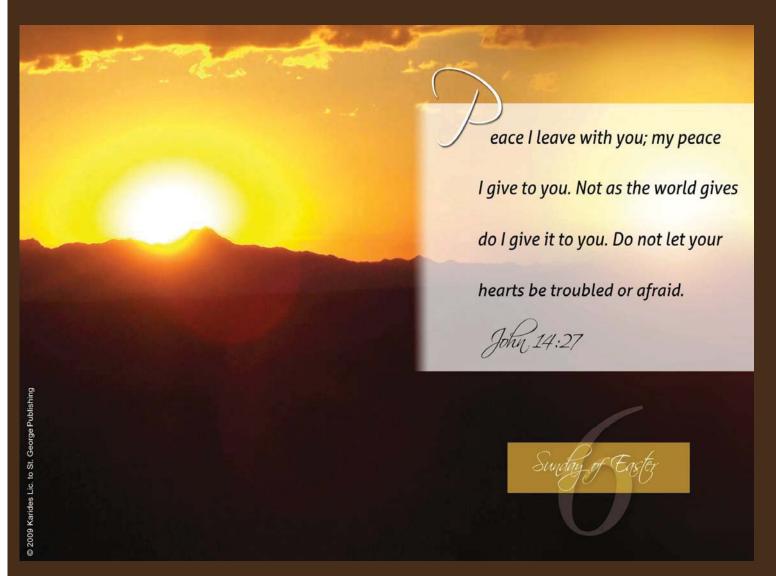
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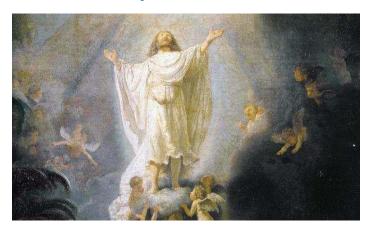
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Ascension of the Lord Holy Day Of Obligation May 25 & 26, 2022



We will celebrate The Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation, on May 25 – 26, 2022. The following is the Mass schedule:

May 25, 2022 - Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.-St. Elizabeth of Hungary

May 26, 2022 - Mass 9:00 a.m. - St. Isidore

SAVE THE DATE Visit with Fr. Walter Woods



Fr. Walter will be visiting the weekend of June 4th - 5th 2022. Please join us for an "Open House" gathering with Fr. Walter on June 4, 2022, between 5:00 pm.-8:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall. Light refreshments and drinks will be served.

Mass Intention

Sunday, May 22, 5:00 p;m. Lynne Walker, Memorial Mass



****** Important

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Town Hall Meeting

Save the Date: June 8, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

We are now ten months through our fiscal year that ends June 30, 2022. We will be discussing the financial health of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish at our Town Hall Meeting. In upcoming bulletins you will also find the Cash Forecast for Saint Elizabeth.

What can you do to help? Come to our Town Hall Meeting on June 8, at 7 pm in Saint Elizabeth of Hungary's church to find out. Please bring with you your questions and ideas.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir rehearsal Sunday on from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Adult Choir rehearsal on Wednesday from 7 -8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.



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6Tth Sunday of Easter-May 22, 2022



It was wonderful to socialize again with Coffee & Donuts after Masses this past weekend at St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth. If you would like to volunteer to help out in this ministry, please email:

Tom at toms@avcatholic.org, St. Isidore

Sheila at sheilab@avcatholic.org, St. Elizabeth



Baccalaureate for the Class of 2022:

June 1, at 9 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

All high school graduating seniors are invited to attend a morning prayer service and breakfast.

Please RSVP to sheilab@avcatholic.org. Adults are needed to help decorate on May 30, and also to serve breakfast - please contact Sheila if you can help out!

Congratulations To The Winners Of The Youth Ministry Raffle!

1st Place Prize (\$500) - Elizabeth Krol 2nd Place Prize (\$200) - Kimberly Dennison 3rd Place Prize (\$100) - Nancy White And the winner of the "Once-in-a-Lifetime" bottle of wine raffle was Margarita Patria!

Congratulations and thank you for your support of Youth Ministry!



Come Help In Our Collaborative Garden at St. Isidore Church!

We began by tilling the garden on May 7 and continued to prepare it on May 9. There are several gardening opportunities available from working in the garden to delivering our produce to the food pantries. Please come join us and invite anyone who is interested.

From now until Sunday, May 22 please drop off plant donations. The plants most needed are tomatoes, peppers, winter squash, herbs (basil, mint, parsley), eggplant, and green onions. Please leave them along the side of the rectory garage.

Please join us at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 22 to help plant the garden. If you have them, please bring a hand shovel and a pair of scissors.

If you can send Michele an email that you are dropping plants off, that would be great. Also to be included on our garden volunteer distribution list, please email Michele. Her email is: mtsinopoli@yahoo.com

We are looking forward to another great gardening season!

The Social Justice Ministry will host a viewing of the documentary, "Building a Bridge" which follows Fr. James Martin and his ministry to the LGBTQ+ community.

All are welcome to the St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall on June 7, at 7 p.m.



