



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Ephesians 2:10

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
89 Arlington Street, Acton, MA 01720



St. Isidore Parish
429 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775

Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Office:
89 Arlington Street, Acton, MA 01720
Office Hours: Closed due to the pandemic. Reach out to staff by phone or email.
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Visit us at <https://applevalleycatholic.org>



**Have You Been Waiting To Go On
A Mission Trip?
The Wait Is Over!**

This summer AVCC is heading to Covid-ready Catholic Heart Work Camp and we can't wait! Please join us!

Where: CHWC Hartford, CT

When: June 27-July 2

Who: Any current 7-12th graders. But space is limited!

Why: Because we can't wait to serve in Jesus' name!

How Much: CHWC is \$495. A \$100 deposit is due by April 1. \$395 balance is due by May 1.

How do I register? Easy! Just go to our website:

<https://applevalleycatholic.org/youth-ministry>

What if I have questions? Contact Sheila Bauer sheilab@avcatholic.org or Barbara Dane at barbarad@avcatholic.org

**Warm Hearts Of Stow
Easter Dinner And Baskets**

Easter is in just a few weeks & Warm Hearts of Stow is working to provide their clients with gift cards so they can purchase Easter dinners & baskets for the kids. Their team will use the monetary donations to purchase grocery & Walmart gift cards so families can purchase food & goodies to fill Easter baskets. No donation amount is too small. Just \$20 funds baskets for children, while \$65 funds a full Easter meal and extras for a Senior/Single. \$100 will feed a large family.

Please follow this link for Warm Hearts' website to participate in their Easter Campaign: warmheartsofstow.com Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us support our local families and seniors in need.

Dear Friends,

Each year around this time, we launch our Catholic Appeal and you have the opportunity to hear all the ways in which the Archdiocese's Central Ministries assist our parish and help us carry out our mission. Over the course of the past year, that help has never been more needed or available.

Please take just a few minutes and watch this year's Catholic Appeal video that highlights the tremendous help that is provided by Central Ministries during the pandemic—and also every day—to ensure we can all live our faith together in a meaningful and safe way.

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

I know the past year has been difficult for so many, but if you find yourself in the position to do so, please give what you can to this year's Appeal. If you have already donated to the Catholic Appeal, **thank you!** Your gift not only helps Central Ministries, it helps our parishes directly.

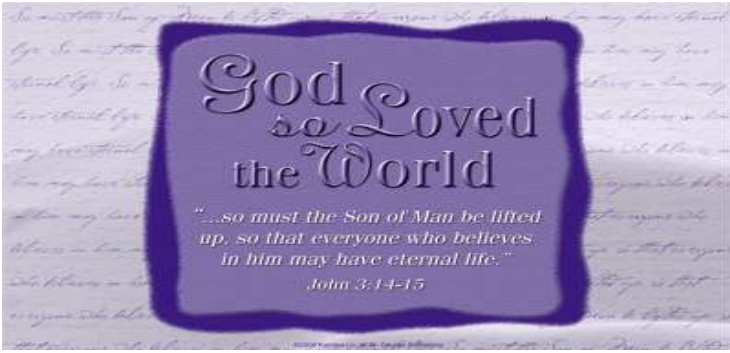
To make your donation for St. Elizabeth: <https://www.osvhub.com/st-elizabeth-of-hungaryav/funds?preview=>

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

As always, I am so grateful for your support and everything that you do for our parish community. Wishing you a blessed and safe Lent.

Fr. Jeff

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021	
SUNDAY March 14	Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
MONDAY March 15	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
TUESDAY March 16	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
WEDNESDAY March 17	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
THURSDAY March 18	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
FRIDAY March 19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
SATURDAY March 20	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
SUNDAY March 21	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33



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 Anmarie 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

Parish Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number (in case we have questions) _____

Mass Intention

March 14, 10:45— Healing

Apple Valley Catholic Easter Season Flower Funds

We welcome your contribution towards flowers and items that will decorate our churches for the Easter Season. Please complete and mail the form below to St. Elizabeth Parish or St Isidore Parish at 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720, or put it in an envelope marked with the name of your Parish and 'Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket at the exit of the church after Mass. You may also make your donation on line using the following links if you would like to make a straight donation to the flower fund of your choice please go to our website or click below:

[St. Elizabeth of Hungary- https://www.osvhub.com/st-elizabeth-of-hungaryav/funds?preview=](https://www.osvhub.com/st-elizabeth-of-hungaryav/funds?preview=)

[St. Isidore - https://www.osvhub.com/st-isidore-churchavc/funds?preview=](https://www.osvhub.com/st-isidore-churchavc/funds?preview=)

If your donation is in memory of a deceased loved one whose name you wish to have published in our bulletin on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, please complete the form below. Contact Mary Ryan at maryr@avcatholic.org

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ towards the 2021 Easter Season Flower Fund for:

St. Elizabeth Parish
St. Isidore Parish
(please circle one)

I am making this donation in memory of:

_____ (please print clearly)

I would like the above name/s published in the bulletin on the Feast of Pentecost.

Yes _____ No _____

My name is:

Please check here if you would like your donation to be made anonymously. _____

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(978) 263-4305 ext. 14

St. Isidore's St. Vincent De Paul Conference of Stow
(978) 263-4305 ext. 21



Thank You

Thank you for your continued support of our Collaborative and our Communities. Your faith in action encourages everyone to better serve the world as Christ's heart, hands and feet. "For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." - 1 Corinthians 1:25

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 2/28/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 4,062
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 8,399
Total Parish Support:	\$ 12,461

Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 430,396
Total Revised budgeted offertory: (1)	\$ 426,003
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 4,393

Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021 (2):	\$ 63,602
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	\$ 4,393
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 67,995

(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: \$ 605

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 2/28/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 730
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 4,364
Total Parish Support:	\$ 5,094

Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 140,986
Total Revised budgeted offertory: (1)	\$ 145,967
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ (4,981)

Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021 (2):	\$ 9,466
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	\$ (4,981)
Grand Annual over revised budget since 7/1/2020 (3)	\$ 2,983
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 7,468

(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 (109% of revised goal of \$32,560 (3))	\$ 35,543
St. Vincent de Paul collection	\$ 5