

Palm Sunday-March 29, 2026

Apple Valley Catholic Community Two Parishes - One Mission

Hosanna
to the Son of David

Hosanna
in the highest!

Matthew 21:9

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
89 Arlington St. Acton, MA 01720



St. Isidore Parish
429 Great Rd. 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 28, 5:00PM
Marie Treacy

Sunday March 29, 8:45AM
Patrick Hayden

Sunday March 29, 10:45AM
Peter Light

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Thursday -April 2

- 7:30pm - Mass of the Lord’s Supper at St Elizabeth followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Night Prayer

Good Friday - April 3

- 9am Morning Prayer at St. Isidore
- 3pm Stations of the Cross (Family-Friendly) at St. Isidore
- 7:30 Lord’s Passion & Veneration of the Cross at St Isidore

Holy Saturday - April 4

- 9am Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food at St Elizabeth
- 7:30pm Easter Vigil at St. Elizabeth

Easter Sunday - April 5

- 8:45am at St. Isidore
- 10:45am at St. Elizabeth

Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed

We have plenty of plastic eggs but would love a variety of candy or prizes.

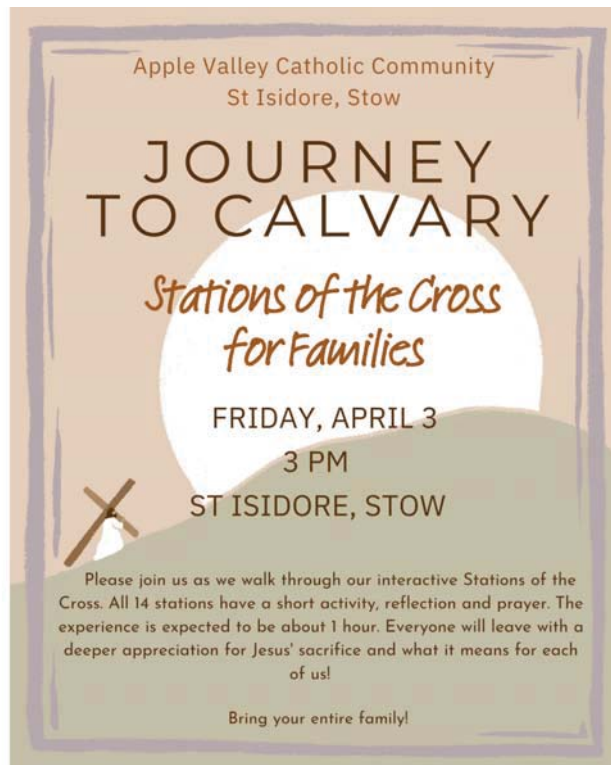


Donations can be dropped off at St. Isidore, St. Elizabeth or the Parish Office by April 3rd
Questions- kelleyc@avcatholic.org

Upcoming Events

April 4 - Kids Easter Egg Hunt at St Elizabeth

April 12 - Childrens Mass -St Isidore



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Catholic Appeal -How Your Gift Helps

Faith & Formation

Educating and Forming the Future of Our Faith

Approximately 15% of funds raised through the annual Appeal are directed to programs to walk with our brothers and sisters of all ages on their journeys of faith. This includes providing vibrant and meaningful religious education resources, as well as overseeing campus ministry programs at more than 25 colleges and universities.

By the Numbers

- 25 college and university campuses served by our Campus Ministry programs
- 350+ Faith Formation Directors supported
- 190 total faith formation programs offered to children, college students, and adults through our Central Ministries



ALPHA SERIES

The Apple Valley Catholic Community is looking forward to hosting a seven-week Alpha series during the upcoming Easter Season.



If you, or someone you know is curious about Christianity, been away from church for years, no faith experience, or currently attending OCIA, the Alpha series is the place to start. Each week, members of the Alpha team and guests are served a complimentary dinner before they watch a video that explains the basic Christian faith. Following the video, Guests then have the opportunity to express their opinions, thoughts, ask questions, etc., in a safe environment. Alpha is a nondenominational series of talks, and everyone is welcome.

Check out the “come and see” session on **Thursday evening, April 9**. There is no commitment, but **registration is required for dinner**. The video begins at 7 PM.

Register: avcatholic.org/alpha

Date/Time: 7 Consecutive Thursdays: Thursday, April 9 – Thursday, April 21 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

St. Isidore’s Rectory, 429 Great Rd, Stow

For questions, email: alpha@avcatholic.org

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into the most sacred week of our Church year Holy Week, we are invited not just to remember what happened to Jesus, but to walk with Him. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, we journey step by step through the greatest true story ever told: a story of love, sacrifice, and new life.



