

November 28, 2021

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot.

Jeremiah 43:14-15

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



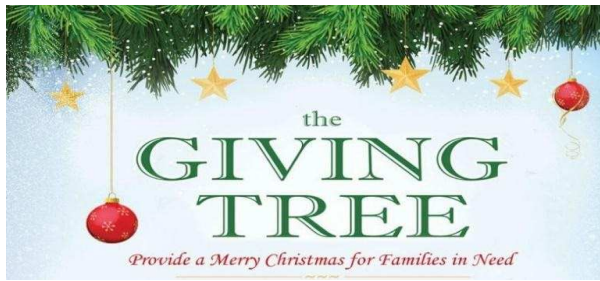
St. Isidore Parish
429 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775

We Welcome YOU!

At the Apple Valley Catholic Community, we live out the commandment Jesus gave to his disciples when he said "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34). We live this commandment by acknowledging we are all, in one way or another, our sister's and brother's keepers.

We affirm the dignity and worth of each person regardless of your race, nationality or ethnic group, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, age, socioeconomic class, married, single, divorced, Mass attendance, or anything else. We affirm that we are all God's children and part of the one family of God and that means We Welcome YOU.

St. Elizabeth's Giving Tree



Every year our parish generously supports many charities through donations to the Giving Tree. This year we will be donating gifts to the following organizations: The Acton Housing Authority, Los Amigos in Lawrence, and Lazarus House in Lawrence. The Giving Tree with the tags will be placed in the entryway beginning the weekend of 11/27-11/28. Please take as many tags as you are able to fulfill, purchase the suggested gift, and place your gift under the tree with the tag attached no later than the weekend of 12/11-12/12.

Please note, some tags will indicate the gift to be wrapped, others will indicate to leave the gift unwrapped. Thank you in advance for helping out these charities!

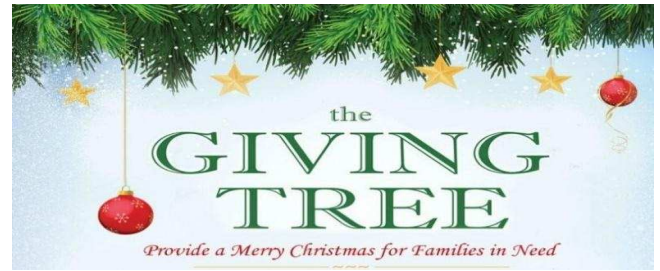
Mission Trip Registration Is Now Open



Registrations are now open for all 8th - 12th graders to join us for this summer's Catholic Heart Mission Trip! This year, we will be going to New Jersey to serve. Dates are July 17 - 22. Male and female chaperones needed.

For more information contact Sheila Bauer at sheilab@avcatholic.org. Register at: <https://avcc.wufoo.com/forms/q1vv2k1y1p2xy15/> or [Simply Click Here!](#)

St. Isidore Giving Tree



Once again, we are helping Warm Hearts of Stow to help those in need this Christmas season by donating gifts/gift cards. Tags will be hung on our Giving Tree with specific gift/gift card information. The Giving Tree with the tags will be placed in the entryway beginning the weekend of 11/27-11/28. Please take as many tags as you are able to fulfill, purchase the suggested gift or gift card, and place your gift under the tree with the tag attached no later than the weekend of 12/11-12/12.

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God needs priests. Is He calling you?

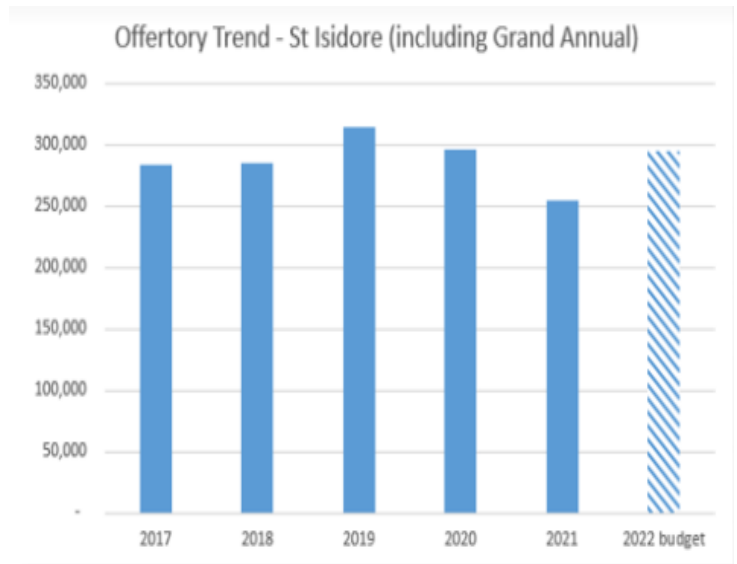
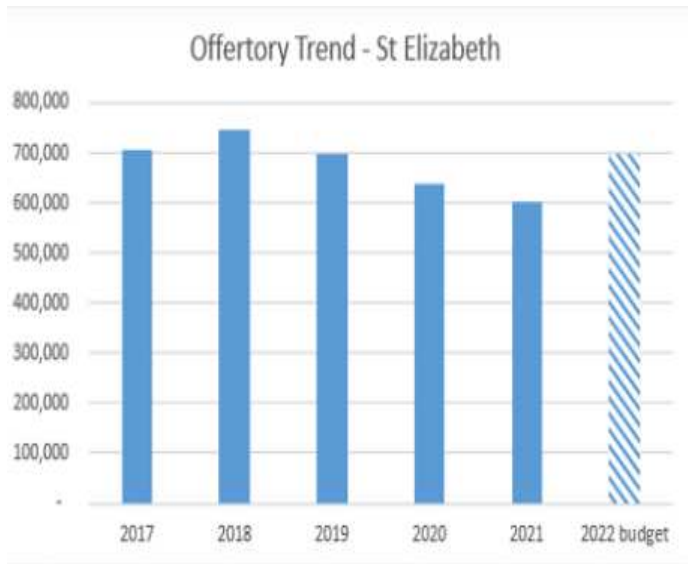


