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SUNDAY OF LENT

*"It is written: One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth
of God." (Mt 4:4)*



APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
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(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/>

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**



When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

The Light Is On

Last year we celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation during Lent "The Light is on for You" at St. Isidore from 5:30—7:00 p.m. This year the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at St. Elizabeth from 5:30—7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

March 4: Eucharistic Adoration 5:00—7:00 p.m. and Confessions 5:30—7:00 p.m.

March 11: Confessions 5:30—7:00 p.m.

March 25: Confession 5:30—7:00 p.m.

April 1: Eucharistic Adoration 5:00—7:00 p.m. and Confessions 5:30—7:00 p.m.

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.

- 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.

Little Rock Scripture Study

A seven-week study begins on the evening of Tuesday, April 14. The study will focus on the spirituality of the Gospels and Jesus as a model for the transformation of our own spiritual lives. Cost will be about \$20. Enroll by March 24 via email to Steve Ryan: sjryan@applevalleycatholic.org



Formed—Christ's love for you is bursting forth. Embrace him and let his mercy pierce your heart during this Lenten season. Join in on a 40-day journey of welcoming his tender love, beginning with these short daily videos from Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray. Live in Christ's love and let him transform your life. Sign up to receive these reflections straight to your inbox every morning:
<https://formed.org/lent>.

Also check out on **Formed** other Lenten offerings such as audio books and movies for all ages! Go to <https://formed.org/signup> and put in: Apple Valley Catholic Community where it asks you to find your Parish then enter your email address.

Lenten Evening with the Lord
Friday, March 20, 6:00—9:00 p.m.
St. Isidore Church, Stow

Gather for a Light Lenten Supper: 6:00 p.m.
 Taizé Prayer begins in the church at 7:00 p.m.



Taizé Prayer evening includes song, silence and quiet reflection. Individual Prayer Ministry will also be available. The evening will close with Liturgy of the Hours Night Prayer.

All are welcome to join us for all or part of the evening!

Please rsvp to Barbara if you will be joining us for dinner, Barbara@applevalleycatholic.org.

Lenten Retreat

**Who do you say that I am:
 The Great Story of Jesus**

Saturday, April 4, 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center



Take a sacred pause in your Lenten journey to reflect on the Great Story of Jesus: why he came, how he came, his life, his death, his resurrection and ascension, and his invitation for each and every man and woman to encounter him in order to make the choice to follow him in the midst of his Church. This is an awesome way to move into Holy Week! Cost: \$25 covers retreat booklet/materials morning refreshments and lunch. Register with Judy, judy@applevalleycatholic.org; **no later than March 21**. Contact Diahne Goodwin with other questions diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

Collaborative Music News

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

Children's Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Music Ministry Choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Teens and Adults: If you have wanted to sing at any of the special Holy Week Masses please join us at rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.



Young Family Ministry News



Virginia Tawa engages the children in a skit of "The Parable of The Sower" during our February 23 First Communion Mini Lesson

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.

First Communion Mini-Lesson #3 – Sunday, March 8 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Church Hall. Children and their parent(s) will gather for our third mini-lesson as we prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion. Children and parent(s) should review Chapters 7 & 8 in their "Go Seek Find", and bring their backpacks!

Family Stations of The Cross – Sunday, March 13, 7:00 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.

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March 6, 7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Room 4

Come join us in support of a March new candidate and have the joy of community yourself!

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.

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.

Help Desk at St. Isidore

Volunteers are needed for the new Help/Information desk in the vestibule at St. Isidore. Helpers are needed for approximately 15 minutes preceding and following masses on either a Saturday or Sunday. The goal is to greet parishioners, provide information via handouts at the desk and/or direct folks to a staff member for further help. Please contact Robin in the office if you are able to volunteer.

Scripture for the week of March 1, 2020

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| 1 | SUN | Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 |
| 2 | Mon | Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 |
| 3 | Tue | Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 |
| 4 | Wed | Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 |
| 5 | Thu | Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 |
| 6 | Fri | Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 |
| 7 | Sat | Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 |
| 8 | SUN | Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 |

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

Mass Intentions

St. Isidore

Saturday, February 29, 5:00 p.m.
Phillip Hewitt , Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 1, 8:45 a.m.
Francisco Rodrigues, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday, March 1, 10:45 a.m.
Deacon Jack Bortz, Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 1, 5:00 p.m.
Letizia Reynolds, 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
Phil Landry at plandry125@gmail.com

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

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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

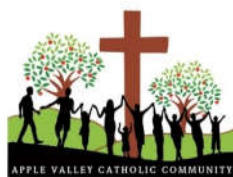
First Wednesday of each month
5:00—7:00 p.m.—St. Elizabeth

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
Mary Amato

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 2/23/20:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,770
Mailbacks:	1,527
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>25,794</u>
Total Parish Support:	30,091

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 444,543
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	461,947
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(17,404)

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 64

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 2/23/20:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,532
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,563</u>
Total Parish Support:	5,095

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$163,549
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>171,232</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(7,683)

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

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 76