



*"... when the lord Jesus had spoken to them/
He was received up into heaven and sat down
at the right hand of God." -Mark 16:19*

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APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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



St. Isidore Parish
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Welcome!

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Office Hours: Closed due to the pandemic. Reach out to staff by phone or email.
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Online Youth Ministry Auction is Live!

Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry is proud to present our 2021 Online Auction to benefit youth programs in the collaborative. Yeah. We know. It's not quite the same as some of the EPIC Auctions in years past, but, it's going to be fun. And it is going to benefit all our precious children who have missed so much this year.

Online bidding started on **Saturday, May 15:**
<https://www.biddingforgood.com/avcatholic>

Registering to bid is easy! Just follow directions on the website!

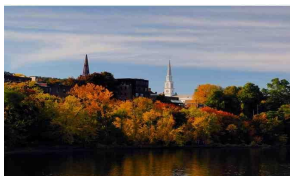
Need some yard work? Done!



Need a great babysitter! Got that, too!



Going big? Maybe a weekend away in beautiful Brattleboro, Vermont is just what you need post pandemic? We even have that...



But don't miss out. The online Auction closes on May 23. And...it's not too late to donate. If you have something to share, contact Sheila Bauer at sheilab@avcatholic.org.

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Live Stream/Recorded Mass
 Sunday - 8:45 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore
 Sunday - 10:45 a.m. Mass St. Elizabeth
 Sunday - 5:00 p.m. Mass St. Elizabeth

Don't Forget to Register for Mass!
 Please make sure to register in advance!
 To register and additional information go to:
<https://applevalleycatholic.org/mass-times>

Mass Intentions

May 16, 10:45 a.m. Mass
 David & Daniel Merritt, Memorial Mass

Hey Guys--Are you 21 or Older? Our Mission Trip Needs You!

Have you always wanted to go on a mission trip?
 Or are you dying to do ANOTHER mission trip?
 Do you like working with an amazing group
 of teenagers?
 Do you feel called to help those less fortunate?



This summer the Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry program is heading to Catholic Heart Work Camp in Hartford, CT. It is a covid-safe, wonderful opportunity to help those in need. After a year of social isolation, it is going to be such a privilege to serve together. Our kids need this. And, the world needs our kids!

But we need some help to make it happen. Could you spare 6 days from June 27 - July 2? Wouldn't you just love to have an all expense paid trip to Hartford? You will work hard, pray hard, and play hard. We can promise you that! And you will love every minute of it. CHWC is a very special place and you will be uplifted, spiritually charged, and personally renewed by the experience.

If you would be interested in discussion this further, please contact Barbara Dane at barbarad@avcatholic.org. Thank you!

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 16 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

Listen closely to today's gospel. It is as if we are eavesdropping on Jesus at prayer. Notice that he is praying for you! He is asking God to protect you, to keep you from the evil one and to consecrate you in the truth. Take some quiet time today to listen again to Jesus prayer for you. Have confidence that God hears Christ's prayer, that he is with you and strengthens your discipleship.





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.

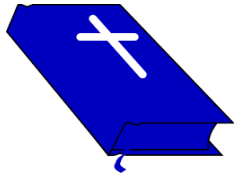
To see more about these stories please visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to watch this year's Catholic Appeal video.



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**



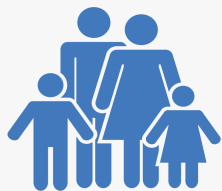
Supporting Our Faith: Campus Ministries, Clergy Support & Ongoing Formation, Delegate for Religious, Permanent Diaconate, Seminaries, Vocations, Metropolitan Tribunal, Digital Media, Canonical Affairs, Cardinal’s Office, Institutional Advancement, and Communications & Public Relations

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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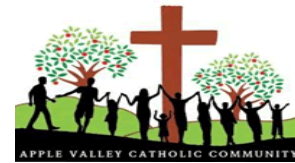
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Thank You

Thank you for your persistence in your efforts to see and bring about the kingdom of God in our world through your thoughts, in your words and in your actions every day!

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another." - 1 John 4:11



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 5/2/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 3,194
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>7,145</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 10,339
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 531,757
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>527,003</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 4,754
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 63,602
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>4,754</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 68,356
St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 89

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 5/2/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 1,041
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>2,305</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 3,346
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 183,396
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>181,375</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 2,021
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 9,466
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1 /2020	\$ 2,021
Grand Annual over revised budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>5,367</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 16,854
Grand Annual collection (115% of	
revised goal of \$32,560	\$ 37,927
St. Vincent de Paul collection	\$ 5