

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father.*

Matthew 5:16

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

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

Flu Season & Communion

The Archdiocese of Boston recommends that parishes refrain from ministering the Precious Blood at Mass until further notice, due to concerns related to influenza/influenza-like illnesses. We want to be sensitive to the needs of those who are only able to consume the Precious Blood due to allergies, in addition to those who prefer to make their own decision. Therefore, we have decided to reduce the number of chalices at each Mass, but continue to minister to those who wish to receive the Precious Blood. Those who are ill or who suspect they are ill or contagious are not bound by the Sunday obligation. They should remain home and return to church when they are better.

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

SYMBOLON

The Catholic Faith Explained Next Monthly Discussion is February 12

*The Sacraments and overview of
Baptism and Confirmation*

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained features video and discussion sessions. Please join us on February 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. The topic will be: The Eucharist. 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:

Mar 11: The Mass

April 15: Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace

May 13: Mary and the Saints

Collaborative Website!

<https://applevalleycatholic.org/>

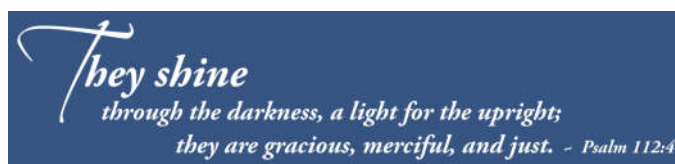
Adult Christian Service Ministry Upcoming events

Volunteering at Cor Unum on February 22. Contact Melissa Hatanaka for more information melissahatanaka@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity in Ashburnham. No experience necessary- March 14 8:30-4:00 p.m. Contact Maura Pavao mcpavao@yahoo.com if interested.

Acton Community Supper- March 18. Contact John Covert covert@covert.org if interested in assisting.

Lenten Food Drive February 29—March 22. Contact Mary Amato amato.mg@gmail.com if you can help.



AVCC Adults- Looking for a Great Lenten Service Project???

The AVCC Adult Christian Service Ministry is Coordinating a Lenten Food Drive to help fill the shelves of St. Martha's Food Pantry in Lawrence. Here's how you can get involved.

- Come join us in stapling grocery lists to bags for about 30 minutes on February 24 at 6:00 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Parish Center.
- Take a bag after Masses on February 29-March 1. Fill it with needed items listed and return at Masses March 7-8.
- Help us collect and store bags before Masses March 7-8.
- Help us sort and deliver groceries.
- Drive with us to deliver food during the week of March 15-22 (date tbd).

Lots of drivers needed!

Contact us if you are interested in any of these activities at amato.mg@gmail.com.

Young Family Ministry News

First Communion Mini-Lesson #2 –
February 23 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Elizabeth
Church Hall

Children and their parent(s) will gather for our second mini-lesson as we prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion. Children and parent(s) should review Chapters 4-6 in their “Go Seek Find”, and bring their backpacks!



Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

We are most grateful to our Confirmation youth who engaged the young children in a “Presentation of the Lord” activity from Sunday’s Gospel. Thank you to the Confirmation Leaders and to Barbara Dane for preparing the teens. 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.

Prayer Line

Prayer makes a difference!

Can you take a few minutes each week to pray for others?

Do you need prayers yourself?

Connect with our email prayer group!

To join the group or to request prayers, please send an email to Cathy

Griffin, nushamrockgirl@gmail.com.

For requests, to protect privacy, we only use first names or no name.

GIFT Sessions This Weekend

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

Collaborative Music News

No Teen Ensemble rehearsal this week.

The Collaborative Children’s Choir will rehearse on Wednesday from 5:30—6:15 p.m. in St. Isidore Church Hall.

Adult Music Ministry rehearses on Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in St. Isidore Church Hall.

Cancellation of Mass Due To Inclement Weather

If you don’t have internet access, closings can be found on TV on Channel 4, WBZ. The names of closed institutions scroll continuously across the screen. Cancellation of Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday will be posted on the home page <https://www.applevalleycatholic.org/> at least one hour before Mass is scheduled to begin. **Weekday morning Masses are canceled whenever the local high school cancels class or has a delayed opening. St. Isidore follows NRHS and St. Elizabeth follows ABRHS.**

Scripture for the week of February 9, 2020

9	SUN	Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
10	Mon	1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13/Mk 6:53-56
11	Tue	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
12	Wed	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
13	Thu	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
14	Fri	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
15	Sat	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
16	SUN	Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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.

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/>

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

*What does love
look like?*

It has the hands to help others.

It has the feet to hasten
to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see
misery and want.

It has the ears to hear the
sighs and sorrows of men.

That is what love looks like.

~ Saint Augustine

Vacation Bible School (VBS) August 10-14, 9:00 a.m. – noon



Come find out how “Jesus’ power pulls us through” with all your friends at the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Vacation Bible School this summer.

We are looking for teen and adult volunteers and lots of excited kids to gather at St. Elizabeth’s for games, adventures, and songs teaching us about Jesus’s love for all of us. Registration and volunteer forms can be found on our website. Contact Sarah Burianek at: applevalleyvbs@gmail.com with questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

The next meeting of the prayer shawl ministry is Monday, February 10, at 7 p.m., St. Isidore, upstairs in the rectory.

St. Vincent dePaul

Did you know that you could donate to St. Vincent de Paul if you shop at Amazon without spending any monies? Instead of going to “amazon.com” simply go to: “smile.amazon.com” and choose a charity.

For our St. Vincent de Paul at St. Isidore Parish, choose: “Society of Saint Vincent De Paul in the Archdiocese of Boston Location: Acton, MA” Be sure it says “Acton, MA”

Also, if you know of someone in need to get back on their feet, have them call the rectory at St. Isidore 978-897-2710.

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.

Mass Intentions

St. Elizabeth

Sunday, February 9, 10:45 a.m.
Regina Poppert, Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 9, 5:00 p.m.
Jennifer Anne Zupicich, 5th Anniversary Mass

St. Isidore

February 8, 5:00 p.m.
Janice Richardson, Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 9, 8:45 a.m.
Mary Stronach 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)

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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**

For the week ending 2/2/2020:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 4,130
Mailbacks:	2,505
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>756</u>
Total Parish Support:	7,391
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 401,240
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	415,206
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(13,966)
Church in Latin American	\$ 1,590
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 163

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 2/2/20:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,170
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,563</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,733
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$148,676
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>155,557</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(6,881)
Grand Annual (60% of 65K goal)	\$ 39,008
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 65