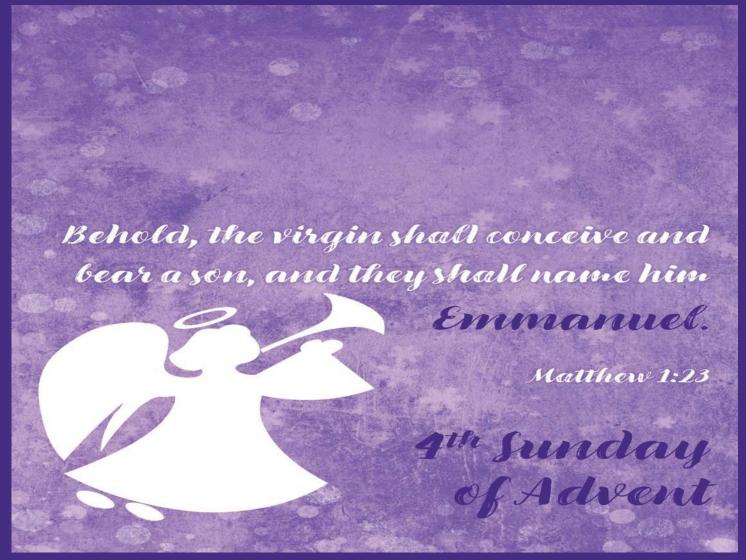
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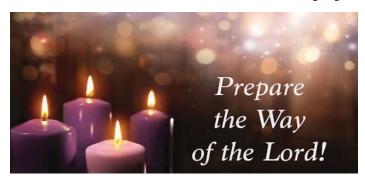


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We Welcome YOU!

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.



Adoration & Confession
O Come Let Us Adore Him

Apple Valley Catholic Community St. Elizabeth Parish Wednesday December 21, 2022

> Adoration 3:00p-7:00p Confessions 4:00p-7:00p



Apple Valley Catholic Community Christmas & New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Christmas

Vigil Mass - December 24
4:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth
(Caroling before Mass starts at 3:45)
6:30 p.m. St. Isidore
(Caroling before Mass starts at 6:15)
10:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth
(Caroling before Mass starts at 9:45)

December 25

8:45 a.m. St. Isidore **10:45 a.m.** St. Elizabeth **5:00 p.m.** No Mass

Mary Mother of God/New Year's Day

Saturday, December 31 4:00 p.m. St. Isidore

Sunday, January 1

8:45 a.m. St. Isidore
10:45 a.m. St. Elizabeth
5:00 p.m. No Mass

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17, 4:00 p.m. Richard Bryce, Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 18, 10:45 a.m. Ginny & Paul Connelly, 69th Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, December 18, 5:00 p.m. Special Intention Mass

Are You Able To Help At Our Christmas Masses At St. Elizabeth?

We need many people to participate as greeters, ushers who will pass baskets or seat people, or gift bearers at all of our Masses!

If you or your family would like to help in any way, please sign up in the gathering space after Mass. You may also contact Mary Ryan maryr@avcatholic.org (978-263-4305 X35).



Come Join Morning ALPHA

Registrations are open for the next Alpha series beginning **Thursday**, **January 12**, **9:30 AM – 11 AM**. These morning sessions will be offered **on Zoom** for 8 weeks ending March 2. Guests gather remotely each Thursday morning to explore the Christian faith through a series of videos that address some difficult questions about Christianity. Whether you have faith, have been away for years, or no beliefs at all, everyone is welcome.

Come join other adults this winter without leaving your home for an opportunity to listen to some very interesting talks and a chance to express your thoughts and ideas in a safe environment. Alpha is a non-denominational series.

Register at: applevalleycatholic.org/alpha to receive the Zoom link.



If you have further questions about Alpha, please email: alpha@avcatholic.org

Holiday Raffle—Drawing January 6th!

Our Apple Valley Catholic Community of Saint Isidore and Saint Elizabeth of Hungary is running a special Holiday Raffle, where the grand prize winner will receive \$5000! The proceeds from this raffle will support the various ministries at the church, including our young family ministries, our social justice ministry, our ministry for the homebound, our partnership with Lazarus House in Lawrence, other hospitality ministries and the general operations of both Saint Isidore and Saint Elizabeth of Hungary.

One entry for the raffle is \$100, and we are limiting the amount of tickets sold to just 500, which gives everybody at least a 3 in 500 chance to win. You can buy a ticket online securely at <u>avcatholic.org</u> or by using the QR code pictured.



The drawing is on January 6th. We hope you'll consider purchasing a ticket for a chance to win! It's for a good cause, and you just might win big.

Prize Payouts: 1st Prize: \$5000 | 2nd Prize: \$2000 | 3rd Prize: \$1000

One of the key ways to ensure the success of this raffle is for you to share with your family and friends, work colleagues, on social media, etc. Go to <u>avcatholic.org/raffle</u> to access pre-written emails and social media posts to make it extra easy for you to spread the word.