**If you are 30-60, you may be surprised.
"First Friday Visits"
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
558 South Ave., Weston, MA
Friday, December 3, 2021
5:00 PM.**

Join the Seminary community either virtually or **in person** for prayer & fellowship
Holy Hour and Evening Prayer
In Person: Dinner with the seminarians and a tour of the Seminary

RSVP or to receive more information
Msgr. William Fay at 781-899-5500 ext. 127
msgr.fay@psjs.edu

The bar graphs below depict the offertory trends over the last five years, highlighting the need for our current Increase Offertory and Grand Annual Campaigns.



The following information represents the anticipated balance in our cash accounts at the end of June 2022. This information has been reviewed by each Parish's Finance Council. The Councils meet every two months and this information will be published in subsequent Constant Contact weekly emails and the Bulletins.

Cash Forecast - St Elizabeth

Total unrestricted cash as of 11/1/2021	<u>302,745</u>
Estimated eight months of revenue (Nov 2021 - June 2022)	388,146
Estimated eight months of expenses (Nov 2021 - June 2022)	(558,052)
FY 2022 Increase Offertory	<u>70,000</u>
Projected net operating cash flow	<u>(99,906)</u>
Capital Improvement Projects of \$100k - estimated and not approved (\$52k has already been collected and restricted)	(48,000)
Total projected unrestricted cash at 06/30/2022	<u><u>154,838</u></u>

Monthly income less expenses including projected offertory shortfall	(8,632)
Months remaining in projected unrestricted cash, beginning on 6/30/2022 (plus or minus 3 months)	18

These numbers are based on an Increase Offertory of \$70k.

Cash Forecast - St Isidore

Total cash as of 11/1/2021	<u>110,625.00</u>
Estimated eight months of revenue (Nov 2021 - June 2022)	124,655
Estimated eight months of expenses (Nov 2021 - June 2022)	(230,212)
FY 2022 Grand Annual	<u>83,000</u>
Projected net operating cash flow	<u>(22,556)</u>
RCAB Loan - monthly repayments (10 months of a 5 year loan)	(2,500)
Boiler replacement expense	<u>(42,100)</u>
Total projected cash at 06/30/2022	<u><u>43,469</u></u>

Monthly income less expenses after Grand Annual has been expensed in FY 2022	(5,946)
Months remaining in projected cash, beginning on 6/30/2022 (plus or minus 3 months) *	7

These numbers are based on a Grand Annual of \$83k.

* Please refer to Grand Annual Chart in Grand Annual Letter.

Pope Francis Invites You!



“Synod on Synodality”

Over the next several years, the Catholic Church around the world will be participating in a process called the **Synod on Synodality**. Synodality is how the Catholic Church describes its form of government, differentiating it from democracy and monarchy.

The Holy Father will be meeting with Bishops from across the globe in 2023 to discuss ways of improving the process by which the church, on all levels, is open to hearing the voices of people from all walks of life.

That process will begin now here at the Archdiocese of Boston with asking as many people as possible to take a simple survey. The link to the survey can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPft9>

This survey is the first step. Other upcoming steps will be:

- An opening Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at 4:30PM. The Mass will be broadcast on CatholicTV, as well being a live event.
- Discussions in the Presbyteral Council, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, and Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Councils, using a set of questions which will be distributed soon.
- Focus groups in various ministries, religious communities, and demographic populations across the Archdiocese.
- Five regional sessions that will be open to the public.
- The collection of all of the feedback, and its compilation into a ten-page document which will be submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in April of 2022.

