

I AM THE VINE



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much fruit and become my disciples.”*

~John 15:8

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APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
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St. Isidore Parish
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Welcome!

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Congratulations To Our Newly Confirmed On Saturday, May 1

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and offer our prayers for each of you. You have taken an important step in your journey of faith by readying yourselves to become fully initiated into the Body of Christ. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide each of you according to the path that God has set out for your life.

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The AVCC Annual Youth Ministry Auction Is Back!!!



Like everybody else...we are going virtual this year by hosting an online auction! Proceeds support our kids' mission trips, service projects, and programs. This is so important now as our kids are coming back to in person events at church!

How: We will be using the "Bidding for Good" website for non-profit donations. Don't worry! We will teach you how to do it.

When: Bidding is open between May 15 - 23

Where: From the comfort of your very favorite couch at home.

Great! How Can I Help?
We Need Some Auction Items!



- ◇ Vacation Homes
- ◇ 2 Hour Teaching Experiences for adults or kids: Crafts, Cooking, Sports Training!
- ◇ Themed Dinner Party (Italian, BBQ, etc.)
- ◇ Outings: Boat trips, golf, pool parties
- ◇ Tickets for anything fun!

To make a donation, please contact:
(All dates to be mutually agreed upon
and covid safe!) Sheila Bauer, sheilab@avcatholic.org

Mass Intentions

May 1, 4:00 p.m. Mass
Ramona Louise Clark, Memorial Mass

May 2, 8:45 a.m. Mass
Catherine & Anthony Buscemi, Memorial Mass

May 2, 10:45 a.m. Mass
David Melchiorre, Memorial Mass

God needs priests. Is He calling you? If you are 30-60, you may be surprised



"First Friday Visits"

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary,
558 South Ave., Weston, MA
Friday, May 7th, 5:00 p.m.

Join the Seminary community for prayer & fellowship,
Holy Hour and Evening Prayer.

<https://www.psj.edu/chapel-live-stream>.

Zoom meeting with Seminarians. RSVP to Msgr. Fay to
msgr.fay@psjs.edu to get Zoom Link. www.psj.edu.

Collaborative Bible Study In June

A four-week study will begin on June 9 at 7:30 p.m. over Zoom. This is a Little Rock Scripture Study on *Dei Verbum*, one of the most significant documents to come from Vatican II. The topic clarifies the place of scripture in the liturgical life of the Church and encourages our access to the Bible for study. It is more a study ABOUT the Bible than a study OF the Bible. A small text must be ordered for study ahead of the first session. Details will be sent on enrollment. Enroll via email by May 17 to Steve Ryan, sjryan01@verizon.net

May 2 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Companioning others is part of being a disciple. In our first reading, we hear that Saul, having encountered Christ, is companioned by Barnabas to meet with the disciples in Jerusalem. In the gospel, Jesus assures us that he is guiding and companioning us. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without you can do nothing." With Christ, we have the ability to be his disciples. During this Easter season, we have many examples of disciples accompanied by Christ doing the work of evangelization. Whom Christ be inviting you to companion on their faith journey? What is holding you back?





Teamwork



Through your generosity to the Catholic Appeal, you help provide a team of expert professionals who support our parishes, our schools, and our communities.



Our Parishes & Our Faith

Helping our 280 parishes safely serve their parishioners once The pandemic struck was truly a team effort.

Our risk management team, health care ethicist, and support staff provided comprehensive guidance and expert advice to enable parishes to offer remote and in-person services.

Your contribution to the Catholic Appeal also helps provide programs such as Transformed in Love, a program for couples preparing for marriage. Converting these in-person programs to internet-based programs enabled more than 1,000 couples to continue their preparations for the sacrament of marriage.



Our Schools

Our teams developed in-school safety protocols and remote learning best practices so that students in our 100 schools did not fall behind during the pandemic.

Our schools have been able to maintain in-person learning throughout most of the current school year and have been cited as a model for public school systems across the state.

With the support of the Appeal, the Catholic Schools Office also provides operational assistance, faith-based guidance, and professional development programs for all diocesan schools.



Our Communities

Our Central Ministries provide services that benefit our 144 communities in numerous ways.

In addition to our Pro-life ministries and support for addiction recovery, we advocate for social justice and respect for the inherent dignity of every person through a yearly Social Justice Convocation and educational programs.

We also provide materials, virtual resources, and support to families and persons with disabilities so that they can stay connected to their Church and continue their collective journey of faith. This is our Church, and when you support the Catholic Appeal, you support all of us.

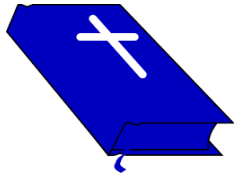
To see more about these stories please visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to watch this year's Catholic Appeal video.



Through the generosity of donors like you, last year’s Catholic Appeal raised \$14M to help the ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston support our faith, our parishes, and our communities. We are so thankful for the dedication of our extended family of faith, as together we can impact the lives of others far beyond the change we could affect on our own. Below is a breakdown of how Catholic Appeal funds were allocated to Central Ministries in 2020. **Thank you for helping these ministries continue to change lives, share our faith, and bring the presence of Christ to the world around us.**

Ministries

**% of
CM Budget**



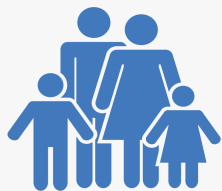
Supporting Our Faith: Campus Ministries, Clergy Support & Ongoing Formation, Delegate for Religious, Permanent Diaconate, Seminaries, Vocations, Metropolitan Tribunal, Digital Media, Canonical Affairs, Cardinal’s Office, Institutional Advancement, and Communications & Public Relations

43%



Supporting Our Parishes: Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Lifelong Faith Formation, Worship & Spiritual Life, Evangelization & Discipleship, Benefits, Finance, Human Resources, IT, Parish Financial Services, Property Management, and Risk Management.

36%



Supporting Our Communities: Catholic Schools Office, Cultural Diversity & Persons with Disabilities, Deaf Apostolate, Ecumenical Affairs, Family Life, Healthcare Ethics, Palliative Care, Pro-Life Ministries, Health & Social Services, Chaplaincy Programs, and Addiction Recovery.

21%

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Did You Miss A Live Stream Taizé Prayer Or A Mass?

You can access Masses that were live streamed and past Taizé prayer services on our You Tube channel. Click the link for our Apple Valley Catholic You Tube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc_NMgiWv6jLws6XgHA1_HQ to view past Taizé services or Masses. Subscribe to the channel to be notified of new live streams.

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. We do not travel our journey alone.

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**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 4/18/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 4,057
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>8,217</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 12,274
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 509,513
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>504,403</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 5,110
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 63,602
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>5,110</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 68,712
St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ -

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 4/18/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 2,029
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>2,705</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 4,734
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 176,003
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>173,448</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ (2,555)
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 9,466
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1 /2020	\$ 2,555
Grand Annual over revised budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>4,942</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 16,963
Grand Annual collection (115% of	
revised goal of \$32,560	\$ 37,502
St. Vincent de Paul collection	\$ 5