**THE HIGHEST LAW**

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.
Monday, September 3
Parish Offices Closed
8a Mass—Chapel

Tuesday, September 4
8a Mass—Chapel

Wednesday, September 5
8a Mass—CHURCH
6p SGS Curriculum Night
6-9p Adoration —Chapel
7p RCIA Team Meeting

Thursday, September 6
8a Mass—Chapel
Articles due for Sep 16th Bulletin

Friday, September 7
Parish Office Closes at 2pm
8a Mass—Chapel
5:30p Baptism Preparation Session

Saturday, September 8
8a Mass—Chapel
4p REP 7to9 Grade Meeting & Signup for New Families
4:45p REP 7to9 Grade Returning Student Signup
FINAL WEEKEND Lucky Drawing Giveaway Tickets after all Masses in Narthex...

Sunday, September 9
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
at 9a & 11a Masses
8:55a REP Sessions & Parent Meeting
9a RCIA Noon to 5pm Saint Gilbert Fall Festival and 1st Annual Lucky Drawing
5p Teen-Ministered Mass

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. -- James 1:21b

www.stgilbert.org
Come to a **TWO-DAY RETIREMENT WORKSHOP** provided by Victor Rigoni. He, along with Jonathan Rigoni, are the co-hosts of the highly acclaimed and popular radio show, Retirement Zone, which broadcasts weekly on AM 560 the Wind at 4:00 pm on Saturday evenings.

**Dates Options (in Saint Gilbert Chapel Hall):**
- Thursdays, September 13 & 20 from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm OR
- Saturdays, September 15 & 22 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

To Register: Please contact Colleen Martinek at 847-735-9200 OR via email Colleen@northshorecapitalgroup.com

**Breaking Open The Word...** This group meets after 8a Mass. Our time is spent reflecting on the Sunday Gospel, sharing that reflection, and prayer. The group will visit Fr. Jose at St. Timothy on September 13th. Call the Religious Education Office if you would like to join us. All are welcome!

**Mary, Medjugorje, and the Call to Discipleship...** Saturday, September 15th following the 5pm Mass at Saint Gilbert Church. Lay Evangelist, Ann Vucic shares an extraordinary witness talk. Join us for Adoration with praise & worship and intercessory prayer for healing. All are invited!

**Ministers of Care (MOC)...**
Commission Training will be held Saturdays, September 22nd and October 13th, 2018 at St. Peter Damian Parish in Bartlett, IL for interested individuals wanting to become new ministers of care for St. Gilbert. Anyone interested in being commissioned this fall is required to attend these basic training sessions. Each session begins at 9am and ends at 2:30pm. Both sessions are mandated to complete training. Please contact Peter Meyer by Sept. 16, 2018 to register for the Fall Sessions at 773-968-8969 OR pmpmyr@gmail.com

**Sharing the Journey - Seasons of Hope...** We each experience grief at some time in our lives. Grief is neither simple nor fleeting and there is no right or wrong way to deal with it. Our Bereavement Ministry offers a grief support group of 6 consecutive Thursdays leading up to the celebration of Mass on November 2nd - All Soul's Day. We will meet at 6:30p in the Junior High Building, Door No. 13, on September 20 and 27, and on October 4,11,18,and 25. Our group is open to anyone who has ever suffered the loss of a loved one, but please understand this is not a professional counseling group. Instead we simply gather to pray, share memories, and to support each other. Please consider joining us. Although the path from darkness to light is very personal, no one has to walk that path alone. If you are interested in participating please call Sheryl Hobbs at (847) 548-1218 to register.

You are invited to an Informative Talk on the **Encyclical Humanae Vitae** by Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P. on September 22nd at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary Cafeteria. Breakfas 8am; Talk 9am. Cost $15. Registration required. Call 847.223.7022 OR lakectyr1@sbcglobal.net

**Saint Gilbert Athletics’ Golf Outing & Dinner...** Saturday, September 29th, Bittersweet Golf Course, Gurnee. Registration: 11am; Shotgun Start: 1pm. Looking for Golfers & Sponsors to join in the fun as we raise funds for our Parish Center and Athletic Program! Proceeds benefit key needs in the Parish Center, such as a closed-circuit monitor in the lobby, updated bleachers and a new Parish Center/Gym floor. See information in Church Narthex for details or contact Charmayne Brewster at 847.508.8975 OR cbrewster@comcast.net

**Are you an adult who is thinking about becoming Catholic or completing Catholic Sacraments?** ... Why not start your journey now! Contact Ray Henderson at 847-986-6659 or hendersr22@att.net OR Fr. John Chrzan at pastor@ stgilbert.org OR call the Parish Office at 847-223-4731.
Religious Education News. . .

