

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.

James 1:17

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!

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION
HAITI RELIEF FUND**

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) announced that it *“is sending teams to provide clean water, sanitation, shelter and emergency supplies in response to a major earthquake that struck southern Haiti early Saturday morning August 14, 2021. While the severity of the damage is still being determined, with communications down in parts of the country, hundreds of deaths have already been reported as well as extensive damage to buildings and homes.”*

Recognizing the suffering of the Haitian people and growing need for assistance, Cardinal Seán has asked that a special collection for Catholic Relief Services and the Church in Haiti be taken this weekend August 28-29 in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston.

The parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston have consistently stepped forward during times of natural disasters to assist our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. Following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, where CRS reports “more than 300,000 people were killed and another 1.3 million left without homes”, the parishioners of the Archdiocese generously raised more than \$2 million for relief efforts.

Please consider donating any amount to help our brothers & sisters in Haiti.

Saint Elizabeth:

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-elizabeth-of-hungaryav/funds/haiti-earthquake-relief>

Saint Isidore:

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-isidore-churchavc/funds/haiti-earthquake-relief>

You can also send in a check made payable to St. Elizabeth or St. Isidore with a note on the memo line *Haiti Collection*. Your donation will be collected, processed by the Archdiocese of Boston, and forwarded to Catholic Relief Service (CSR). Please send your check to the Parish Office at 89 Arlington Street, Acton MA 01720.

Catholic Heart Work Camp Experience

Rising Acton-Boxborough senior, Sarah Joyce, shares a reflection on her first experience with Catholic Heart Work Camp. Sarah will also bring her kind heart and love of service to being a Confirmation Peer Leader in the upcoming year. Thank you, Sarah, for sharing your time and talents with all of us!

My first time at Catholic Heart Work Camp will surely be one that I will never forget. Overall, it was such a great experience because of the community that is created there. Going with Sheila, Barbara, my peers from AppleValley, and meeting tons of new people at the camp, created an environment that was so special and full of faith and love.

One of my favorite memories from CHWC would definitely have to be the music. There was only a guitarist and drummer, but the music that they were able to create together was breathtaking. I especially liked it because it wasn't like traditional organ music that church usually has. It was upbeat, and energetic while still spreading the message of faith and God's word.

I would also like to share about one of the projects that my group did while we were in Connecticut. We went to an elderly woman's house, who was in need of help with painting her bathroom and bedroom, so that the house could be sold. It was incredible to be able to help this lady, Judith, because since she wasn't able to complete these tasks herself anymore, she was so grateful that we could be of assistance. For me, I loved seeing the smile on her face when we were finished with the work. It was great to also consider how much we impacted her life, just with the little work that we did. Even though some of the conditions were difficult, especially the sweltering heat, (there was a lot of sweating!) it was worth it to see the impact that we had on these communities.



Sign Up For Fall Alpha What Is Alpha?



Alpha is a 10-week series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. No matter where you are in your faith journey, no matter your questions, Alpha is the opportunity to watch videos that tackle questions about life and faith, and then for guests to have a chance to discuss these topics in small groups in a friendly, non-judgmental environment. If you already attended Alpha, maybe you know someone who's searching and has questions about faith. The adult Alpha sessions are the perfect way to start.

Please come and join us on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. for the "Come and See" Alpha session on Zoom. No pressure, no commitment, no fee and no driving!



To learn more about Alpha visit applevalleycatholic.org/alpha, and please register so that we can send you the Zoom link.

Collaborative Music News

Do you like to sing? The Music Ministry at Apple Valley Catholic has a place for you. If you can sing on pitch and want to join a wonderful group of people singing praise to God, please join us! Covid guidelines are being monitored and protocols are adjusted as needed.

Collaborative Adult Choirs will rehearse on Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Join us this Wednesday, September 1.

The Collaborative Teen Ensemble (singers and instrumentalists in grades 6 – 12) will rehearse on Mondays from 6 - 7 p.m. beginning on September 13 at St. Elizabeth Church.

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choir (grades 2 – 5) will rehearse on Tuesdays from 6 - 6:45 p.m. beginning on September 14 at St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall.

For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich at andreag@avcatholic.org

Mass Intention

Sunday, August 29, 8:45 a.m.
Billy Schiavoni, Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 29, 10:45 a.m.
Margaret Duhamel, Memorial Mass



Confessions

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

Virtus and Cori

Child Abuse protection (Virtus) training is a one-time course required for all collaborative volunteers who work with or who have the potential to be alone with children, teens, and/or vulnerable adults. The new Cori forms for 2021-2022 are available now. Cori forms need to be filled out yearly before you volunteer to work with children, teens or vulnerable adults.

Upcoming Virtus Training Dates:
Weds., Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth
Mon., Sept. 20, 10:00 a.m., St. Elizabeth
Thurs., Sept. 30, 6:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth
Tues., Oct. 5, 12:00 p.m., St. Isidore
Sat., Oct. 16, 10:00 a.m., St. Isidore

To register for any of the above Virtus dates, email Barbara at barbarad@avcatholic.org
Additional information can be found on applevalleycatholic.org/protecting-gods-children

August 29 ~ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our second reading today, Saint James reminds us, "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." The message is clear – take the word to heart. . . act on it in your life this week! Take to heart the words of the familiar hymn that proclaims, "Take the word of God with you as you go." You have heard God's word and been nourished by the Eucharist, now go and share it!



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(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.



Faith Formation Registration

We have 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/>

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.

Weekday Mass

Monday Mass 9:00 a.m.—St. Elizabeth
Tuesday Mass 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore

Register Or Update Your Parish Registration

Registering as a parishioner and keeping your information updated and accurate helps us to be able to respond and minister to you more quickly and efficiently. Please visit our website to update or register yourself and or your family. It would be very much appreciated!

<https://applevalleycatholic.org/register>

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

