

**St. Gilbert Religious Education  
Parent Letter #9  
January 29 and 30, 2012**



Dear Parents,  
We have our winter. I hope that you are always safe and keep warm in the cold and snowy weather.

**Grade 2 Parent Meeting** – Information will be sent home with those who could not attend any of the times set for the meeting. Return the form as soon as possible.



**Grade 4 Parent/Student Retreat** – parents and students participate in a retreat reflecting on the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, February 4, 2012, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Thanks to the Catechists who will assist with the retreat – **Caroline Oas, Bryan Feery, Karen Hoguin, and Judy Hemsath.**

**Grade 6 students and parents** will have an opportunity to experience a Seder, the Jewish Passover meal on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 9:00 am. Sunday, Monday, and summer students are invited to participate. The Seder is studied as part of the course material for the sixth graders. Mark your calendar now!

Looking ahead to Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22 with several Masses offered that day. The Parish Lenten Mission will be March 11, 12, and 13 at 7:00 pm each evening in the Church. Mark your calendar now. It is a wonderful way to reflect on the Season of Lent.



The students (Grades 1 – 4, 6) will be participating in Mass during the month of March. The Sunday students in Grades 2, 4, and 6 will attend Mass Sunday, March 11 at 9:00 am and Sunday students in Grades 1 and 3 will attend Mass on Sunday, March 18 at 9:00 am. Monday students (Grades 1 – 6) will participate in the Mass that will be set when Fr. Sam returns from Africa. Parents are encouraged to join us.



As we enter the final days of January, I need to ask those of you who have not paid any part of this year's tuition to make an effort to make a payment. \$25 of the tuition is for the textbooks and supplies which have already been spent. Every family needs to do their part in order for Religious Education to pay their expenses.

Tuition envelopes are sent home with those families who pay their tuition over six months. Thank you to all those families who have used the payment program faithfully.

Next month the new registration form will be ready for those who want to sign up for the Summer Classes. The classes meet Monday through Friday, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, June 13 – 29. This program meets the needs of many families who find it difficult to have their children to class on time, who go out of town several times during the year or who find summer class fit into their family life. If your child's attendance is erratic think about the possibility of attending the summer session.

During the last two weeks we have checked to see if all our families are registered in the parish. If you are not registered you will receive a letter from me asking you to take care of this immediately. If you have any questions call the office.

There is a lot going on at this time of the year. Hopefully you have some time to spend as families enjoying and appreciating one another. May God grant you blessings of peace, joy, and happiness.



On January 29 the parish is sponsoring an INTERNATIONAL FEST VII from 1:00 – 4:00 pm in the parish center. You received a flyer with a free food ticket attached a few weeks ago. This is not a fundraiser and prices are reasonable. There will be clowns, balloons, and face painting for the children. I hope that your family will join us.

May God watch over you!



In Christ,  
Sister Donna



Blessing written by Teresa of Avila, Spain (1515 – 1582)

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for not abandoning me when I abandoned you.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for offering your hand of love in my darkest, most, lonely moment.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for putting up with me.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for loving me more than I love myself.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for continuing to pour out your blessings upon me, even though I respond so poorly.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for drawing out the goodness in all people, even including me.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for repaying our sin with your love.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for your countless blessings on me and on all your creatures.