This is a week for every one of us, children, families, and individuals alike to experience something deeply meaningful.

On Palm Sunday, we begin with joy. We wave our palms and welcome Jesus as King. But very quickly, the tone changes. We hear the Passion. We witness how the same crowd that shouted “*Hosanna!*” would later cry out, “*Crucify Him.*” Here we begin to understand something important: how easily hearts can change and how faithful Jesus remains.

On Holy Thursday, we enter the Upper Room. We watch as Jesus kneels to wash the feet of His disciples. The King becomes a servant. Then, in a moment that changes everything, He gives us the Eucharist, His Body and Blood. Jesus doesn’t just tell us He loves us... He gives Himself to us completely. We learn that love is not just words, it is humble, self-giving action.

On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the Cross. This is a quiet and powerful day. We see Jesus suffer. We hear His final words. We watch Him give everything for us. What do we witness here? The depth of God’s love. Jesus does not run from the Cross, He embraces it, for you, for me, for all of us. On this day, we come to understand: we are never alone in our suffering. Christ is with us.

On Holy Saturday, there is silence. The tomb is sealed. It feels like everything is lost. And yet this day teaches us something we all need to remember: God is still at work, even in the silence, even in the darkness, even when we cannot see.

Then comes Easter Sunday. The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. **Christ is risen!**

And what do we gain from this journey?

We gain **hope**—that death is not the end.

We gain **peace**—that sin does not have the final word.

We gain **faith**—that God keeps His promises.

And most of all, we gain a deeper understanding of **love**. A love so powerful that it conquers even death.

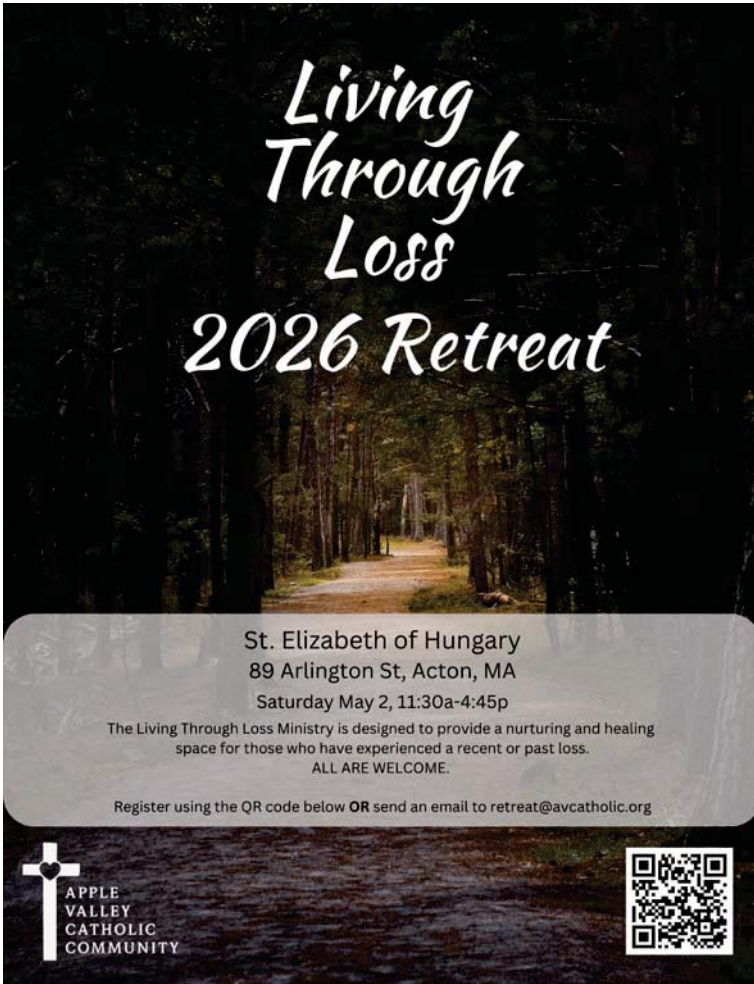
Holy Week is not just something we observe, it is something we are invited to enter into. Bring yourself, your family. Bring your children. Let them see, hear, and experience this story. These moments can shape hearts for a lifetime.

Walk with Jesus this week. Stand with Him. Pray with Him. Stay with Him.

And then rejoice with Him. Because the Cross is not the end of the story.

THE RESURRECTION IS.

With my prayers for you and your family this Holy Week,





Living Through Loss
2026 Retreat

St. Elizabeth of Hungary
89 Arlington St, Acton, MA
Saturday May 2, 11:30a-4:45p

The Living Through Loss Ministry is designed to provide a nurturing and healing space for those who have experienced a recent or past loss.
ALL ARE WELCOME.

