

### APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE - TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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### August 5/6 Masses

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.—Live stream Sunday, 8:45 a.m.—St. Isidore Sunday, 10:45 a.m.—St. Elizabeth

# Seating will be limited Reservations will be required. Masks and safe distancing will be required. Music will be limited.

An Eventbrite invitation, and detailed instructions, are available on our website. Register between Tuesday 9:00 a.m. and Friday at 6:00 p.m. prior to each Sunday. You may also call Judy at the office 978 263-4305 x19, between 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

### The weekend of 9/12-9/13 and each weekend thereafter:

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

#### **Online Giving**



Online Giving is available! Online Giving is an easy way to support our continued mission, both while we are away and as we slowly begin to gather again in worship. You now can make contributions to the church from the comfort of your own home using your smart phone, smart devices, or computer. This option makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables our church to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient.

#### CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN!

### How does someone sign up for Online Giving and when?

The sign-up process is very user friendly and can be done right from the convenience of your home. One would go to our secured website. From the "Welcome" page scroll down to find the "Online Giving" section. Select the Church you want your weekly or monthly donations to go to (St. Isidore or St. Elizabeth) and begin the process. Information needed:

**Gift Amount**: Dollar Amount **Gift Type**: Recurring or One Time

Frequency: Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Monthly,

Quarterly or Twice a Year

Start Date: The start date you wish to start your

online donation **Email Address** 

Password First Name Last Name

Phone (optional)

**Payment Information:** 

Bank or Credit Card

**Bank Account Type**: Saving or Checking or Credit Card Number (if you select credit card as your payment method).

Bank Routing Number Account Number Payment Method Address

Hit the Submit button.

That is it. You are done with the registration. Funds will automatically transferred out of your checking or saving account or applied to your credit card based on the information you saved and the frequency you have chosen.

### Is this secured, in other words is my data protected?

Our Sunday Visitor who host Online Giving does not share your confidential information, such as bank account or credit card numbers with anyone at your parish, nor does your parish staff have access to this data. Online Giving is easy to set up for direct withdrawals from your checking or savings account or a credit card. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Donations may be made as one-time gifts or recurring gifts.

# Do I have options of how often I can give, such as weekly, monthly, or yearly?

Yes, by all means. Online Giving allows you to select the frequency of when you chose to give. It can be Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, or Twice a Year. You can change the frequency at any time since you are in control.

## Can I make changes to my Online Giving myself or do I have to call someone to make those changes?

All changes to your Online Giving account are completed by the parishioner at any time. You can increase what you give, change the frequency of how often you give, and other changes. All this is done by the parishioner without having to call the office and have someone do it for you.

# If I currently give weekly/monthly by using my envelopes what happens when I sign up for Online Giving?

Once you sign up for Online Giving you can stop bringing your envelopes with your check or cash to Church since your offertory donations are now Online. You should also call the Church and have them stop sending you your envelopes as each set of envelopes per parishioners is a direct cost/expense to the Church.

## If I sign up can I give the same amount each week/month or are we being asked to give more?

This is a good question and the answer is no & yes. Our Online Giving campaign is not asking anyone to give more. This campaign is to help you to be able to manage what you give to our Churches from the convenience of your home and to help with the budget process for each of the two Churches in our Collaborative. However, anyone who signs up for Online Giving can elect to increase what they give at the time they sign up or anytime thereafter.

# What support is available should I need help at any time?

There is 24x7 customer support from Our Sunday Visitor. Any time you need to make a change, update your settings, run a report and are not sure how to do it, the 24x7 customer support team is available to assist. Just place a call to their toll-free number and a customer service rep will help you with your needs.

### Are other Churches in the Archdiocese using Online Giving at this time?

Many Churches are now using Online Giving. Some have had this in places for several years while other Churches, such as our two Churches in the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative have just started. This method of Online Giving is becoming extremely popular as so many people are doing financial transaction via website while at home, such as shopping for food or clothes online, paying credit card or tuition payments online, bills online etc.

Online Giving is also growing substantially throughout the United States in most Religious Institution, Charitable Activities, etc.

#### Does the Archdiocese see my information?

No, this is not an Archdiocesan program this is specific to the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative of St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore. No one from the Archdiocese, or anyone else will have access to your data. All data is secured.

#### Faith Formation 2020-21

The pandemic has affected us all and we have been working hard to plan meaningful and practical programming that both maximizes our limited resources and considers the needs and challenges that all our families



may be facing at this time. We are excited to put forth opportunities that are easily adaptable to both in person and online that will continue to serve all in their growth as disciples.

