

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 9, 2026

Apple Valley Catholic Community

Two Parishes - One Mission

19TH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WALKING
ON THE WATER

"Take courage, it is I;
do not be afraid."

Matthew 14:27



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.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday Aug 9, 8:45AM
Irene Mullowney

Sunday Aug 9, 10:45AM
Frank & Regina Johnson and Paul Curran Jr.

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

Weekday Morning Mass

There will be no morning Masses at St. Elizabeth or St. Isidore on Monday and Tuesday August 10 & 11.

Upcoming Events

Aug 22 - Summer Social at St. Elizabeth

Aug 25 - VIRTUS Training at St. Elizabeth

Aug 30 - Blessing of the Backpacks

Sept 13 - LIFT Off Annual BBQ at St. Elizabeth

Oct 3 - Food Truck and Craft Beer Festival at St. Elizabeth



Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed our Trivia Night last May.

Because of your generosity we were able to donate \$665 to both the Acton Food Pantry and the Stow Food Pantry.

Virtus Training -Protecting God's Children

We're grateful for everyone who helps make the Apple Valley Catholic Community so vibrant. If you plan to volunteer in any capacity—whether it's Faith Formation, Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality, etc—please remember that VIRTUS training is required once for all volunteers who have never taken it before. We will be offering a session on Tuesday Aug 25th 5:30pm.

You MUST pre-register at www.virtusonline.org

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.

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August Summer Social - Saturday 22nd 6pm



The Locke Road Ramblers will be back for the August Summer Social on Saturday the 22nd after the 5:00pm Mass.

Come join fellow parishioners around the firepit for an evening of fantastic folk blues music and shared fellowship. They are a treat not to be missed.

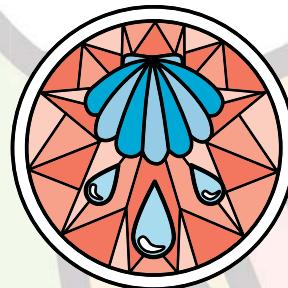
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Programs for Everyone
in Grades K-12



First Communion
Confirmation



High School LIFT
Groups



Catholic Heart Work Camp Evey Gutzler

My name is Evey Gutzler and I will be a junior at Acton-Boxborough this year. This summer I went to Cumberland, MD with Catholic Heart Work Camp. It was my 2nd summer going and I'm already looking forward to next year. This year I worked at a rehabilitation center for people recovering from injuries, but they also had a dementia wing where we also served. When I found out about this assignment, I was nervous because I've never had any experience working in or even visiting people in a facility like this. Each day was a little different, but we were able to interact with the patients - on our first day we helped women paint their nails, which was something I was not expecting, but was a lot of fun! Other days, we served snacks, played games like Jeopardy, served meals and helped with transport to the different activities.

Serving at Catholic Heart Work Camp means helping those in need and making a difference in a community that is in need of a positive change. The worksites I have gone to have shown me that there are lots of people less fortunate than me and serving them has helped me grow closer with God as I get to be His hands and feet here on earth.

From these experiences, I have learned how to be humble. The worksites I have gone to have helped me experience first hand the poor living conditions that many are accustomed to on a day to day basis. Through this, I have learned how to value each person's humanity regardless of what they have.

Where did I see God at Catholic Heart? In short, I saw Him everywhere. He was present in each of the campers during Mass, while singing in worship, and during events like four corners. I saw God through everyone's small acts of kindness in something as simple as holding the door open or through groups working together to complete a task. We all encountered God in different ways at Catholic Heart, but when we all came together our faith was stronger. His light shone through everyone in the camp and continues to live on in each of us afterwards.

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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 7/26/26

Cash & Check offertory	\$ 4,595
Electronic offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 7,525
Total Parish Support	\$ 12,120

St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 205
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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

For the week ending 7/26/26

Cash & Check offertory	\$ 1,661
Electronic offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ 3,523
Total Parish Support	\$ 5,184

St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 52
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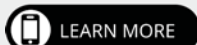
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