Register using the QR code below OR send an email to retreat@avcatholic.org


Easter Season Flower Fund

We welcome your contribution towards flowers and items that will decorate our churches throughout the Easter Season.

Envelopes are available in the gathering space at each church. Or, you may complete and mail the form below to St. Elizabeth Parish or St. Isidore Parish at 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720, or put it in an envelope marked with the name of your Parish and 'Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket at Mass.

You may also make your donation online using the following links if you would like to make a straight donation to the flower fund of your choice please go to our website or scan the QR codes below.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary



St. Isidore




Thank you to everyone who donated to our Lenten Food Drive as well as all the volunteers who helped facilitate its success.

If your flower donation is in memory of a deceased loved one whose name you wish to have published in our bulletin on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th , please complete the form below.

Contact Mary Ryan at maryr@avcatholic.org if you have questions.

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ towards the 2026 Easter Season Flower Fund.

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I would like the above name/s published in the bulletin on the Feast of the Pentecost. Yes___No ____.

My name is _____.

Please check here if you would like your donation to be made anonymously. ____

My donation is to (please check one) ____ St. Elizabeth Church ____ St. Isidore Church

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Mass, 5:00 p.m.— St. Elizabeth
Sunday Mass, 8:45 a.m.— St. Isidore
Sunday Mass, 10:45 a.m.— St. Elizabeth

Weekday Mass Times

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

Confessions: Saturday, 4:00-4:45 p.m., St. Elizabeth
1st Wednesday of the Month: St. Isidore 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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St. Isidore's St. Vincent De Paul
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Thank You

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 our 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 3/15/26

Cash & Check offertory \$ 7,263
Electronic offertory (EFT & Online): \$ 6,217
Total Parish Support \$13,480

St. Vincent de Paul collection: \$ 105

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

For the week ending 3/15/26

Cash & Check offertory \$ 2,703
Electronic offertory (EFT & Online): \$ 2,388
Total Parish Support \$ 5,091

St. Vincent de Paul collection: \$ 75

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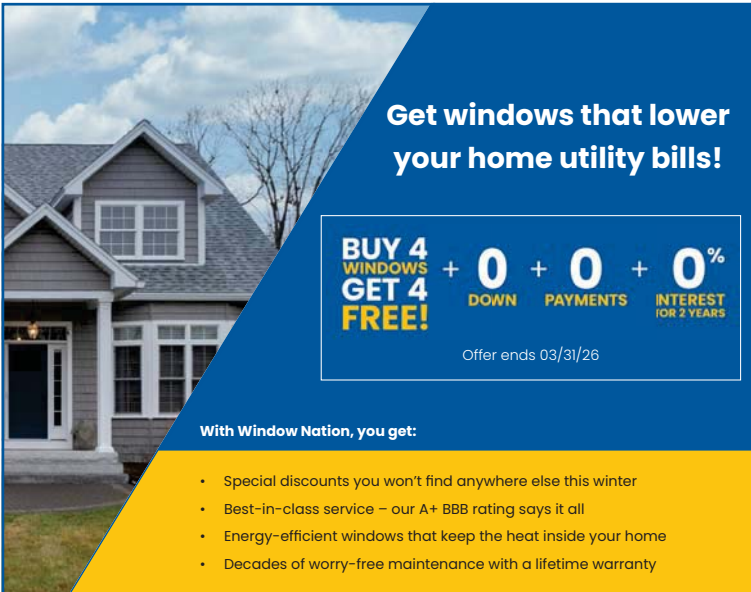
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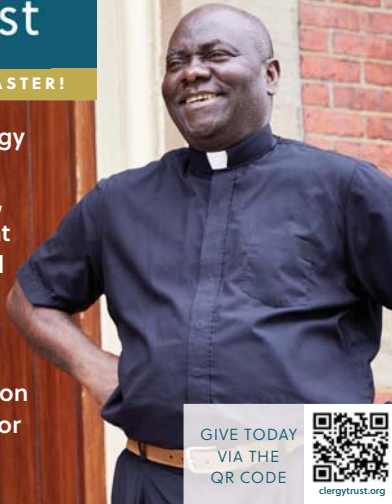
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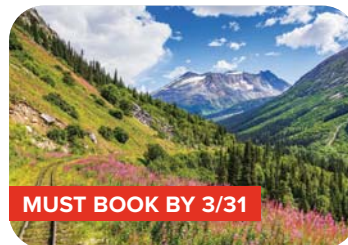
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