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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.
Father, glorify your name.”

John 12:27-28

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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

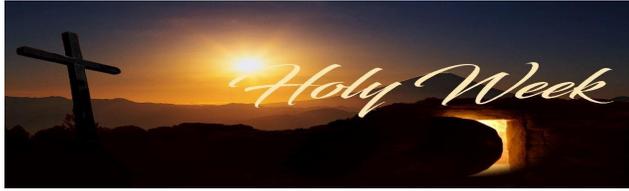


St. Isidore Parish
429 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775

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.
(978) 263-4305/Fax (978) 263-9014
Visit us at <https://applevalleycatholic.org>

Holy Week Schedule

Apple Valley Catholic Community



Palm Sunday - March 27-28

Saturday, March 27, 4:00 p.m.

Live Stream Mass with blessing of the Palms, all liturgical singing, and reading of the Passion. As with all live stream Masses – not open to the public.

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Sunday, March, 28

8:45 a.m. Mass – St. Isidore – Limit 65 parishioners – pre-registration – no walk-ins allowed - palms handed out after Mass.

Palms will be available for 1 hour after Mass for those who would like to stop by. Deacon Charlie will be at the front steps.

10:45 a.m. Mass – St. Elizabeth – Limit 90 parishioners – pre-registration - no walk-ins allowed - palms handed out after Mass.

Palms available for 1 hour after Mass for those who would like to stop by. Fr. Jeff will be at the front steps.

5:00 p.m. Mass – St. Elizabeth – Limit 90 parishioners – pre-registration - no walk-ins allowed - palms handed out after Mass.

Advanced registration is required so that proper and safe seating can be planned.

Registration for Palm Sunday opens up on Saturday, March 20, 1:00 p.m. and closes on Wednesday, March 24, 6:00 p.m.

Register on our website:

www.applevalleycatholic.org/mass-times

or by calling Judy - 978 263-4305 x19

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.

Live Stream Mass

www.applevalleycatholic.org

Not open to the public. Full liturgical singing. We will pause at the appropriate time during Mass to allow those watching to wash each other's feet at home. The Blessed Sacrament will be viewable at the end for 7-8 minutes for those who desire to sit in quiet at home.

Good Friday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Live Stream Mass

www.applevalleycatholic.org

Not open to the public. Full liturgical singing, reading of the Passion, Solemn Intercessions, and Adoration of the Cross.

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 3

Please consider watching the Easter Vigil Mass for the Cathedral of the Holy Cross or Catholic TV. Check your local listing for start times.

Easter Sunday - April 4

Easter Mass with full music on our website at

www.applevalleycatholic.org

8:45 a.m. Mass- St. Isidore - Limit to 65 parishioners - pre-registration- no walk-ins allowed.

10:45 a.m. Mass - St. Elizabeth - Limit to 90 parishioners - pre-registration-no walk-ins allowed. Note, as in past years there is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

Advanced registration is required so that proper and safe seating can be planned.

Registration for Easter Sunday opens on Saturday, March 27, 1:00 p.m. and closes on Wednesday, March 31, 6:00 p.m.

Register on our website:

www.applevalleycatholic.org/mass-times

or by calling Judy- 978 263-4305 x19

Mass Intentions

March 21, 8:45 a.m., Jack Clary, Memorial Mass
 March 21, 5:00 p.m.— Illness



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.

**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: www.osvhub.com/st-elizabeth-of-hungaryav/funds

St. Isidore: 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. _____



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

Taizé Prayer

For anyone who may have missed last Friday evening live streaming of Taizé Prayer, know you can access it anytime during the month. Perhaps you may feel as though you could use some moments to yourself or feeling overwhelmed and you need to take a breath and take back some peace, access it anytime on our website:

<https://22049.sites.ecatholic.com/taize-prayer>

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	
Parish Name:	_____
Name:	_____
Address:	_____
Email Address:	_____
Telephone Number (in case we have questions)	_____

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021	
SUNDAY March 21	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
MONDAY March 22	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
TUESDAY March 23	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
WEDNESDAY March 24	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
THURSDAY March 25	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
FRIDAY March 26	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
SATURDAY March 27	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
PALM SUNDAY March 28	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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(978) 263-4305 ext. 23

Director of Faith Formation: Barbara Dane
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Collaborative Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ("RCIA") :
Trina Toups (trinatt@avcatholic.org)

St. Elizabeth's St. Vincent DePaul: Conference of Acton/Boxborough (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, as a witness to the spirit of God within you and the Kingdom of God in our world today. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord." - Ezekiel 37:14

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 3/7/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 3,353
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	<u>\$ 6,871</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 10,224
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 440,620
Total Revised budgeted offertory: (1)	\$ <u>436,603</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 4,017
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021 (2):	\$ 63,602
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	<u>\$ 4,017</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 67,619

(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: \$ 95

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 3/7/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 1,563
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	<u>\$ 5,750</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 7,313
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 148,299
Total Revised budgeted offertory: (1)	\$ <u>149,668</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ (1,369)
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021 (2):	\$ 9,466
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	\$ (1,369)
Grand Annual over revised budget since 7/1/2020 (3)	<u>\$ 4,108</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 12,205

(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) \$ 36,668
St. Vincent de Paul collection \$ 30