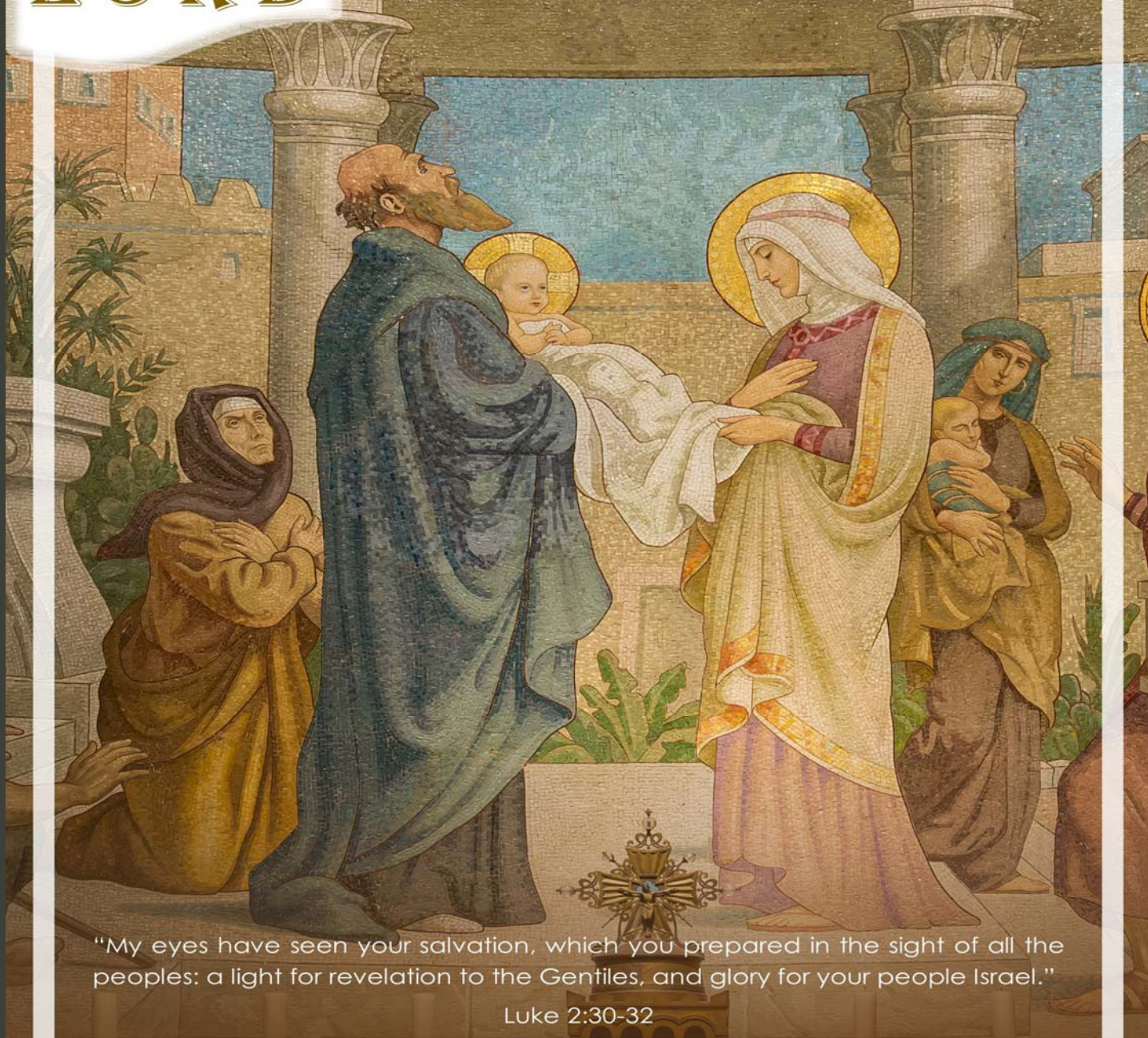


PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



"My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

Luke 2:30-32

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/>

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ;

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas.

As we enter the New Year the staff along with the Collaborative Parish Council will be rolling out in various segments the Apple Valley Catholic Community Mission Pathway. This document defines our Mission, Vision, Purpose and our Mission Pathway. Over the last six months the staff and Parish Council have been working hard on defining our Mission, Vision and Purpose for our Apple Valley Catholic Community.

One aspect of our Mission & Vision is to add a community prayer to our weekend Mass experience. Prior to the final blessing at Mass we, as a community of faithful, will pray the prayer together. The prayer can be found in the Breaking Bread on the back page.

The staff and the Council are confident that it will add to our Mass experience and to our unity as a faith filled community rooted in Christ, engaged in the world, on fire about our Catholic faith and living as intentional missionary disciples.

The Prayers is as follows:

**Heavenly Father,
We thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your presence in Word and
Eucharist, and encouraging us with
your loving Spirit.**

**May we appreciate the unique gifts
that each brings forth as we work together
to reflect your presence to all.**

**In the coming week may we be supportive of
one another and be welcoming and inviting
to those beyond our doors.**

**Help us to be patient, merciful, and
compassionate as we strive to build your
kingdom as true missionary disciples.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen**

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, February 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
msgr.fay@psjs.edu. www.psjs.edu

The newest season of **Alpha** has started! Please remember to pray for the team and all who will be coming to our collaborative over the coming weeks for Daytime and Evening Alpha.

