



SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

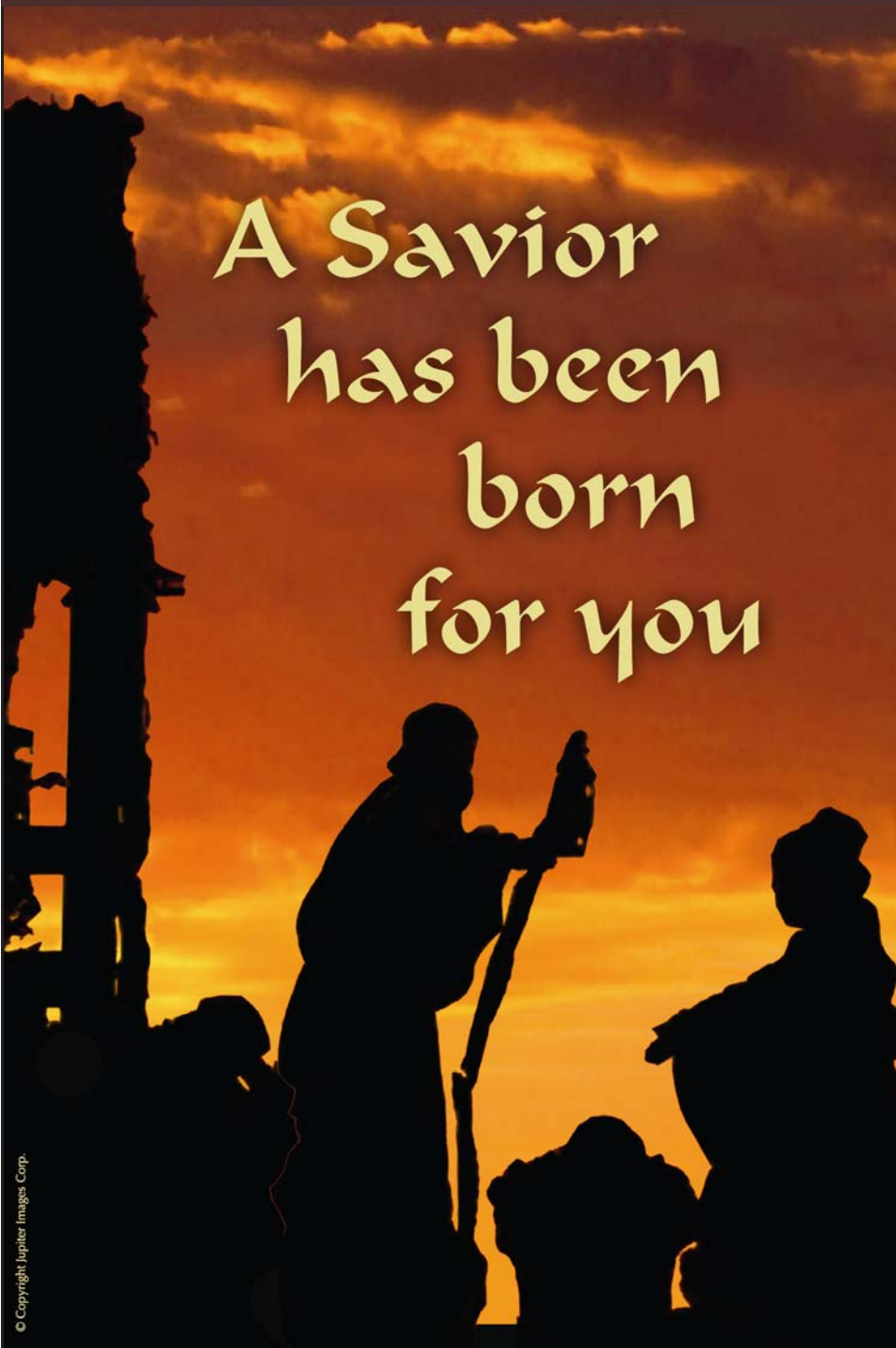
Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

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NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

DECEMBER 25, 2011



A Savior
has been
born
for you

Dear Parishioners and
Friends of St. Gilbert,
**A Blessed and Joyous
Christmas to You!**

Welcome all who have come to celebrate with us here at St. Gilbert Parish. Welcome to our guests from out of town or from other communities. It is good to have you here with us. A special welcome to our college students and other young adults home for the holidays. It is a joy to have you present among us. And, of course, we rejoice in all those here whose faces we see each week. It is good for all of us to be here together to celebrate the love of God revealed in the gift of the Word made flesh.

As we celebrate this Christmas, each of us ought to relish in a child-like amazement the wondrous event – God's self-giving through the birth of his son. As we reflect, are we amazed at all the people in our life who give themselves to us so we may live?