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00am—3:00pm
(Monday-Friday) 847-223-3071
The registration form is on www.stgilbert.org, at the entrances to the Church, and from the Religious Education Office.

SESSION A Classes: Sunday mornings 8:55 - 10:10am
Pre-school (ages 3 and 4) and Kindergarten - Grade 6
Classes begin September 9th.

SESSION B Classes: Monday evenings 6:00 - 7:15pm
Grades 1-6 — Classes begin September 10th.

SESSION D Students: Grades 7 - 9
Fall syllabus sent in late August to registered students. Sign up for classes is September 8th/9th. There will be a meeting for new families in this program, on Saturday, September 8th, 4:00 – 4:15 pm. After the meeting the students will have an opportunity to sign up for classes. Everyone else is scheduled for 4:30 – 4:45pm on September 8th OR 10:00 – 10:30 am on September 9th. If you have any questions call the office.

SESSION E Family Program:
This program is for students in Grade 1 – 6 and their parents. The families meet ten times a year on Sunday mornings for instruction, prayer, and conversation. The first session for the Family Program is on Sunday, September 16th at 10am.

SACRAMENTS If your son/daughter has not received Baptism, Reconciliation, and Communion and you are interested in having them receive the Sacraments, call the Religious Education Office for information.

PARENT MEETING Parents of students attending the Sunday Classes will meet after the opening prayer on Sunday, September 9th in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents of students attending the Monday Classes will meet after the opening prayer on Monday, September 10 in the Church.

SPRED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The SPRED Program is a Religious Education Program from the Archdiocese for children and adults with special needs. Saint Gilbert has one group for children ages 6 - 10 and two groups of students ages 11 - 16. If you know of someone that needs our services please call the Religious Education Office 847-223-3071. There is always a need for adult volunteers!

We Pray....
O God of consolation, we come to you reeling from the latest revelation of our human, broken church.
Priests, bishops, and other leaders to whom we entrusted our souls and the lives of our children have failed us in their most essential duties.
We are beyond hurt; we are devastated; we are heartbroken; we are angry.
We know that every corner of our church has somehow been stained by these sins.
Hear our anguished cries today, O Lord, as we weep for our church.

We need you now more than ever.
Help us feel your presence in these difficult days.
Make your justice known among us, that these grievous wrongs may be addressed.
Help us to have hope in your steadfast love, and lead us one day to the healing that we so desperately crave.
We ask this in the name of the One who suffered on the cross for the sins of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.
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Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays You are invited to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during our weekly adoration. Silent prayer is encouraged – time to speak from your hearts to God and for God to speak to your hearts!
Confessions available most Wednesdays, 6-7pm.

St. Gilbert School, along with our nation, pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers this Labor Day.
Best wishes for an enjoyable and safe holiday.
www.stgilbertschool.org
WHAT? Help with the inflatables at the Parish Fall Festival
WHEN? Sunday, September 9th anytime between 12-4pm
WHERE? Here at St. Gilbert
INTERESTED? Let Kathleen know!

Follow TGIF on Twitter @StGilbertTGIF or check us out on Facebook @ St Gilbert TGIF or on Instagram @sgtgif

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
WOMEN’S CLUB

Nothing Bundt Cakes
Join us for our first meeting of the year! Nothing Bundt Cakes will be offering a tasting of their delicious treats after our short business meeting at 7:00pm in the multi-purpose room.

Any questions, contact Patti Wulf, briandpat@gmail.com or 847.287.7950.

PADS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!... Join us for training at our “Back to PADS” Soup & Salad, Thursday, Sept. 27 in UPC Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m., or a separate training session can be arranged if this date/time isn’t convenient.
To RSVP or for more info, contact Rose Pech at 847-356-3577 OR pads_at_upc@hotmail.com

Crisis Support Services:
Domestic violence:
A Safe Place hotline: 847-249-4450
Pregnancy support:
Aid for Women Gurnee: 847-249-2700
Emotional support after abortion: Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE
Emergency shelter:
PADS: 847-689-4357
Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

Local food pantries:
Avon Township: 847-546-1446
Catholic Charities: 847-782-4166
Warren Township: 847-347-0832
SVDP thru St. Gilbert: 224-360-9161
Counseling:
Holbrook Center: 847-782-4049
Suicide Prevention:
Emergency 911 or 800-411-0103 or 440-953-8255

Consecration group on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, 2018

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WORSHIP

MASS

Monday, September 3rd, St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor of the Church
8:00—People of Saint Gilbert

Tuesday, September 4th, St. Weekday
8:00—Joseph Beemsterboer (Friends of the Family)
- Dolores Salvador (Amalia Salvador)
- Janet Watters (Friends & Family)

Wednesday, September 5th, Weekday; St. Teresa of Calcutta, religious
8:00—People of Saint Gilbert

