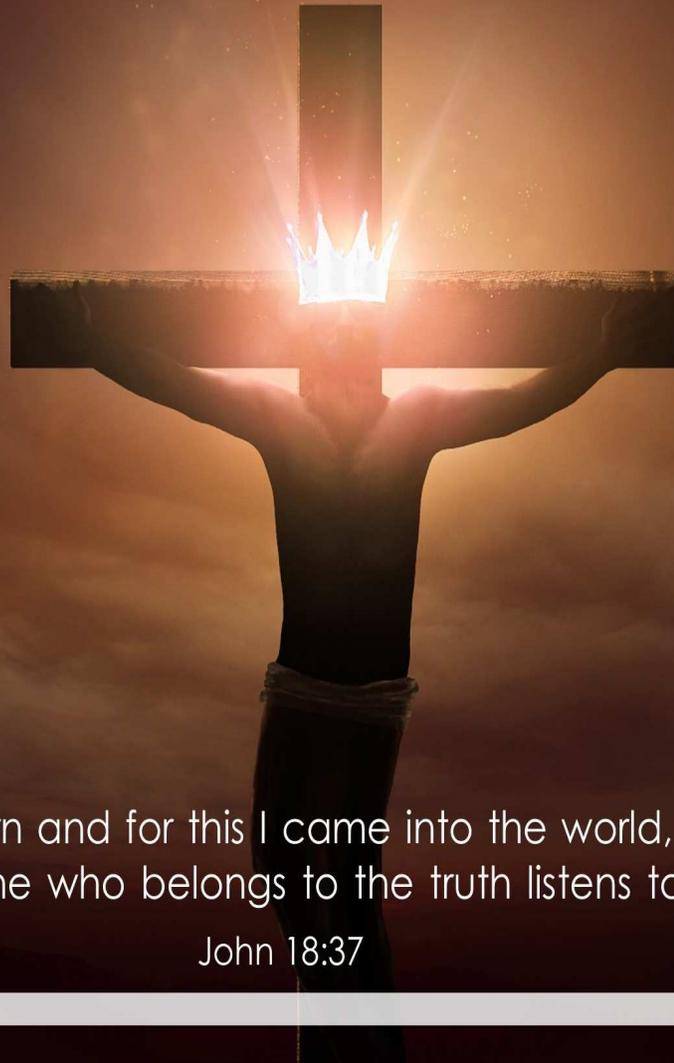


November 21, 2021

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

SOLEMNITY
of our Lord
Jesus Christ
KING
of the Universe



"For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

John 18:37

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.

Collection For Retired Religious Sisters



This weekend the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Religious Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637.

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

<https://osvhub.com/st-isidore-churchavc/funds?preview=>

November ~ The Month Of All Souls

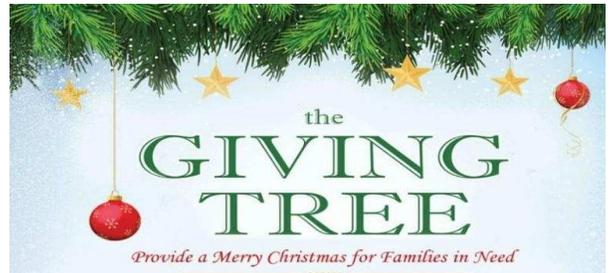


Through November all are encouraged to visit the Memorial Alcoves in our churches. You may write the names of deceased family members and friends in the Book of the Names of the Dead and place their pictures in the alcoves. Please write your loved one's name on the back of the picture before placing it on the wall. After November 23, you may either leave the picture with us to keep for next year or pick it up after Mass on the weekend. During this month, please make time to stop and read the names in the Book, look at the pictures in the Alcove, and say a prayer for those who have gone before us in faith.

Becoming Catholic? Returning Catholic? Adult Sacramental Prep?

At Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative we work with individuals who are seeking baptism, membership in the Catholic Church, or confirmation prep for adults. Our team will work with you to help you discern your process forward. You are welcome to enter the process at any time. Please email trinat@avcatholic.org for further information.

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.