I pray that the spirit of self-giving may be the manner we live. May others be amazed at the Good News we proclaim by our generosity, our love, our outreach. May we allow this Child to be born within us each day. May God's flow of life "truly dwell among us". If we reflect on this mystery and embrace it, then we have the power to transform our lives, our community, and our world. What a wonderful Christmas gift to give!

Our Blessings to You and Yours this Holy Season,

Fr. Gene Fr. Sam Fr. Gus
Dick Globis Ally O'Connor
Mary Johnson Sr. Donna
Mark Konchan Jim Murray



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE


Monday, December 26

8a Mass—Chapel
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 27

8a Mass—Chapel
**DEADLINE: Articles due for
January 8th Bulletin**

Wednesday, December 28

8a Mass—Chapel
 12p Wedding: *Prusha
& Vaid*

Thursday, December 29

8a Mass—Chapel

Friday, December 30

8a Mass—Chapel
Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, December 31

8a Mass—Chapel
Holy Day Collection...

Sunday, January 1

Happy New Year
Regular Mass Schedule

*Please note that the Parish
offices will be closed on
Monday, January 2, for the
New Year Holiday.*



Are You Looking For Meaning In Your Life?

Are You Searching For God?

Are You Looking For A Community of Faith?

You have found your answer here at St. Gilbert. We offer a variety of possibilities for you to grow in faith with God and with others. Browse through these offerings to see where you might fit. Contact Fr. Gene at 847-223-4731 or eugenenowak@hotmail.com and he will listen to your situation and needs and together both of you will determine what is best for your journey in faith.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you, or someone you know, unbaptized or baptized in another faith tradition and desire to learn more about the Catholic faith and possibly become Catholic? Have you been baptized in the Catholic faith but never received your Communion or Confirmation? Then this process is for you.

Welcome Home Catholics:

Have you been away from the practice of the faith for a while? No matter the reason, no matter how long, we welcome you back home!

We offer a six week series beginning January 4th at 7:00pm in the rectory. We discuss changes begun after Vatican II, Old & New Testament, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Discipleship. These are held in an informal setting with presentation, discussion and Q & A. Take this opportunity to become re-connected with your Faith and Church.

Adult Confirmation:

If you are 18 years of age and graduated from high school, been baptized Catholic and received your First Communion but have not been Confirmed, the area parishes work together in sponsoring an 8 week program leading to your Confirmation. You must fill-out a registration form for this program by stopping at St. Gilbert Parish Offices and also present your baptismal certificate. Every year we have candidates from our parish in this program.

Rejoice In God:

If you have a child in third grade or above who has not been baptized or baptized Catholic but has not received their First Communion, this Religious Education program is the right one for them and for you. It is a year process concluding with the celebration of the sacraments.

St. Gilbert Pastoral Staff is here to help you and journey with you in your search for God and for a Faith Community! Contact Fr. Gene with any of your questions or concerns.

**NEW YEAR MASSES
(BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD)**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
Saturday, December 31st
5:00pm Church**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
Sunday, January 1st**

**7:30am Church
9:00am Church
10:45am Church
12:15pm Church**

CATHOLICS WELCOME HOME!

If you have been away from the practice of the faith, for whatever reason – no matter how long – you are invited to join us for six sessions discussing and explaining key elements of our faith. The format is presentation, discussion, Q & A. The sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the parish office building (rectory).

Please call or contact Fr. Gene so we can be properly prepared to welcome you or if you have any questions regarding the sessions: 847-223-4731 or eugenenowak@hotmail.com

January 4	Introduction
January 11	Reconciliation
January 18	Eucharist
January 25	Old & New Testament
February 1	Vatican II
February 8	Discipleship

Fr. Sam's Christmas Message



"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on the inhabitants of a country in shadow dark as death light has blazed forth." Isaiah 9:1

I remember one day as a young boy in Kenya, I was traveling at night from the market centre in my village to home. Let me try to give you a clear picture of this small village in Kenya, Africa. My village is called Kalampton. It's a farm village where each house is about 5 acres or more from another house. There is no electricity or running water. All roads are dirt — no cement. Water comes from a common well or rain water. On this particular night it had rained and it was very dark. I could not see at all where I was going or stepping. There was a lot of mud because of the rain. I was walking with bare feet because at that time my shoes were for going to church -- not for everyday. I was walking very slowly and was being careful not to fall. Because I could not see very well, I collided with someone coming from the other direction. I was scared to death! I just started running and hoped I did not step in a hole.

