



# MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Mark 14:22

**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

**Welcome– We're Glad You're Here!**

**Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Office:**  
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**Office Hours: Closed due to the pandemic. Reach out to staff by phone or email.**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The State of Massachusetts notes: "As of May 29, masks are no longer required for vaccinated people in the State of Massachusetts. The State does advise that non-vaccinated people continue to wear masks."

Given the new State of Massachusetts protocols that take effect on May 29 and the directives from the Archdiocese of Boston which, are based on the State's protocols, I have made the decision to implement the Archdiocese of Boston directives slowly for our two Churches.

There will be two phases for the Apple Valley Catholic Community. Phase 1 will begin May 29, 2021 and conclude on September 5, 2021. Phase 2 will begin on September 6, 2021.

### Phase 1: May 29, 2021 – September 5, 2021

The following will be in place for Phase I. Some items in this phase remain the same, other items (**in bold**) have changed.

- **No registration** needed in order to attend any of the Masses.
- Parishioners can enter and leave the Church through the main doors only. **Parishioners can now use both the main aisles as well as the side aisles to enter and exit the pews.**
- **Ushers will be present to assist if needed but will not lead parishioners to a pew.**

### Wearing Masks:

- The State of Massachusetts protocols state that those who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask either indoors or outdoors or to keep socially distant. Those who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask and keep 6 feet social distancing.
- For the Apple Valley Catholic Community, **it is highly recommended in Phase 1 we continue to wear a mask during Mass. However, following the protocols for The State of Massachusetts, if a parishioner is fully vaccinated, they have the option of not wearing a mask during Mass. I, nor anyone on staff can ask if a person has been fully vaccinated or not.**

The dispensation from the obligation for coming to Sunday Mass has not yet been lifted, and even when it is, if a parishioner is feeling ill, they should remain at home.

- Live Stream Mass will continue every Saturday at 4:00p and can be viewed on our Website,

Facebook Page and our YouTube Channel Saturday and Sunday. More details will follow on this later.

- **Social Distance:**
- **St. Isidore will now have every other pew taped off as opposed to every two pews. All tape markers in the pews will be removed.** Tape that marks a pew off limits will remain. The balcony will remain open for all Masses.
- St. Elizabeth will still have every other pew taped off. **All tape markers in the pews will be removed.** Tape that marks a pew off limits will remain. The balcony will remain open for all Masses.
- **Congregational Singing:**
- The following singing will be permitted during all Masses, led by the Cantor:
  - **Responsorial Psalm Refrain.**
  - **Gospel Acclamation.**
  - **The Holy, Holy**
  - **Mystery of Faith**
  - **Doxology** (sung by Fr. Jeff) and **the Great Amen** (response from the Parishioners).
- Communion:
- **It is highly recommended that every parishioner wear a mask when coming forth for communion.**
- An usher will assist parishioners one pew at a time for communion.
- The communion procession will continue to be a single line.
- Priest, Deacon, and the Eucharistic Minister will sanitize their hands and wear a mask while distributing communion.
- Blue tape will remain in the main aisle for social distancing during communion. Blue tape will remain in place when receiving communion indicating where parishioners will stand to receive communion.
- Return to pews by the side aisles.
- During communion, please remain kneeling or if it is hard to kneel, you may sit.

I will continue to monitor Phase I working with a team of staff and volunteers. Should additional change take effective during Phase I everyone will be updated a week or so before the new changes.

I am confident that this process is the right approach for all of us as we move closer to a post Pandemic world. We have done great these last 14 months. Let's hang in there a little while longer for the safety of all children, teens, and adults. Let us remember, we are all one in Christ. Let us commit to supporting each other.

I am yours in Christ,  
Fr. Jeff

### Graduation Prayer

Father, We ask, now, for your almighty hand to be upon our graduates as they and their families celebrate this grand milestone.

May they find comfort from our community's continued embrace and support as they journey through life.

You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education. Help them to look forward to their next steps: continuing in their education or entering the work world. Particularly help those who are seeking employment to find a job suitable to their education. Give them faith and a sense of purpose in their next steps. Show them how to serve others in effective ways. And may they be always be aware in everything they do that they will find fulfillment in doing your will, that you will be with them always, and that you will bring to completion the good work you have begun in them.

Amen.



### Solemnity Of The Most Holy Body And Blood (Corpus Christi)

It is the beautiful feast of Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ. During this “Year of the Eucharist”, we focus on the fact that Christ is truly present in this gift that is so central to our life of faith. At the Passover meal of the Last Supper, Jesus blessed and broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and now he gives it to us, his disciples. Each time we gather for Mass and receive the Body and Blood of Christ we are then sent forth to be the Body of Christ to others. This precious gift given to us by Jesus is meant to be shared. He gave himself away utterly, so we must give ourselves away utterly. As you leave Mass today, be Christ’s presence to your family, friends and co-workers.



### Mass Intention

June 6, 5:00 p.m.—Frank Bruni,  
Memorial Mass

### Congratulations To Our First Communion Children

Congratulations to the following children in our collaborative who received or will receive their First Holy Communion this Spring:

Christopher B, Maddie C, Jack C, Jack C, Jack D, Shelby D, Max D, Faith F, Avery F, Ryan G, Fionn H, Maggie H, Gavi J, Finny L, Bridget M, Scarlett and Anika M, Logan O, Daniel P, Ariana P, Beatrice R, Jack S, Lindsey S, Quinn S, Anthony S, Anna W, Justin W, and Karen W.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they deepen their relationship with Christ now and forever.



