

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE



When Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them...So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. John 6:11, 13 (NAB)

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Welcome– We're Glad You're Here!

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Mission Weekend This Weekend The Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle

Each year throughout the Archdiocese of Boston all parishes participate in Missionary Weekend. At the Apple Valley Catholic Community our **Missionary Weekend is July 24th – 25th**. This year we have the *Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle* with us to speak about the good work they are doing.

The Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle, (charity no. 04226 6770) with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, Cardinal Sean O'Malley as its president. The members serve as diocesan priests from all parts of the English-speaking world, under the jurisdiction of the local ordinary of each prelate or diocese in Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador.

Since we are not able to pass baskets yet and take up a collection during Mass, if you would like to donate to the St. James Society in support of their mission you can do so by our Online Giving using this link: {place link here} OR mail a check to Apple Valley Catholic Community, 89 Arlington Street Acton, MA 01720. Please make checks payable to: **Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle.**

Their mission/vision is three-fold:

Evangelization

The Society of St. James' understanding of the term evangelization means the proclamation of God's word and sacrament together with the implementation of social and community work projects. Both of these aspects complement one another.

Our founder, Cardinal Richard Cushing, recognized that without the presence of priests the Eucharist and the Sacraments cannot be celebrated. There were thousands of people in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador who had not heard the Gospel message, nor had they access to the Sacraments due to the shortage of priests. *The role of the missionary is to go to those remote country villages and barrios of the large cities.*

Emergency Work

The Society is there to respond in times of crisis, whether it is after a natural disaster, such as an earthquake or severe flooding, or when a child is suffering from malnutrition. Our missionaries' step in to bring relief in these emergency situations.

Development

Poverty has many faces. While one needs to respond immediately to emergency situations, most

missionaries are also concerned to attack the very roots and structure of poverty in the community. This process requires the involvement of the community and can take some time to educate and organize the community to respond effectively. This is expressed in the well-known adage that "It is better to teach a person how to fish instead of giving him fish each day."

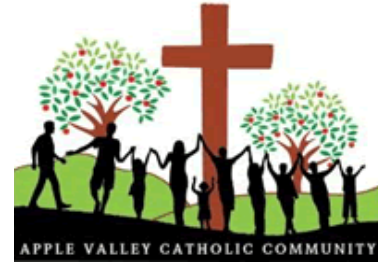
Giving Links:

Saint Elizabeth

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-elizabeth-of-hungaryav/funds/missionary-society-of-st-james-the-apostle>

Saint Isidore

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-isidore-churchavc/funds/missionary-society-of-st-james-the-apostle>



Welcome Back Weekend Planning Update

As we continue to prepare for our awesome Welcome Back Weekend Sept. 11-12, we'd like to take a minute to thank everyone who participated in our recent survey. It was great to hear from so many of you.

We appreciate your sharing thoughts and ideas about how to make this a fun, meaningful, and memorable event.

There is still time to make your voice heard. This is a short survey that takes about 2 minutes to complete! **Complete survey by clicking here!** Or by going to applevalleycatholic.org/welcomeback.

We are excited as plans are starting to take shape and look forward to sharing more specific details with you soon. In the meantime, make sure you "Save the Date!!" Everybody is invited and we hope each and every one of you can come!!!

We are looking for folks to help out before and during the event, as well. If you would like more information on ways to get involved, contact [Tom Spataro](#) or [Sheila Bauer](#).

High School Youth Ministry

July 30, 5:00 p.m. —Worcester Woo Sox!
All Families Welcome to Join!

Take in a baseball game in the newest ballpark in New England! The night ends with FIREWORKS! Transportation by bus included. Meet at St. Isidore parking lot at 5:00 p.m. to board the bus. Return by 11:00 p.m. Great activity for the whole family! \$35.

