

**6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
in Ordinary Time



"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.  
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Matthew 5:17

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**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/>

## Ash Wednesday Liturgies February 26

9:00 a.m.- Mass and Distribution of Ashes  
St. Isidore Parish

Noon -Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of  
Ashes—St. Isidore Parish

4:30 p.m. -Liturgy of the Word and  
Distribution of Ashes—St. Elizabeth Parish

7:00 p.m. - Mass and Distribution  
of Ashes—St. Elizabeth Parish



### Lenten Regulations

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on **Ash Wednesday**, **Good Friday**, and all **\*Fridays** of Lent.

**Fasting** is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics over the age of 18 but not yet 59. Those bound by this may only take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal practices.** (Those who are ill, pregnant, on medication or special diets for health concerns, or those who work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations).

\*In the United States, the bishops have asked Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:amato.mg@gmail.com).



## Brews and Good News



What is Brews and Good News? A gathering for people who would like to come and socialize, and also have a discussion on the topic this night: Why should I come to church when the Church has had so many scandals?

**Red Raven Restaurant**  
**3 Nagog Park, Acton, MA 01720**  
**(Private space)**  
**Thursday February 20, 7-9 PM**

Enjoy an hour of free drinks, appetizers, and desserts followed by an hour of discussion, led by Deacon Charlie.

## Adult Christian Service Ministry Upcoming Events

Volunteering at Cor Unum on February 22. Contact Melissa Hatanaka for more information [melissahatanaka@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mcpavao@yahoo.com) if interested.

Acton Community Supper- March 18. Contact John Covert [covert@covert.org](mailto:covert@covert.org) if interested in assisting.

Lenten Food Drive February 29—March 22. Contact Mary Amato [amato.mg@gmail.com](mailto:amato.mg@gmail.com) if you can help.

## Scripture for the week of February 16, 2020

16 SUN Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-  
 17 Mon Jas 1;1-11/Mk 8:11-13  
 18 Tue Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21  
 19 Wed Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26  
 20 Thu Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33  
 21 Fri Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34—9:1  
 22 Sat 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
 23 SUN Lv 19:1-2,17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

## Young Family Ministry News

### Happy School Vacation Week!

**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)



*Kelley Christy leads the children in an engaging Gospel lesson about ways they can shine bright like a star for Jesus!* 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](mailto:Joan@applevalleycatholic.org).

## 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](mailto:applevalleyvbs@gmail.com) with questions.

## 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](mailto:kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org) or check out: <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/>

## 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.surveypplanet.com/PJL070Pf> Before February 20.

## Collaborative Music News

No Teen Ensemble or Children's Choir  
rehearsals this week.

Adult Music Ministry will rehearse on  
Wednesday from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in St. Isidore  
Church Hall.

## Dimock Clothing Drive

I would like to thank the parishioners of the Apple-Valley Collaborative for the generous outpouring of support given for the January 2020, Dimock Clothing Drive. The amount of donations from The AVC were staggering. The patients that are the beneficiaries of the clothing arrive at Dimock with just the clothes on their backs. It is hard for them to understand that often times their personal items don't survive the gentle cycle of a washing machine. Once the patients are settled in and dressed in new clean clothes, they truly feel that someone cares about them. They feel optimistic about their recovery from addictions, and confident about starting a new life.

Your donations give patients a feeling of comfort, security, and a sense of hope. Thank you for living one of the Corporal Works of Mercy, by which we help our neighbors.

With Sincere Gratitude, Terry Herring

*Lord,*

*teach me the way of your laws; I shall observe them with care.*

*Give me insight to observe your teaching, to keep it with all my heart. - Psalm 119:33-34*

**Annual Youth Ministry Auction!**  
*“Welcome to the New Roaring 20’s!”*

**March 28, 6:30 p.m. in  
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall**



Adult and teen help needed.  
Donations welcome!

**How to get involved/Donate:**

Please contact Kayla Dee at:  
[kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org)

Committee Meeting Dates:  
February 27 and March 19 at 7 p.m.  
Tickets will be sold after Masses on:  
March 7/8, 14/15, 21/22



**St. Isidore**

Saturday, February 15, 5:00 p.m.  
John F. Ciampa, Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 16, 8:45 a.m.  
George W. Taylor, Memorial Mass

**St. Elizabeth**

Sunday, February 16, 10:45 a.m.  
Michael Liskiewicz, 17th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 16, 5:00 p.m.  
William Alexander, 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/>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone or email (in case we have questions)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry**  
Serving Youth in Acton, Boxborough, Stow and Beyond

**2020 Auction Donation Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Value of the Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please deliver or have picked up all donations to the  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center  
by Friday March 27 with this donation form**

All Items can be delivered to the Youth Ministry office  
(upstairs in the Parish Center) at St. Elizabeth’s of  
Hungary or can be picked up by Kayla Dee,  
[kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org)

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**Advertisement in Program Booklet**

\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 Quarter Page      \_\_\_\_ \$100.00 Half Page  
\_\_\_\_ \$175.00 Full Page        \_\_\_\_ \$250.00 Back of Booklet

For additional information contact:  
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Checks can be made payable to:  
**St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish**  
Please attach your business card or camera-ready ad.

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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**

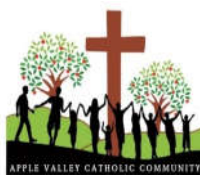
First Wednesday of each month  
5:00—7:00 p.m.—St. Elizabeth

**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

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Annmarie Mazzucotelli - ex officio  
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**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  
Mary Amato

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week ending 2/9/2020:**

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,799
Mailbacks:	1,469
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,117</u>
Total Parish Support:	6,385
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 407,625
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>422,259</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(14,634)

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

**For the week ending 2/9/20:**

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 1,929
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,563</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,492
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$153,168
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>160,782</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(7,614)
Grand Annual (63% of 65K goal)	\$ 40,742
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 28