



"Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:44-45

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APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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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.

Baptisms Last Weekend At Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative

We welcomed two new members to our Christian community in the sacrament of baptism: Elizabeth Sadler Gallagher, daughter of Jason and Jenny Gallagher; and Reese Jane Norris, daughter of Patrick and Michelle Norris.

Please join us in holding Elizabeth, Reese, their parents and godparents in prayer as they continue to grow in faith together.

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, Room 1
- 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.

Adult Christian Service Ministry Upcoming Events

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.



Join our community—and more than 14, 000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the gathering space. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey,

Collaborative Music News

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

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.

Scripture for the week of February 23, 2020

23 SUN Lv 19:1-2,17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
 24 Mon Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
 25 Tue Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
 26 Wed Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 27 Thu Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 28 Fri Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 29 Sat Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 1 SUN Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/
 Mt 4:1-11

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!

K-4 Child Personal Safety Workshop – Sunday, March 1, at 11:45 a.m. St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Children and their parent(s) will gather for a “brown bag lunch”, and then will participate in our AVCC workshop that is based on the personal safety and abuse prevention education program that is sponsored by the Boston Archdiocesan Offices of Child Advocacy. Our presenter, Linda Blanco, is a licensed social worker for both school and clinical settings. Parents are asked to RSVP in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mattila:
joan@applevalleycatholic.org.

Family Stations of The Cross – Sunday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at St. Isidore Church

Presented by Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative middle school students. Friday, March 13, 7:00 p.m., St. Isidore Church. Appropriate for all ages. All are welcome.



**Fr. Jeff Engages First Communion
Children in a “Walk Through The Mass”**

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/>

Support Of The Church Around The World Collection This Weekend

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions.

Your generosity to this collection will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world.

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.

St. Vincent DePaul—Stow

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](https://www.amazon.com)" simply go to "[smile.amazon.com](https://www.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 978-897-2710

*We must speak
to them with our hands before
we speak to them with our lips. – St. Peter Claver*

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

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

Maps Intentions

St. Isidore

Saturday, February 22, 5:00 p.m.
Maria Rodrigues , Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 23, 8:45 a.m.
Elsie & William Monahan, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday, February 23, 10:45 a.m.
Patricia Ann Byrne, Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 23, 5:00 p.m.
Frances Kelly, 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

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:
Michelle McMahon at m_allardmcmahon@hotmail.com or
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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

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
Mary Amato

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 2/16/2020:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 3,855
Mailbacks:	2,216
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>756</u>
Total Parish Support:	6,827

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 414,452
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	429,312
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(14,860)

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 193

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 2/16/20:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,723
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,563</u>
Total Parish Support:	5,286

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$158,454
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>166,007</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(7,553)

Grand Annual (63% of 65K goal) \$ 41,741

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 98