Mystery All-Nighter—August 21-22

One of the most anticipated events we do - the Mystery All-Nighter! We begin with the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Isidore and then embark on a night of surprises, fun, action, and the occasional nodding off. We will return to St. Isidore by 6 a.m. on Sunday morning. Please note - we absolutely need chaperones for the activity to run. Please let Sheila know if you can help out! This event will be cancelled without sufficient (at least 3 people 25 years and up) adult supervision.

For additional information and to register, contact Sheila at sheilab@avcatholic.org

To register for one of these events go to:

[Summer Youth Ministry Activities \(wufoo.com\)](https://avcc.wufoo.com/forms/q1y3zjs40ysgryh/)
<https://avcc.wufoo.com/forms/q1y3zjs40ysgryh/>

Looking for a fun night for the whole family?

Everyone is invited to join us for a fun night at the new Polar Park in Worcester! Not only will you see the best AAA park in the country, there will be baseball, fireworks, and other fun stuff! No parking hassle, either, because we are going on a bus!



When: Friday, July 30

Where: Meet at the St. Isidore Parking lot at 5:00 p.m.

Return: ~ 10:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per person, includes the bus
 Tickets are limited. Reserve yours now by emailing Sheila at sheilab@avcatholic.org

Mass Intention

Sunday, July 25, 10:45 a.m., John Archer,
 Memorial Mass



Mass Times

Saturday Mass, 4:00 p.m.— St. Isidore
 Sunday Mass, 8:45 a.m.— St. Isidore
 Sunday Mass, 10:45 a.m.— St. Elizabeth,
 (Live Streaming Mass)
 Sunday Mass, 5:00 p.m.— St. Elizabeth

The live stream Mass will be broadcast every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. to our Website, Facebook page and YouTube page.

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

St. Elizabeth has raised \$37,885 toward the 2021 Catholic Appeal goal of \$55,677.55. St. Isidore has raised \$12,325 toward the 2021 Catholic Appeal of \$23,883.48. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact.

July 25—Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“There will be plenty for all” these words come from our first reading today and are reiterated in the gospel story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. These readings remind us of God’s generosity, his providence and loving care. This is especially true when we feel inadequate to the task of being a disciple of Christ. Ponder these words, “There will be plenty for all” and throughout the week, open your eyes and heart for the ways that God does indeed provide for you in both big and small ways. You will find that God is generous beyond your expectations!



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Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45—St. Isidore
First Wednesday of each month, 4-6 p.m.,
St. Elizabeth



Request Your Records

Parish members or non-parishioners who are looking for a record of a sacrament that you or your children received at either St. Elizabeth or St. Isidore may request sacrament records on our website under quick links.

Thank You

Jesus Christ seeks to be in relationship with each and everyone one of us. To encounter Jesus is to experience his love in a meaningful and life transforming way. Thank You for your continued support of Jesus' mission in our world today!

“Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness.” ~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 7/11/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 4,642
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 7,199
Total Parish Support:	\$ 11,841
Offertory since 7/1/2021:	
Total collected offertory:	\$ 22,084
Total budgeted offertory:	\$ 23,677
Over (under) budget	\$ (1,593)
Budgeted operating deficit	
for the year ended 6/30/2022:	\$ (56,001)
Offertory over (under) budget since 7/1/2021	\$ (1,593)
Projected operating deficit for the year	\$ (57,594)
ended 6/30/2022	
St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 45

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 7/11/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 1,250
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 2,523
Total Parish Support:	\$ 3,773
Offertory since 7/1/2021:	
Total collected offertory:	\$ 7,508
Total budgeted offertory (1):	\$ 8,008
Over (under) budget	\$ (500)
Budgeted operating deficit for the year	
ended 6/30/2022:	\$ (26,347)
Offertory over (under) budget since 7/1/2021	\$ (500)
Projected operating deficit for the year ended 6/30/2022	\$ (26,847)
(1) Budgeted offertory for the year ended 6/30/2022 is \$212k.	
Budgeted Grand Annual collection for the year	
ended 6/30/22 is \$45k	
St. Vincent de Paul collection	\$ 30