### CLOW) Offered Sunday Mornings At 9:30 a.m. Via Facebook Live!

Young children and their parents can log into our Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Face Book page to participate on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. from their homes in a live and interactive Children’s Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW).

### ***Building A Bridge: How The Catholic Church And The LGBT Community Can Enter Into A Relationship Of Respect, Compassion And Sensitivity***

The Apple Valley Social Justice Ministry is sponsoring a three-part discussion of the book *Building A Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion and Sensitivity* by James Martin. The discussion will take place on Mondays, June 7, June 14 and June 21 from 7-8 p.m. on Zoom. All are invited. Please email Linda at [socialjustice@avcatholic.org](mailto:socialjustice@avcatholic.org) to register and for the zoom link.

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## Faith Formation Registration Opens June 7

Welcome back! Thanks to the grace of God, it looks like AVCC will be able to offer faith formation sessions on site next year. Hallelujah! We can't wait to see everybody live and in person! And to get ready, our faith formation team is busy planning a very welcoming, dynamic, and engaging program to bring all our K-12 students back!

We also learned during Covid, that digital platforms can be very effective and helpful tools for religious education and sacramental preparation. As we continue to grow as discipleship leaders, we are excited about being able to offer both instructional models in a hybrid approach that will help to make faith formation even more accessible to everyone!

To learn more about our programs for specific grade levels, please [click here](#) or visit our website faith formation page: <https://applevalleycatholic.org/growing-in-faith>

This year the Faith Formation fee is \$100 per student.

First Communion preparation is an additional \$75 per child.

Confirmation preparation is an additional \$150 per teen.

We are making it easy, so that everything can be done online! [Online Registration and Payment Here](#) and on our website: <https://avcc.wufoo.com/forms/m10pcl8r15wlp9w/>

**Don't miss out! We look forward to seeing everyone soon!**

Barbara Dane, Director of Faith Formation and Middle School Ministry Grades 5-8

Tom Spataro, Coordinator of Young Family Ministries, Grades K-4, and First Communion

Sheila Bauer, Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry and Grades 9-12

## Our Collaborative Vegetable Garden

Our collaborative vegetable garden at Saint Isidore has been tilled and we are in need of plant donations. After consulting with local food pantries the plants most needed are tomatoes, peppers, winter squash, herbs (basil, mint, parsley), eggplant, and green onions. All donations can be left on the side of the St. Isidore garage. We are also in need of volunteers to help plant and maintain the garden through the summer and to drop off produce at the food pantries. If anyone is interested in participating in our garden activities at Saint Isidore, please email Michele at [mtsinoqli@yahoo.com](mailto:mtsinoqli@yahoo.com). All ages from 2 to 201 are welcome!

## Calling All Current 9th Graders!

You must be getting very excited about returning to a more normal routine in Grade 10. One of the most exciting events in 10th grade is preparing for and celebrating your Confirmation. (Probably right behind getting your learner's permit...!) Confirmation prep at AVCC is a wonderful experience including Teen Alpha, beautiful service opportunities, and a strong foundation in liturgy and sacrament.

If you would like to get a jump on doing your Confirmation prep this summer, please consider joining our Summer Teen Alpha starting with 5:00 Mass on Sunday, July 11 and meeting every evening that week from 5 - 8:30 until Thursday, July 15.

This program will be fully in person at St. Elizabeth's. We will cover the entire Alpha program in an intensive, retreat-like format. It is a lot of fun, builds great friendships, and will kickstart your spiritual journey for next year! (For those of you who did Teen Alpha in Grade 9, you are already all set!)

[To find out more about Teen Alpha!](#)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_fjL4NsAfM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_fjL4NsAfM)

Teen Alpha will also be offered Sunday evenings on a weekly basis during the fall. This will be a hybrid program with some in person sessions and some Zoom sessions. This format is also a wonderful experience, but can be challenging for fall athletes, band students, or kids in the fall drama or other extra curricular programs. If you are in these types of programs or just like to study a lot after school, please consider doing Teen Alpha this summer.



[Register for Summer Teen Alpha!](#)

<https://avcc.wufoo.com/forms/m12wjtpd12irley/>

## Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Live Stream/Recorded Mass from St. Elizabeth

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

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**Thank You**

Welcome back to Mass without any reservations! Thank You for your continued support of our Collaborative, as a witness to your faith and expression of love of your neighbors ... making the world a better place.

We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. ... Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others. - St. Clare of Assisi

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week ending 5/23/21**

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 3,054
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>6,088</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 9,142
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 560,253
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>558,803</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 1,450
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 63,602
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>1,450</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 65,052
St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 140

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

**For the week ending 5/23/21**

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 662
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>2,185</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 2,847
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 193,266
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>192,477</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 789
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 9,466
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1 /2020	\$ 789
Grand Annual over revised budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>5,937</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 16,192
Grand Annual collection (118% of revised goal of \$32,560	\$ 38,497
St. Vincent de Paul collection	\$ 5