- A closing liturgy at the Cathedral in late April of 2022.

In this process, we hope to be able to make some contribution to the global conversation on synodality. More importantly, we hope to improve the synodality of various local institutions here in the Archdiocese of Boston, as well as of the Archdiocese itself.

Thank you.

Apple Valley Catholic Community Staff

Music Ministry

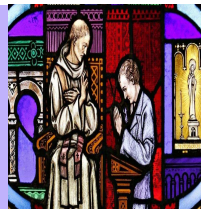
Children’s Christmas Choir rehearsal on Sunday, November 28 from 4 – 4:40 in the Parish Center Hall. All Children in grades 2 – 5 are welcome! We will prepare Christmas music that will be videotaped and inserted into the livestream Masses during the Christmas Season. For safety, we will sing with masks, with the chairs spaced apart, and windows open. Contact Andrea Goodrich with any questions: andre-ag@avcatholic.org

Teen Choir rehearsal on Monday from 6 - 7 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church. All singers and instrumentalists in grades 6 – 12 are welcome!

Adult Choir rehearsal on Tuesday from 7 – 8:15 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Confessions

This Wednesday
December 1, 4-6 p.m.
St. Elizabeth



Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule December 8 (Holy Day Of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth

Wednesday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.
St. Isidore

Mass Intention

Sunday, November 28, 5:00 p.m.
Paul Curran Memorial Mass

November 28, 2021

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Archer
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Deacon: Charles A. Cornell
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Collaborative Office & Communication Manager: Janice Howes
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Director of Finance & Operations: Annmarie Mazzucotelli,
(annmariem@avcatholic.org), (978) 263-4305 ext. 11

Collaborative Director of Music: Andrea Goodrich
(andreag@avcatholic.org), (978) 263-4305 ext. 12

Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry:
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(978) 263-4305 ext. 23

Director of Faith Formation: Barbara Dane
(barbarad@avcatholic.org), (978) 263-4305 ext. 16
(Faith Formation for Grades 5-8)

Coordinator of Young Family Ministries: Tom Spataro
(toms@avcatholic.org), (978) 263-4305 ext. 17

Finance & Operations Administrative Assistant: Judy Richardson
(judy@avcatholic.org), 978 263-4305 ext. 19

Liturgical Coordinator: Mary Ryan
(maryr@avcatholic.org), (978) 263-4305 ext. 35

Collaborative Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ("RCIA") :
Trina Toups (trin@avcatholic.org)

St. Elizabeth's St. Vincent DePaul: Conference of Acton/
Boxborough (978) 263-4305 ext. 14

St. Isidore's St. Vincent De Paul Conference of Stow
(978) 263-4305 ext. 21

Confession:
Saturday, 3:00-3:45 p.m., St. Isidore

First Wednesday of each month at
St. Elizabeth, 4-6 p.m.



Thank You

Thank You for your faithfulness and continued support of each other, our parishes and communities. Your support is very much appreciated as it allows us to rejoice in God our Savior and serve our world as Christ's heart, hands and feet.



"Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." ~ Saint Francis of Assisi

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week ending 11/14/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 3,173
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	<u>\$ 7,263</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 10,436

Offertory since 7/1/2021:	
Total collected offertory	\$ 219,039
Total budgeted offertory (1)	<u>\$ 237,767</u>
Over (under) budget	\$ (18,728)

Budgeted operating deficit	
for the year ended 6/30/2022*	\$ (378)
Offertory over (under) budget since 7/1/2021	<u>\$ (18,728)</u>
Projected operating deficit for the year ended 6/30/2022	\$ (19,106)

(1) Budgeted offertory for the year ended 6/30/22 is 628k.

St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 48
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*Includes budgeted Increase Offertory of \$70,000, and Catholic Appeal current shortfall of \$14,799.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

For the week ending 11/14/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 2,606
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	<u>\$ 1,820</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 4,426

Offertory since 7/1/2021:	
Total collected offertory:	\$ 88,122
Total budgeted offertory (1):	<u>\$ 80,385</u>
Over (under) budget	\$ 7,737

Budgeted operating income for the year	
ended 6/30/2022*	\$ 270
Offertory over (under) budget since 7/1/2021	<u>\$ 7,737</u>
Projected operating income for the year ended 6/30/22	\$ 8,007

(1) Budgeted offertory for the year ended 6/30/2022 is \$212k.

*Includes budgeted Grand Annual of \$83,000, and Catholic Appeal current shortfall of \$11,383.

Grand Annual collection for the year ended 6/30/22 (11% of goal of 83k)	<u>\$ 9,180</u>
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St. Vincent de Paul collection	\$ 5
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