Thursday, September 6th, Weekday
8:00—Jonathan Venzon (Raul & Gloria Venzon)

First Friday, September 7th, Weekday
8:00—Jonathan Venzon (Raul & Gloria Venzon)

Saturday, September 8th, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00—Thanksgiving Intention (Anita McGreal)
- Alice Wywialowski (Annette Wynn)
- Joseph Beemsterboer (Friends of the Family)
5:00—George & Mary Gray (Paul & Phyllis Steffan)
- Martin McGreal (Anita McGreal)
- Jonathan Venzon (Raul & Gloria Venzon)

Sunday, September 9th, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30—Rosemary Nycz (Nycz Family)
- For the Church (SVdP Society Members)
9:00—Dolores Jarzyna (Durnil Family)
- Joseph Beemsterboer (Lawrence Family)
11:00—Steve Janda (Mom & Dad)
5:00—For the Teens

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Eternal Rest Grant to
Fr. Michael A. Olivero; Marilyn Pallardy;
Edison Barillo; Oliver McIlwee;
Geraldine Nowak (sister of Fr. Gene Nowak)

Worship

NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 8
5:00—Fr. Gus Belauskas
Lector 1—Rosanna Ortiz
Lector 2—John Kornak

Sunday, September 9
7:30—Fr. Gus Belauskas
Lector 1—Nancy Jermolowicz
Lector 2—Patricia Menoni
9:00—Fr. John Chrzan
Lector 1—Gordon Korom
Lector 2—Jenny Van Wie
11:00—Fr. Christian Shi
Lector 1—Bruce Peterson
Lector 2—Valerie Rickert
5:00—Fr. John Chrzan
Lector 1—TGIF Teen
Lector 2—TGIF Teen

Ministers of Care are available to bring communion to the homebound. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

Please keep in your prayers...

Ellie Berman; Bob Blasius; Kathy Coleman;
William Daugherty; Pablo Dones;
Patricia Ellenwood; Susan Fleming; Rachael Genelin;
Richard Ligenza; Andree Porcheron-Hicks;
Karen Horten; Jack, Gisele, Jill, Carl & Luke Hontense; Ron Kleber; Terry Marusich;
Herb Oberman; Mildred Vesely; Clifford Walzel;
Cade Winters

Attention Family Members: After 3 weeks, please notify the Rectory if your loved one is still in need of our prayers.

Weekly Collections

Thank You!!!

August 25-26
Regular Collection—$ 9,589.00 (weekly goal: $14,000)
Gift Cards—$ 2,255

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Your Sunday gifts to our parish make an incredible difference in our ability to serve our community, pay regular expenses and tackle necessary projects. Gifts in any amount or method are greatly appreciated. If it is helpful, please consider Give Central which offers a safe, convenient method to make a gift at any time. https://www.givecentral.org/location/378 — Thank You!

Forgot your envelope or wish to try online giving for secondary collection gifting?
St. Gilbert School:
https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8729

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30,
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:16, 18-23 [18-23]
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
PASTORAL STAFF:
Rev. John Chrzan - Pastor
Rev. Eugene Nowak - Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Christian Shiu - Associate Pastor
Rev. August Belauskas - Weekend Associate
Deacon Richard Globis
Deacon Mark Plaiss
Deacon Tom Biegel
Sr. Donna Schmitt, OSF - Director, Religious Education
Mr. Brian Tekampe - Principal
Mr. Mark Konchan - Music Director
(Phone: 847-223-0448 stgilbertmusic.blogspot.com)
Mrs. Kathleen Faurbo - Youth Minister
(Phone: 847-223-5875 email: youthmin@stgilbertschool.org)

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Located in Jr. High Building (east of the Church)
www.stgilbert.org/religious-education-program
Phone: 847.223.3071

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Monday thru Saturday — 8:00am
Saturday Vigil—5:00pm
Sunday— 7:30am, 9:00am** (Signed for hearing impaired, **not on 4th Sunday), 11am, 5:00pm
Holydays—6:30am, 8:00am, 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS:
RECONCILIATION:
Saturday—4:00pm to 4:45pm

BAPTISMS: At weekend Masses according to schedule or 12:30pm on select Sundays. Arrangements made at one-hour Baptismal Preparation Session. Call the Rectory to register.

MARRIAGES: A minimum of 9 months is necessary for preparation. Schedule an appointment with a priest as soon as possible before making other marriage plans. (www.stgilbert.org/marriage-ministry)

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC:
For Adults—call Fr. John at the Rectory.
For Children—call Sr. Donna at the Religious Education Office.

Parish Membership: Join the parish the third weekend of the month after all the Masses. Please notify us of a change of address.

Hearing Loop installed
Switch Hearing Aid to T-Coi