

St Gilbert Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support I have received during my transition here in St. Gilbert. Fr. Gene has been very supportive and we are blessed to have him as our pastor. The staff and school teachers have been a blessing to me. I'm very grateful to our parishioners. You have always asked me how I am, indicating how you care and being very supportive to me. I'm writing this article to you all so that you know I'm blessed and very happy to be your associate pastor.

The children in school have given me a smile every week. I love teaching our faith to children and the children have loved me back and given me more than I could ever ask. I thank the parents who work hard every day to make sure their kids grow in faith of loving God and neighbor. Lots of parents have expressed to me how they appreciate what I do with the kids and I want you to know I do appreciate all your support.

For those who have opened their houses to me, and it's many of you I'm very grateful. St. Gilbert is filled with generous and God loving people. This has given me a chance to meet you in person and share stories of my life with you as I listen to yours. Some we have become good and close friends. As warm weather comes, those who play golf we shall have chance to hang out together and play some golf. Thursday and Friday I'm always off and hence available for such events.

I feel your love as I shake hands with you every Sunday after masses and the compliments you give after my homilies and services. I have experienced strong support and love as I visit different groups like women club; Knights of Columbus just to mention a few. Thanks for wonderful cards, letters as well emails.

My family is doing very well in Kenya. Thanks for your prayers. Life in Kenya is back to normal after several weeks of ethnic violence. I plan to visit my family in the near future. For those people who are interested to know about my family and childhood life please read the article in the website about "Dance is the story of my life".

It has been a blessing working with the young adults and I look forward to having a strong young adult ministry as well as teen ministry in our parish. The young adults will be meeting every first Monday of the month at 7.00 pm starting next month at the youth center here at St. Gilbert. I do encourage everyone who is ages 20s and 30s, single and married to join us for this event. We open the scripture together and then pray for our individual needs and spiritual nourishment as young people. I hope we can plan other events during warm weather. Please come and join us.

Jesus says "I am the way the truth and the life". It's a blessing to know we do not have to wander around looking for direction because Christ is our way. We do not have to wander around looking for truth because Jesus is the truth. We do not have to wander around looking for meaning for our lives because Christ is our life.

I love you all.

Peace,

Fr. Sam