Our offerings to help all grow as disciples this year will include:

- Sacramental preparation for First Communion and Confirmation.
- Alpha for both Adults and Teens.
- Phased-in offerings for all ages, based on small group, relational models.
- Leadership training and support.
- Ongoing outreach and support for parents
- Seasonal events to help celebrate the liturgy calendar year.

We will begin the Fall with well-supported and guided online gatherings for sacramental preparation and Alpha. As we get those programs rolling and as more leaders are prepared, we will then be able to roll out more small groups. In-person and large group gatherings are not a reality at this time, but as soon as they become possible, we will be able to adapt and shift very easily.

Registration is all on line this year. Details and a link to register are available on our website:

<a href="https://www.applevalleycatholic.org/growing-in-faith-together">https://www.applevalleycatholic.org/growing-in-faith-together</a>

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We will be forming small groups to promote a culture of relational ministry and small group discipleship. We are looking for people who are interested in working to help build these groups. Let us know if you are interested or would like more information!

Joan Mattila - Grades 1-4 Barbara Dane - Grades 5-8 Sheila Bauer - Grades 9-12 Diahne Goodwin - Adults

### **EDGE** is Coming...

Faith Formation for students in Grades 5 - 8 will begin remotely in October. We will be using a small group online discipleship program developed specifically for early adolescents by Lifeteen called Edge.



Edge brings kids closer to Christ using contemporary issues, technology and relational ministry. It is prayerful, scripture based, and fun.

Questions? Contact Barbara Dane. Online registration is available on the website. Let's go. It's going to be great!





**Alpha** is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, fun, open and informal environment, through a series of video talks and conversations. No pressure. No judgment. No Cost. Come check it out! Beginning the third week in September on line via Zoom.

### Alpha Starts September 23rd 10 AM OR 7 PM

You do not have to commit to the whole series at once.

Just simply **Come & See** on the 23rd!

Go to <a href="https://www.applevalleycatholic.org/alpha">https://www.applevalleycatholic.org/alpha</a> to sign up or more details.

### Sunday Morning Breaking a Open the Word

We invite you to join us via Zoom to reflect on the Sunday scriptures together. We gather at 10:00 (for now) for 45 minutes. To review the readings for the day, with emphasis on the Gospel, and reflect on them in relation to our lives. This is not high theology but a time to share with each other, ask questions, and support one another on our journeys of faith. All are welcome! Please email Diahne Goodwin if you would like to join in and she will send you the Zoom link.

# Children's Liturgy Of the Word (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 9:30am from their homes in a live and interactive Children's Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW). We are most grateful to our CLOW leader, Tom Spataro and his children, who have been leading CLOW remotely each week.

# The AVCC Adult Service Team Service and Volunteer Opportunities

In conjunction with the Acton and Stow Food Pantries, we are collecting basic school supplies for kids in need in the AB and Nashoba Regional School Districts. Whether kids are going to school or will be doing school at home this fall, they need these basics. Every single item is needed and appreciated. Thank you!

#### **Back Pack Drive**

Sunday, August 30 (This weekend)
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parking Lot 89 Arlington St., Acton, MA.

Noon - 2:00 PM

Curbside Drop Off with No Contact
All items will be sanitized before use

#### **Requested Items:**

Medium sized backpacks, Crayola crayons, Crayola multi-cultural crayons, skinny markers, pencils, colored pencils, pens, erasers, rulers, notebooks with wide ruled paper, Crayola paint boxes, mini staplers, hand held pencil sharpeners, folders, variety packs of construction paper, Scotch tapes, small scissors, glue sticks and or small glue bottles.

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### Our Garden is Thriving!

Our garden is thriving and several weeks of donations have gone to the Stow and Acton Food pantries. We also have donated cut flowers which were such a treat for the pantry. If anyone is interested in participating in our garden activities please email Michele at <a href="mailto:mtsinopoli@yahoo.com">mtsinopoli@yahoo.com</a>. All ages from 2-102 are welcome!



Financial contributions for support of both parishes will be updated in next weekend's bulletin.

### Scripture for the week of August 30, 2020

30 SUN Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

31 Mon 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30

1 Tue 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37

2 Wed 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44

3 Thu 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11

4 Fri 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

5 Sat 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5

6 SUN Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

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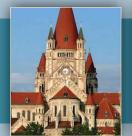
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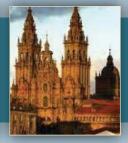
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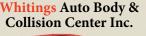
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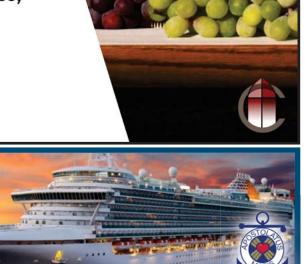
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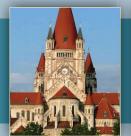




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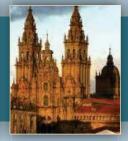
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