

*Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Mark 9:7 (NAB)*



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**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION**

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Dear Friends in Christ;

Each year throughout the Archdiocese of Boston, we participate in the Catholic Appeal Campaign to raise money to help support our parishes and the 51 Central Ministries associated with our Archdiocese.

This weekend is the official "Announcement Weekend". In years past we have had the opportunity to show a video, however, as we still navigate our way through this Pandemic, I have elected to electronically send the video via the link noted below. I encourage you take some time to watch the video to gain a better understand of how the Catholic Appeal helps not only our Churches but the many important ministries through the Archdiocese.

You may have already received a letter from Cardinal Seán asking for your early support. If you are able, please consider responding to that request to help your parish meet our Catholic Appeal goal. You can offer your support by going online to [bostoncatholicappeal.org](https://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org) to make your gift at any time or scan the QR code above. You can also donate to the Catholic Appeal through Online Giving on our Website.

To make your donation for St. Elizabeth: <https://www.osvhub.com/st-elizabeth-of-hungaryav/funds?preview=>

To make your donation for St. Isidore: <https://www.osvhub.com/st-isidore-churchavc/funds?preview=>

Watch Catholic Appeal Video:  
<https://vimeo.com/503079904/72d1c2bd31>

The Catholic Appeal is an important source of funding for Central Ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. For example, in 2020 they supported our parishes in:

- ◇ Securing our Paycheck Protection Loans from the Federal Government.
- ◇ Helping us navigate through many unknown obstacles with the Pandemic.
- ◇ Guiding us with legal and human resource assistance.

Your financial support to the Catholic Appeal also supports:

- ◇ The formation of our priests and deacons from discernment through ordination and beyond.
- ◇ Important training and program support for our parishes to fully live out their mission to bring people of all ages closer to Christ.
- ◇ Campus Ministry and more than 190 other faith formation programs for students and adults.
- ◇ 41 chaplains who bring Christ's love to hospitals, as well as 64 faith community nurses who provide care and sacraments to the homebound.
- ◇ Our Social Justice Ministry in their work to advocate for the inherent dignity of every person by educating others and calling attention to the injustices faced by those who are forced to live on the margins.

With recognition of the importance of these spiritual and pastoral services, I am most grateful for your continued support of the 2021 Catholic Appeal.

I am yours in Christ,  
Fr. Jeff

### Mass Intentions

February 27, 4:00 p.m.—Joan Manning,  
Memorial Mass

February 28, 8:45 a.m.—Jack Clary,  
Memorial Mass

Dear Friends In Christ:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to our staff Trina Toups as our Collaborative RCIA & Adult Confirmation Coordinator. In this part-time role Trina will Lead the Collaborative Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (“RCIA”) process for the formation and initiation of children and adult catechumens and candidates for full communion and for preparing baptized Catholic adults who seek Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Trina has been part of the RCIA team for many years as a dedicated volunteer working alongside the collaborative RCIA team.

In her role Trina will:

- Work with and grow the RCIA team of dedicated catechists, team members and sponsors,
- Manage curriculum content; conduct initial intake interviews with potential candidates to assess needs and recommend formation journey,
- When children and youth are involved work with the Discipleship Team to develop an integrated approach to the child’s or youth’s formation and,
- Help in the formation of the catechumens and candidates.

I, along with the staff welcome Trina on board.

At this time, I would also like to give a special shout out to the collaborative RCIA team for all they do. This team of dedicated catechists instructs and mentors catechumens and candidates in the principles and teaching of our faith, preparing them for Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Year after year you will find them teaching and mentoring our catechumens and candidates as well as working together as a team to update the curriculum and other important details. The current team members are: Paul Malchodi, Stephen Mielke, Toni Rader and of course Trina Toups.

I am yours in Christ,  
Fr. Jeff



Now that we have caught your attention, the staff would like to inform you that our email addresses have recently changed. Our old email address domain of [applevalleycatholic.org](http://applevalleycatholic.org) will be going away on Wednesday March 31, 2021 and has been replaced with “[@avcatholic.org](mailto:@avcatholic.org)”.

Below is a listing of our new email addresses. If you should have any old email addresses in your contact list, please update them. Our email addresses have been updated in our weekly bulletin as well as on our website. Thank You!

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### Support The Church Around The World

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. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites: 1. CRS: [www.usccb.org/crscollection](http://www.usccb.org/crscollection) 2. Church in Africa <http://www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-forgiving/solidarity-fund-forafrica/index.cfm> 3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: [www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-forgiving/centraland-easterneurope/collection/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-forgiving/centraland-easterneurope/collection/index.cfm) 4. Military Archdiocese <http://www.milarch.org/> 5. Catholic Home Missions: [www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-forgiving/catholic-home-missions-appeal/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-forgiving/catholic-home-missions-appeal/index.cfm) 6. Black and Indian Missions <https://blackandindianmission.org/>

**Massive Fire In Boxboro On February 10**



“Twenty-four families were displaced when a four-alarm fire tore through an apartment building on Swanson Road in Boxborough on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.” (Boxborough Fire Relief Fund)

Please join the Apple Valley Catholic Community as we pray for our neighbors who lost their homes in this devastating fire last week. The Finance Councils of St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore approved donations of \$250 for each Parish to the Boxboro UCC's Community Support Fund: Boxborough Fire Relief Fund.

