

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION**



*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."*

*Mark 4:26-29*

**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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## Faith Formation Registration—Register Now!

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

## 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=fyjL4NsAfM>

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/m12wjtpd12ir1ey/>



### **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).



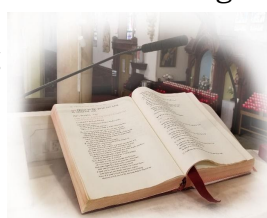
#### **Prayer Line**

*Prayer makes a difference!*

Can you take a few minutes each week to pray for others? Do you need prayers yourself? Connect with our email prayer group! To join the group or to request prayers, please send an email to Cathy, [nushamrockgirl@gmail.com](mailto:nushamrockgirl@gmail.com). For requests, to protect privacy, we only use first names or no name.

#### **June 13~ Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

This parable about the mustard seed is a reminder to us about our role in the work of evangelization. "It is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." Many of us shy away from sharing our faith with others. However, if each one of us is courageous enough to share our faith with one person, who then shares with one person, who shares... That is what evangelization is all about. It is telling the stories of God working in our lives, of prayers asked for and answered, of feeling the presence of Jesus with us. Share the "mustard seed" of your faith and watch to see how it will grow!



#### **Mass Intention**

June 13, 8:45 a.m.—John Melone,  
Memorial Mass

#### **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

#### **2021 Catholic Appeal Update**

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. Whether you are attending Mass in person or watching from home, I invite you to join me in supporting the Catholic Appeal. Donations can be made on line at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org)

St. Elizabeth has raised \$36,815 toward the 2021 Catholic Appeal goal of \$55,677.55. St. Isidore has raised \$9,480 toward the 2021 Catholic Appeal of \$23,883.48. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation in our Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

#### **Next Week's Second Collection**

Next week's second collection will be shared by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education and the dignity of human life. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support our local communications needs, such as Catholic TV programming.

For more information about these organizations, please visit:

1. [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)
2. [www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholiccommunication-campaign/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholiccommunication-campaign/index.cfm)

While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.

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**Thank You**

Thank You for putting your faith into action by supporting our Apple Valley Catholic Community through your worship, your time and talent, your offertory and your commitment to helping our neighbors in need.



It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Psalm 92:1-2

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week ending 5/30/21**

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 2,392
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>6,483</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 8,875
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 569,128
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>569,402</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ (275)
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 63,602
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>(275)</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 63,327
St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 737

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

**For the week ending 5/30/21**

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 1,675
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>2,825</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 4,500
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 197,767
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>196,178</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 1,589
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 9,466
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1 /2020	\$ 1,589
Grand Annual over revised budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>6,687</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 17,742
Grand Annual collection (121% of revised goal of \$32,560	\$ 39,247
St. Vincent de Paul collection	\$ 5