

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 26, 2026

Apple Valley Catholic Community Two Parishes - One Mission



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, disability, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, age, socioeconomic class, marital situation, 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 July 25, 5:00PM
James J Murphy

Sunday July 26, 8:45AM
John and Marcia Melone

Sunday July 26, 10:45AM
Rosetta Abruzzese

Please Note: 5:00PM Mass Intentions

Due to a recent data loss, please contact the parish office if you had arranged a Mass Intention for any upcoming 5:00 PM Mass. 978-263-4305 x110 or kaitied@avcatholic.org

Upcoming Events

Aug 22 - Summer Social at St. Elizabeth

St. Isidore Kitchen Refresh



We are in the process of cleaning and organizing things that belong in the St. Isidore church kitchen.

We will set out extra items in the parish hall for a couple of weeks. Some may have been left behind in the past by a parishioner. Please feel free to take anything that belongs to you.

Also, if you know an item is needed for current kitchen use, please place it back in the kitchen on the center island.

Thanks,
Janet, Rosemary and Susan

Monthly Wednesday Night Confessions

St. Isidore

Canceled for Wednesday August 5, 2026



There will be no Confessions at St. Isidore on Wed Aug 5, 2026. Fr. Jeff's schedule has changed and he will not be available. This is for August 2026 only. Confessions will return on Wed Sept 7, 2026

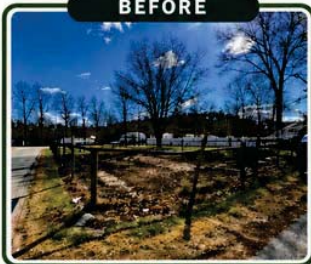
Remember: Confessions are always held every Saturday at St. Elizabeth from 3:00p-3:45p

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

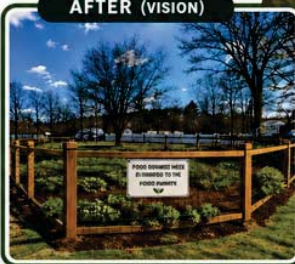
REFURBISHING THE CHURCH OF ST. ISIDORE FENCE

Installing a metal sign to share that the food grown in the garden is donated to the food pantry.

BEFORE



AFTER (VISION)



PROJECT GOAL

- ✓ Repair and refurbish the existing Church of St. Isidore fence
- ✓ Install a metal sign indicating that food grown in the garden is donated to the food pantry
- ✓ Support the local community through service & stewardship

DONATIONS NEEDED

Your support will help make this project!



Venmo: @Leah-Bruosta

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Thank you for supporting this Eagle Scout Project!

Adult Volunteer Opportunities

All those age 18 and over are invited to join AVCC Adult volunteers at Household Goods in Acton on Saturdays **Aug 15 or Sept 12** from 8:45 am - 12:00 pm. contact amato.mg@gmail.com

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Vacation Bible School was an incredible week as children journeyed through Rainforest Falls, discovering that God is with us in every season of life. Through Bible stories, dancing and singing, games, crafts, science, and snacks, our parish was filled with faith, laughter, and friendship.



Thanks to the staggering generosity of our children and families, we collected 459 cans of tuna for Lazarus House, putting our faith into action by serving those in need.

This week would not have been possible without the countless hours, creativity, energy, and love poured out by our dedicated volunteers. Thank you for making VBS such a faith-filled and unforgettable experience!

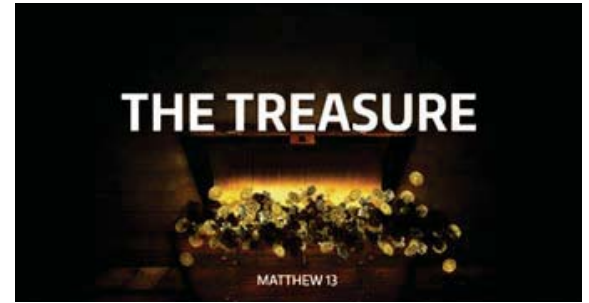


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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What would you be willing to give up if you knew you were about to gain something far greater?

Most of us make sacrifices every day. Parents sacrifice sleep to care for their children. Students sacrifice free time to earn a degree. Athletes sacrifice comfort to become stronger. We willingly give something up when we know what we gain will be worth far more than what we leave behind.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells three short parables that invite us to think about what we value most (Matthew 13:44-52).

The first is about a man who unexpectedly discovers a treasure hidden in a field. Recognizing its incredible value, he joyfully sells everything he owns so that he can buy the field and claim the treasure. Jesus then tells of a merchant who has spent his life searching for beautiful pearls. One day he finds a pearl unlike any he has ever seen. He gladly sells everything else because he knows this one pearl is worth more than all the others combined.

These two parables may sound as though Jesus is talking about money or possessions. But He is speaking about something far more valuable. The treasure and the pearl represent the Kingdom of Heaven, a life lived in friendship with Him. Jesus is teaching us that the Kingdom of Heaven is not simply something to believe in; it is a treasure so valuable that every sacrifice made for it becomes small compared with the joy of the Kingdom.

Notice something important about both people in these two parables. Neither one complains about what they give up. Neither hesitates. Neither walks away feeling deprived. They act with joy because they know what they are gaining is infinitely greater than what they are leaving behind.

Isn't that true in life? When we truly love someone, sacrifices no longer feel like burdens. A husband and wife gladly make sacrifices for one another. Parents willingly rearrange their lives for their children. We don't keep score because love changes the way we see sacrifice.

The same is true in our relationship with God.

Following Christ sometimes asks something of us. It may mean forgiving someone who has hurt us, making time for prayer when life feels busy, returning to Mass every weekend, serving those in need, or trusting God during a difficult season of life. Yet Jesus reminds us that whatever we surrender for Him is never truly lost. God never asks us to let go of something without offering something infinitely greater in return, His peace, His strength, His purpose, and ultimately, eternal life.

Jesus concludes with one final parable. A large fishing net is cast into the sea and gathers fish of every kind. Only when the net is brought ashore are the fish separated. With this image, Jesus

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reminds us that God's invitation is offered to everyone. His mercy is wide enough to gather all people. Yet He also reminds us that our response to His invitation matters. One day, each of us will stand before Him, and the question will not be how much we owned or accomplished, but whether we chose His Kingdom above all else.

Perhaps that is the question these parables ask each of us today: **What is the greatest treasure in my life?** If Christ truly is our greatest treasure, then the sacrifices of faith are no longer obligations. They become joyful responses to the One who has already given us everything. For when Christ becomes the treasure of our hearts, we discover a joy that no hardship can steal and a hope that will last for all eternity.

May God bless you and your family.

Fr. Jeff

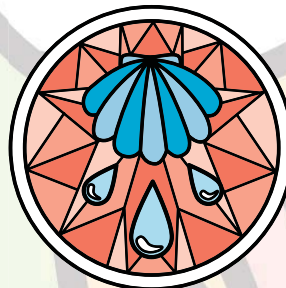
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Weekend Mass Times

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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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 7/12/26

Cash & Check offertory	\$ 4,783
Electronic offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 5,305
Total Parish Support	\$10,088

St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 105
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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

For the week ending 7/12/26

Cash & Check offertory	\$ 2,248
Electronic offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 2,576
Total Parish Support	\$ 4,824

St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 7
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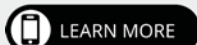
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