Christmas Collection Clergy Health & Retirement Trust

Next week, at all our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org







Children and families brought their baby Jesus to be blessed by Fr. Jeff at masses on Bambinelli Sunday.

Christmas Season Flower Funds

We welcome your contribution towards flowers and items that will decorate our churches for the Christmas Season. Please complete and mail the form below to AVCC 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720 or put it in an envelope marked 'SEoH or St. I Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket at Mass. You may also make your donation on-line using these links:

St. Elizabeth Of Hungary

https://www.osvhub.com/st-elizabeth-of-hungaryav/giving/funds/saint-elizabeth-christmas-flower-fund

St. Isidore

https://www.osvhub.com/st-isidore-churchavc/giving/funds/saint-isidore-christmas-flower-fund

If your donation is in memory of a deceased loved one whose name you wish to have published in our bulletin on January 8th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, please complete the form below. Contact Mary Ryan at marry@avcatholic.org, 978-263-4305 X35 if you have questions.

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Acton Food Pantry Donations

We help Acton Food Pantry with donations. We encourage anyone who would like to donate to leave items in the designated area of the welcome space as you enter St. Elizabeth Church. We will arrange to transport items to the pantry on a regular basis.

Since its inception in 1984, the mission of the Acton Food Pantry has been to distribute nutritious food to those who need it in Acton and surrounding towns. In these difficult economic times, the need is greater than ever and the pantry serves on average over 250 households per week. Items that are always welcome include unexpired canned foods (e.g., soups, meat, fruit, vegetables, etc.), pasta, pasta sauce, rice, cereals and other non-perishable foods.

If you have any questions, contact Tom Reynolds at tomgreynolds.777@gmail.com.

Living With Loss

If you or someone you know has suffered the loss of a loved one, you may be in need of consolation, support and hope for the future. Blessed Trinity is offering a support program bringing together people whose hearts have been broken by a loss to share and heal together with the gift of God's love and grace of the Holy Spirit.

The Living with Loss program at Blessed Trinity provides a supportive community to help us in our grief, know that we are not alone, and that God's word and prayer can help us cope and restore hope.

In person meetings are generally held the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm at St. Anne and the second Saturday of the month at 2:30 pm in the St. Catherine mezzanine. Zoom meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of the month. If you are interested or have questions, please contact: <u>SueG@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org</u> or Kari.Decelles@gmail.com.

RCIA Volunteer Opportunity

Do you want to help lead others seeking to join the Church? Our Collaborative RCIA Team is looking for a couple of volunteers to journey with our candidates for initiation. The role would involve some catechesis and faith sharing with those on their way to baptism, or to reception into the Catholic Church. We meet on Sunday mornings after the 8:45 mass in the St. Isidore Parish Hall.

Please each out to <u>TrinaT@avcatholic.org</u> for more information.

"The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel," a name which means "God is with us."

Vigil of Christmas



Cancellation Of Mass Due To Inclement Weather

If you don't have internet access, closings can be found on TV on Channel 4, WBZ. The names of closed institutions scroll continuously across the screen. Cancellation of Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday will be posted on the home page https://applevalleycatholic.org/ at least one hour before Mass is scheduled to begin and a constant contact will be sent out. If you have not yet registered for our Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Announcements you can do so on our website homepage.

Weekday morning Masses are canceled whenever the local high school cancels class or has a delayed opening. St. Isidore follows NRHS and St. Elizabeth follows ABRHS.

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Fourth Sunday Of Advent—December 18, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Archer (frjeff@avcatholic.org), (978) 263-4305 ext. 15

Deacon: Charles A. Cornell (charliec@avcatholic.org), (978) 562-7447

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

Collaborative Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ("RCIA"):
Trina Toups (trinat@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!

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" ~ Matthew 1:22-23

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 Christ is the way and 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 engagement and support!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week ending 12/4/22

Cash & Check offertory Electronic offertory (EFT & Online): Total Parish Support: Strand 24,592 \$ 7.363 \$ 11,955 Offertory since 7/1/2022: Total collected offertory Total budgeted offertory (1) Over (under) budget \$ 247,821 \$ 260,475 \$ (12,654)

(1) **B**udgeted offertory (including Increase Offertory of 25k) for the year ended 6/30/23 is 626k.

St. Vincent de Paul collection: \$ 76

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

Cash & Check offertory \$ 1,899 Electronic offertory (EFT & Online): \$ 2,069 Total Parish Support: \$ 3,968 Offertory & Grand Annual since 7/1/2022 Total collected offertory & Grand Annual \$ 112,851 Total budgeted offertory & Grant Annual (1) \$ 115,998 Over (under) budget \$ (3,147)

Budgeted offertory for the year ended 6/30/2023 is \$285k (which includes the Grand Annual of \$45k.

Grand Annual collection for the year ended 6/30/2023 (19% of goal of 45k) \$ 8,450

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