Connect Groups are where **Alpha
alumni go to connect and grow!**

The next Alpha Connect Group gathering of the year is Friday, February 7:00 at Sean O’Sullivan’s home, 125 Hayward Rd., Acton from 6:30-8:00 p.m. So that we can plan for the meal, if you will be coming for the first time on February 7, please let us know by emailing avccalpha@gmail.com. The Alpha Connect Group will continue to meet every first and third Friday. If you would like to continue to grow in the relationships that were formed in the Alpha course with each other and with God, please join us!

**This month only there will be no
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or
Confessions on Wednesday February 5
as Fr. Jeff will not be available.
Adoration & Confessions will return on
the 1st Wednesday of the month -
starting again on March 4.**

Young Family Ministry News



First Communion Families Gather for Pizza and a “Walk Through The Mass” with Fr. Jeff!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)



We are most grateful to our Confirmation youth who engaged the young children in a “Come Follow Me” activity from Sunday’s Gospel . 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

Thank You

On behalf of all of the students at Bellesini Academy, we want to offer you our sincere thanks for the wonderful gifts you gave our students for our celebration of the Feast of Three Kings! The new hats, gloves, sweat-shirts, and sweaters will keep our students warm this winter, and they will enjoy their fun gifts throughout the year. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity! We hope you will enjoy the slideshow of them opening their gifts!

<https://22049.sites.ecatholic.com/outreach>

Collaborative Music News

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

No Children’s or Adult choirs this Wednesday because of GIFT.

GIFT Sessions

Wednesday, February 5, 5:30 p.m.
&

Sunday, February 9: 11:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Adults with Special Needs

A small group of parents of adults with disabilities are seeking others in our community who are interested in ways to further inclusion of their adults with intellectual disabilities (age 16+) in the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative. The goal of this survey is to simply assess interest and needs. Results of this survey will be used to inform the direction of the group going forward. If interested please complete our short survey before February 20:

<https://s.surveypplanet.com/PJL070Pf>

Collaborative Altar 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: Sunday, February 2 at 9:45 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Marianne Sullivan, 8patriots@gmail.com

Prayer Hour for High School Students

Monday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

A special hour of prayer for High School students led by High School students. All teens are invited, but Confirmation candidates are especially encouraged to attend.

Take one hour to experience a restful and prayerful space together!

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.

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

To ensure the safety of all children, we ask that parents accompany their children who go to the restrooms during Mass. The parish hall is used by the community at large and the doors are open during Mass. Thank you.

Steubenville East, Kingston, RI July 10—12

Open to all high school students
Join us for this amazing Praise and Worship overnight experience!

Each summer, Life Teen hosts six different Steubenville Youth Conferences with the hopes of strengthening and inspiring teens and youth groups in their collective journeys with Christ. Evangelistic in nature, these weekend conferences are both a great "introduction" to the Gospel message for new or younger teens, while offering deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship for your youth group regulars.

\$200 includes transportation and a different t-shirt for each day!

If you are attending a Mission Trip you are welcomed and invited to do Steubenville as well. You won't miss anything at either event. For more info or to sign up email Kayla:

kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org or check out: <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/>

St. Vincent de Paul Society Conferences

Your generosity enables the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring hope to parents whose hearts are burden with worries. If you know of someone in need to get back on their feet, have them call the St. Isidore rectory: 978-897-2710 or St. Elizabeth's St. Vincent DePaul: 978-263-4305 ext. 14

Scripture for the week of February 2, 2020

2	SUN	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
3	Mon	2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
4	Tue	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43
5	Wed	2 Sm 24:2,9-17/Mk 6:1-6
6	Thu	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
7	Fri	Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
8	Sat	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
9	SUN	Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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

Mass Intentions

St. Elizabeth

Sunday, February 2, 10:45 a.m.
Lorraine Racine, Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 2, 5:00 p.m.
Frances Clemente, Memorial Mass

St. Isidore

February 1, 5:00 p.m.
Vito DiBenedetto, Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 2, 8:45 a.m.
Maria Carmen Marcos, Memorial Mass

Year End Contribution Statements St. Elizabeth

For tax purposes, parishioners often seek to document their contributions to St. Elizabeth. Your bank statement constitutes acceptable IRS documentation for donations by check or EFT. The parish can also supply a statement, provided they were made by means of donation envelopes, EFT or contributions of \$250 or more on a single day. If you would like a statement, please fill out the form below and return it by mail or the collection basket. Thank you, as always, for your support of St. Elizabeth and its mission.

You also have the opportunity to download and print your year-end 2019 contribution statement. This is a new process. We hope you find the following links and instructions helpful. Know that this year-end statement is part of the parish and diocesan database called Connect Now Family Suites: My Own Church. You will find instructions on our website: <https://22049.sites.ecatholic.com/register>

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(please print)

Address: _____

Telephone or email (in case we have questions)

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Catholic Chaplain - Emerson Hospital:
Timothy Duff - (978) 287-3015

St. Elizabeth's St. Vincent DePaul: (978) 263-4305 ext. 14

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 1/26/2020:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 4,038
Mailbacks:	1,579
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>776</u>
Total Parish Support:	6,393

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 393,849
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	406,492
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(12,643)

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 141
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**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 1/26/2020:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,929
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,563</u>
Total Parish Support:	5,492

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$143,943
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>150,332</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(6,389)

Grand Annual (60% of 65K goal)	\$ 39,008
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St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 68
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