Help Fight Hunger In Our Community!

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary's Saint Vincent de Paul Conference has been selected as the beneficiary of the @StopandShop Bloomin' 4 Good Program!

Each time the \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker is purchased at the Stop & Shop at 100 Powder Mill Road, Acton MA during the month of May, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary's Saint Vincent de Paul Conference will receive a \$1 donation.

Please share this news with family and friends, post on social media, email supporters and get the word out. A bouquet of flowers is a great gift. This program makes it possible to make someone's day and fight hunger at the same time.

Look for the bouquets with the red circle sticker pictured below to make sure it is a Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet that will benefit Saint Elizabeth of Hungary's Saint Vincent de Paul Conference upon purchase during the month of May.

For more information about this program, please visit stopandshop.bloomin4good.com. Thank You for your support!



2nd Collection—Monthly Maintenance Fund

To help defray the cost of **snow removal**, **snow shoveling**, **grass cutting**, and other yearly maintenance costs, Father Jeff and the Finance Councils have decided to implement a 2^{nd} collection which will occur on the second weekend of every month.

You can also contribute online using the following links:

St. Elizabeth

https://www.osvhub.com/st-elizabeth-ofhungaryav/giving/funds?preview=

St. Isidore

https://www.osvhub.com/st-isidorechurchavc/funds?preview=

Sixth Sunday In Easter

In our first reading, we hear more about the growing pains of the early Church. The Apostles were creating something new ~ a community of believers, disciples of Jesus Christ. There was confusion and discussion about who could be a disciple and differing opinions about what was essential to being a follower of Jesus. We hear those same discussions even today. However, first Christian did not let differences stand in their way or create divisions among them. They relied on the Spirit's prompting and on Jesus' words "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." The message today is rely on the Holy Spirit – the Advocate – who is still with us.



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Confession:

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



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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. Your support of our parishes is a reflection of your faith that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and your desire that this generation and following generations come to know this.

Our faith in action is life changing for ourselves and for those who encounter us. Thank You for your continued support!



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week ending 5/8/22

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 3,448
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 6.917
Total Parish Support:	\$ 10,365

Offertory since 7/1/2021:

Total collected offertory	\$ 528,696
Total budgeted offertory (1)	\$ 592,393
Over (under) budget	\$ (63,697)

Budgeted operating deficit

for the year ended 6/30/2022*	\$	(378)
Offertory over (under) budget since 7/1/2021	\$ (63,697)
Projected operating deficit for the year ended 6/30/2022	\$ (64,075)

(1) Budgeted offertory (including increase Offertory of 70k) for the year ended 6/30/22 is 698k.

St. Vincent de Paul collection: \$ 70

*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 5/8/22

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 4,342
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 1,770
Total Parish Support:	\$ 6,112

Offertory & Grand Annual since 7/1/2021:

Total collected offertory & Grand Annual:	\$ 247,963
Total budgeted offertory & Grand Annual (1): Over (under) budget	\$ <u>254,847</u> \$ (6,884)

Budgeted operating income for the year

ended 6/30/2022*	\$ 270
Offertory over (under) budget since 7/1/2021	\$ (6,884)
Projected operating income for the year ended 6/30/22	\$ (6.614)

- (1) Budgeted offertory for the year ended 6/30/2022 is \$295k (which includes the Grand Annual of \$83k).
- *Includes budgeted Grand Annual of \$83,000, and Catholic Appeal current shortfall of \$11,128.

Grand Annual collection for the year ended 6/30/22 (57% of goal of 83k)

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This was the case for Rod O. of Peabody, MA.

Rod would go on to explain that on a scale of one to ten his pain was well over a nine every single day. Regardless of your age, back pain, whether caused by a sports injury, longstanding arthritis, or even specific conditions like scoliosis, can severely impact the quality of your life. In short, it stops you from doing the things you love with the people you love and that's not a great way to live.

On top of that, general practitioners, specialists, and surgeons are all too eager to prescribe medications whose side effects are often detrimental to your recovery or recommend invasive surgeries that often have less than desirable outcomes.

Fortunately for the people of the North

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This approach makes AWC an authority in treating seemingly hopeless cases of chronic pain.

Rod easily attested to this claim, "I highly recommend her to anybody. I thank the Lord today that I met Acupuncturist Min and she was able to help me because I can play golf again!"

Each new patient that comes to AWC receives a comprehensive consultation and then is prescribed a very personalized treatment program that is tailored to their specific needs and goals. "While every treatment I perform is based on a framework cultivated from decades of education and experience, no two cases are the same and so every person

under my care is treated that way," tells Acupuncturist Min.

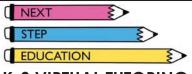
"Unlike other solutions to chronic pain, O3 Therapy™ corrects the pathology of the problem, allowing the body to heal itself naturally. This is a wonderful alternative to more traditional methods and incredibly safe and highly successful."

Dr. Min and the team at AWC are using O3 Therapy™ to treat a myriad of chronic pain issues including neck pain, arthritis, knee pain, plantar fasciitis, chronic injuries and so much more!

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