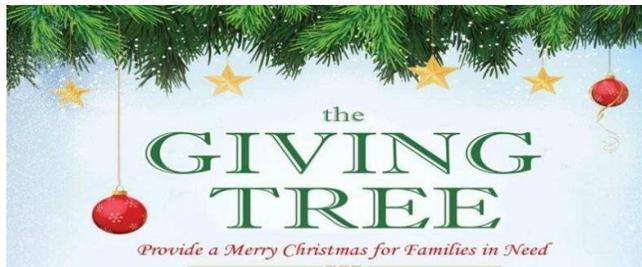
Please note, some tags will indicate the gift to be wrapped, others will indicate to leave the gift unwrapped. Thank you in advance for helping out these charities!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We're thankful for all of our wonderful parishioners and hope you all enjoy time with family and friends.

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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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!](#)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 20, 4:00 p.m.
The Mileski Family, Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 21, 8:45 a.m.
Joseph & Marianna Melone, Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 21, 10:45 a.m.
Katherine Napoli, Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 21, 5:00 p.m.
Margaret Duhamel, Memorial Mass

Monday, November 22, 9:00 a.m.
Rosemary Quigley Harris, Memorial Mass

Music Ministry

Children's Christmas Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, November 21 from 4 - 4:40 p.m. 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: andrag@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 Church. All are welcome!

Solemnity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, a question worth asking ourselves today is, "Is Jesus my King?" Is Jesus the center of my life? What can I do to remain close to Jesus with him at the center of all that I am and all that I do? These practices will keep you centered on Christ. Take time every day for prayer. Make it a practice to go to regular confession. Receive Christ, the Bread of Life, in Holy Communion at every Mass. Reach out to others through some charitable action. Begin this new year with more than resolve, begin it by taking these action steps!

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

Offertory Collections – Apple Valley Catholic Community

Over the past 20 months, weekly offertory at our Masses has been collected in the Gathering Spaces of each Church using baskets placed on tables or held by ushers. **Beginning with the first weekend of Advent (November 27-28, 2021)**, weekly offertory at our Masses will be collected during the preparation of the gifts. At this time, our ushers will go from pew to pew using “long-handled” baskets. Baskets will not be passed between parishioners within the pews just yet.

Offertory is the means by which we are able to keep our parishes open & operating. Thank you for your continued support.

Middle School Kids Serve Together



Last Saturday our middle school kids stepped in to help out at Lazarus House. Lunch was prepared and delivered for 200 people in Lawrence. This was a beautiful morning of collaboration, prayer, and grace as they all worked together to help others in need. These kids are such a blessing to the AVCC community...and beyond!

November 21, 2021

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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.

We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. ... Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others. - St. Clare of Assisi

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week ending 11/7/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 3,955
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 8,823
Total Parish Support:	\$ 12,778
Offertory since 7/1/2021:	
Total collected offertory	\$ 208,603
Total budgeted offertory (1)	\$ <u>225,786</u>
Over (under) budget	\$ (17,183)
Budgeted operating deficit	
for the year ended 6/30/2022*	\$ (70,378)
Offertory over (under) budget since 7/1/2021	\$ <u>(17,183)</u>
Projected operating deficit for the year ended 6/30/2022	\$ (87,561)

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

St. Vincent de Paul collection: \$ 25

*Includes Catholic Appeal current shortfall of \$14,799.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

For the week ending 11/7/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ -
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 2,508
Total Parish Support:	\$ 2,508
Offertory since 7/1/2021:	
Total collected offertory:	\$ 86,203
Total budgeted offertory (1):	\$ <u>80,385</u>
Over (under) budget	\$ 5,818
Budgeted operating deficit for the year	
ended 6/30/2022	\$ (82,730)
Offertory over (under) budget since 7/1/2021	\$ 5,818

Grand Annual collection for the year ended 6/30/22 (7% of goal of \$83k) \$ 5,950
Projected operating deficit for the year ended 6/30/2022 \$ (76,912)

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

St. Vincent de Paul collection \$ 5

*Includes Catholic Appeal current shortfall of \$11,383.