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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.

## **Parish Surveys**

The Parish Finance Councils of both parishes need your feedback. For the next few weekends you will find a copy of a parish survey in your pew. We asked to take a copy of the survey home to complete and place it into the marked boxes at the exits of the church as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday, May 21st.



If you prefer to complete this confidential survey online, please use the following link or QR code:

https://avcatholic.org/survey



The members of each Council thank you in advance for your participation in completing this anonymous survey!



## Come On In! Find Out More About The Catholic Church

The RCIA team is starting an open Inquiry series for anyone who has questions about the Catholic faith, whether you are curious because your family member is Catholic or perhaps you are considering joining us. Wherever you are on your spiritual path, we'd love to talk to you. We will cover basics of Catholic belief and answer questions you bring to us.

The next meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Isidore church basement hall, at 5 p.m. (after 4p.m Mass) for about an hour. Please contact <a href="mailto:TrinaT@avcatholic.org">TrinaT@avcatholic.org</a> for more information.

### **Prayer Wall**

We invite you to put a prayer on our wall or pray for people who are in need of our prayers. We will post intentions anonymously and include them as a group in our weekly Mass intentions <a href="https://applevalleycatholic.org/prayer-ministry">https://applevalleycatholic.org/prayer-ministry</a>.

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 29, 4:00 p.m. Betty Winistorfer, Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 30, 8:45 a.m. Laura Orsatti, Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 30, 10:45 a.m. Matthew Cappadona & Edward Henry



### With great joy we welcomed:

Katherine Waverly Dunphy Elias Joseph Haugh

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

The words from today's Gospel are both comforting and challenging! Jesus likens himself to a Shepherd. He calls his own sheep by name, leads them out and they recognize his voice. Imagine in your prayer, Jesus calling you by your name, inviting you to follow him. Do you recognize his voice? Will you confidently follow him where he leads? In case your confidence is weak, the first and second readings today remind you that you are given grace and the Holy Spirit to follow where Christ leads us. This week pray for openness to the voice of the Good Shepherd and ask for the grace to be responsive to His call.

## Catholic Appeal 2023

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Thank you to all who have supported the 2023 Catholic Appeal. So far, St. Elizabeth has received \$34,541 which is 70% of our assessed goal of \$49,587 and St. Isidore has received \$11,690 which is 53% our assessed goal of \$22,171. Your generous support will profoundly impact the ministries of mercy throughout the Archdiocese as well as in our parishes. If you have been unable but still wish to make a contribution, you may visit the Appeal site <a href="http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now">http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now</a>.

### **Confessions**



This Wednesday, May 3, 4-6 p.m., St. Elizabeth

Confessions are always held every Saturday at St. Isidore from 3:00-3:45 p.m.



**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC PRESENTS:** 

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Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact: <a href="magr.fay@psjs.edu">msgr.fay@psjs.edu</a> or 781.899.5500 ext. 134. <a href="www.psjs.edu">www.psjs.edu</a>.



### **Social Justice Ministry**

The Social Justice Ministry is pleased to recommend a May activity that should be of interest to many parishioners. Fr. James Martin, SJ, author of Building A Bridge and other books, will be speaking virtually at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, MA on Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m.

This is an in person or online event, and the topic is "Where Is the Church Going?" Go to <a href="www.glastonburyabbey.org">www.glastonburyabbey.org</a>, then to programs or events for more information and to sign up.

This event will replace our monthly general meeting for May. We will hold our last monthly meeting of the season in June. Please contact <a href="mailto:socialjustice@avcatholic.org">socialjustice@avcatholic.org</a> for questions or further information.

## St Elizabeth of Hungary Church Children's Room Transformation

Hi Everyone!

My name is Zachary Parodos. I am the Boy Scout from Troop 1 Acton who has been working on transforming St Elizabeth's Church Children's Room. I am very excited to have the opportunity to do my Eagle Scout project in my home parish. My team and I have painted the walls with wave patterns, built a large partition to hide the air handler, and built a large bookcase for easy storage.

As my project is now coming to a close, I need your help. My goal was to raise \$2,100 to defray the costs of this project. You can visit my Go Fund Me fundraising page:

https://gofund.me/59449354, or place a check in the collection basket and in the memo field indicate "Children's Room".

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming masses as I will have a display showing the details of my project in the Gathering Space of the church. Thank You for your support!



### **Online Giving**

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If you have any questions, contact Annmarie, Director of Finance, 978 263-4305 x111 or email annmariem@avcatholic.org.



The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Monday, May 15th**, at The Weston Golf Club.

This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at Weston Golf Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for

each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500, email her at kfolan@psjs.edu, or visit www.psjs.edu.

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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.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 30, 2023

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St. Elizabeth's St. Vincent DePaul: Conference of Acton/Boxborough (978) 263-4305 ext.114

St. Isidore's St. Vincent De Paul Conference of Stow (978) 263-4305 ext.121

### **Confession:**

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



### Thank You

"Peter [said] to them, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" ~ Acts 2:38

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 Lord, 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 4/16/23 Cash & Check offertory 2,219 Electronic offertory (EFT & Online): 5,775 Total Parish Support: 7,994 Offertory since 7/1/2022: Total collected offertory \$ 470,426 \$ 490,650 Total budgeted offertory (1) Over (under) budget \$ (20,224) (1) Budgeted offertory (including Increase Offertory of 25k) for the year ended 6/30/23 is 626k. St. Vincent de Paul collection: 5 Holy Thursday Collection (CRS Rice Bowl) \$ 1,582 Good Friday Collection (Holy Lands) \$ 809 Holy Saturday (Clergy Trust) \$ 1,430 4,693 Easter (Clergy Trust)

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

For the week ending 4/16/23

### Cash & Check offertory 3 544 Electronic offertory (EFT & Online): Total Parish Support: Offertory & Grand Annual since 7/1/2022 Total collected offertory & Grand Annual \$ 223,545 Total budgeted offertory & Grant Annual (1) \$ 227,932 Over (under) budget \$ (4,387) 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 (61% of goal of 45k) \$ 27,365 St. Vincent de Paul collection Holy Thursday Collection (CRS Rice Bowl) 75 Good Friday Collection (Holy Lands) 794 Easter (Clergy Trust) 3,674



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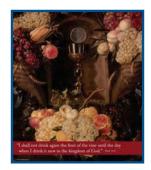
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