Individual donations are also greatly appreciated. There is an immediate need for emergency housing, food, and supplies for the more than 30 people who were affected by the fire. Cash donations are very helpful. Thank you!

If you are able to help, please contact:  
The Boxborough Fire Relief Fund

<https://sites.google.com/abuw.org/boxborough-fire-relief-fund>

Or

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society:

<https://applevalleycatholic.org/st-vincent-depaul>

**Confessions During Lent**

We will have confessions on designated Tuesdays or Wednesdays during Lent. As we do every year we alternate between St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth each year. This year I would like to keep confessions at St. Elizabeth. Next year, if we are cleared of the Pandemic, we will have Confessions during Lent at St. Isidore.

Lent Confession Schedule:

Wednesday March 3, 2021 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth

Wednesday March 17, 2021 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth

**Year End Contribution St. Elizabeth & St. Isidore**

For tax purposes, parishioners often seek to document their contributions to St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore. Your bank statement constitutes acceptable IRS documentation for donations by check or EFT. For your donations made through Online Giving you should have received a confirmation email at the time of each donation and if you established a user account you can access your giving history at any time. Please contact Annmarie at 978 263-4305 ext, 11 should you have questions.

Each parish can also supply a statement for offertory donations provided they were made by means of donation envelopes, EFT, Online or contributions of \$250 or more on a single day. The following types of donations would be included on that statement: Offertory, Special Collections, 90-Days Now, EFT.

Please note that for contributions made directly to St. Vincent DePaul, the respective conference will be sending you acknowledgement of your contribution.

If you would like a statement, please fill out the form below.

**Year End Contribution Statement Request Form**

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

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

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

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

Telephone Number (in case we have questions)  
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SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021	
<b>SUNDAY</b> Feb. 28	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
<b>MONDAY</b> March 1	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
<b>TUESDAY</b> March 2	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> March 3	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
<b>THURSDAY</b> March 4	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
<b>FRIDAY</b> March 5	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>SATURDAY</b> March 6	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>SUNDAY</b> March 7	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

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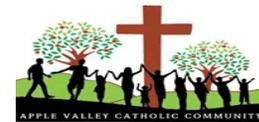
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(978) 263-4305 ext. 21



**Thank You**

There are some changes to our financial results presentation this week. We have revised our budgets for the remaining months of FY 2021 based on the results of our first six months. We are happy to announce that our current staff will return to full hours and salaries in April. Thank You for your continued support in our ever-changing world. "Will you collaborate with God so He can use you to do His work here on earth?" - St. Teresa of Calcutta

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week ending 2/14/21**

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 2,588
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	<u>\$ 8,109</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 10,697
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 406,580
Total Revised budgeted offertory: (1)	<u>\$ 403,403</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 3,177
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021 (2):	\$ 63,602
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	<u>\$ 3,177</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 66,779

(1) Budgeted offertory for the year ended 6/30/2021 has been revised from \$475k to \$617k. The revised budget was calculated based on the actual offertory received during the first six months of FY2021. Our original budget of \$475k was calculated based on the actual offertory received during April of 2020, as instructed by the Archdiocese, which at that time reflected the uncertainty of the Pandemic's economic impact.

(2) Budgeted loss for the year ended 6/30/2021 has been revised from a loss of 80k to income of \$64k, primarily due to over-achievement of our budgeted offertory collections, including our increased offertory campaign, in addition to reduction in payroll expenses. Payroll expenses for the first half of FY 2021 were reduced through layoffs and staff hours & salaries. Our current staff will return to full hours & salaries in April.

St. Vincent de Paul collection: \$600

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

**For the week ending 2/14/21**

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 820
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	<u>\$ 2,540</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 3,360
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 131,650
Total Revised budgeted offertory: (1)	<u>\$ 138,040</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ (6,390)
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021 (2):	\$ 9,466
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	\$ (6,390)
Grand Annual over revised budget since 7/1/2020 (3)	<u>\$ 2,483</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 5,559

(1) Budgeted offertory for the year ended 6/30/2021 has been revised from \$172k to \$213k. The revised budget was calculated based on the actual offertory received during the first six months of FY2021. Our original budget of \$172k was calculated based on the actual offertory received during April of 2020, as instructed by the Archdiocese, which at that time reflected the uncertainty of the Pandemic's economic impact.

(2) Budgeted loss for the year ended 6/30/2021 has been revised from a loss of 39k to income of \$9k, primarily due to over-achievement of our budgeted offertory collections, including our Grand Annual campaign, in addition to reduction in payroll expenses. Payroll expenses for the first half of FY 2021 were reduced through layoffs and staff hours & salaries. Our current staff will return to full hours & salaries in April.

Grand Annual collection (108% of revised goal of \$32,560 (3) \$35,043  
St. Vincent de Paul collection \$ -