I believe the people the prophet was addressing in Isaiah understood how important light was. The physical darkness I experienced in Kenya reminds us of a deeper reality of spiritual darkness. A lot of things have happened in the world this year. Several countries have struggled with political changes such as Egypt, Libya and some in the Arabs nations. These people have lived under a dictatorship for many years and they are now trying to find their way out of it. Here, at home, a lot of people are still looking for jobs, the economy has not been very promising and some have struggled to meet their utility, credit card or mortgage bills. There are those who have lost loved ones or are facing terminal illness. Someone told me, "father, anything which could have gone wrong has gone wrong for me". It's like hitting a wall.

"The angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you good news of great joy, a joy to be shared the whole people. Today in the town of David, a savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'" Luke 2: 10-11.

I have been blessed to celebrate several weddings this year. It has been a moment of joy for the couple and a sign of new beginnings. We have celebrated hundreds of baptisms in our church this year. Every time the child cries in church, it is a sign of joy. There is life and newness. In the midst of darkness there is life. Christmas reminds us of that. I love the spirit of giving that comes during Christmas. Most of us are very generous during Christmas. It began with Jesus himself — he gave himself to us. We are more like God when we give. Christ asked us to identify with the poor, those who are in need. He asked us to identify with those who are hungry, imprisoned, naked, strangers and sick. As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember what Christmas is all about — the son of God and the reasons why he came.

Last year I went to Kenya with one of our parishioners and this year I will again travel to Kenya with three other people from our parish. We shall leave on Dec 27th. They will return after two weeks, but I will remain for another week after that. The high point of my travel is when we celebrate mass with the whole parish (all 7 local churches will gather together in a soccer field to have mass). We shall be honored to open the church we helped roof last year and celebrate the mass in that church for the first time. They are still working on the walls and the floor, but they have a beautiful new roof. Thanks be to God! I'm so happy to share this moment with some of our parishioners as you are my primary family in the Lord. I will be back on January 18th. Please keep us in your prayers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Fr. Sam

Everyone is Invited!

Join the choirs of:
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
Wildwood Presbyterian Church
St. Gilbert Catholic Church

For our:

*Epiphany
Choral Festival*

O, Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.
Saint Gilbert Church
301 E. Belvidere Road
Grayslake, Illinois

Religious Education News. . .

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm
847-223-3071**

Registration forms for 2011-2012 are available at the entrances to the Church, stgilbert.org website and the Religious Education Office.

SESSION A: Sunday mornings 8:55 - 10:10am

Pre-school (ages 3 or 4) and Kindergarten - Grade 6

SESSION B: Monday evenings 6:00 - 7:15pm

Grades 1-6

SESSION C: Summer session

SESSION D: Grades 7 - 9

The next syllabus will be sent in early January to those students who are registered in the program.



THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Thank you to the Catechists who prepared the third grade students to present the Nativity Story to the rest of the students. The Catechists are Kathy Peters, Jayne Stucker and Denise Fierke.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – 4:00 PM

Thank you to the students who sang in the choir for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. There are also several Grade 1 and 2 students who dramatized the story of Mary and Joseph finding a place to stay in Bethlehem. Baby Jesus will be placed in the manger. It was wonderful to have the students participate in the Christmas Eve Mass.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

**MAY THE WONDER OF THE SHEPHERDS, AND THE
GENEROSITY OF THE WISE MEN AND THE
COMPASSION OF MARY, BE IN US AND FLOW
FROM US, THIS
CHRISTMAS AND ALWAYS.**

SPRED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



This year the St. Gilbert SPRED community ministers to children ages 6 – 10, as well as to young people ages 11 - 16. The three groups are filled to capacity for this year. **Thanks to Corrine for volunteering!** There are additional age groups available in neighboring parishes. *Call the office 847-223-3071 with any questions.*

The SPRED program received over \$1,070.00 from the Georgia Nut Fundraiser. Thank you for your support.

The SPRED Family wishes you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

St. Gilbert Parishioners are invited to attend International Fest VII



Sunday, January 29, 2012
1pm - 4pm Parish Center

*Featuring ethnic foods and entertainment
from around the world!*

Calling all pastry chefs and bakers –

We need you! Share your talent and join the volunteers who are participating in our 7th Annual International Fest. *If you can help, please contact Jill at 847-223-7259 or jilly-o@hotmail.com OR Sinead at 847-612-2926 or Sinead@irishvikingdesigns.com.*

T.G.I.F

TEENS GROWING IN FAITH



**NEXT TEEN MASS JANUARY 8TH -
ALL are welcome!**

What's happening?

**Visit [www.stgilbert.org/
faith_formation/teen.html](http://www.stgilbert.org/faith_formation/teen.html)**

or join us on

Facebook—TGIF—Teens Growing in Faith

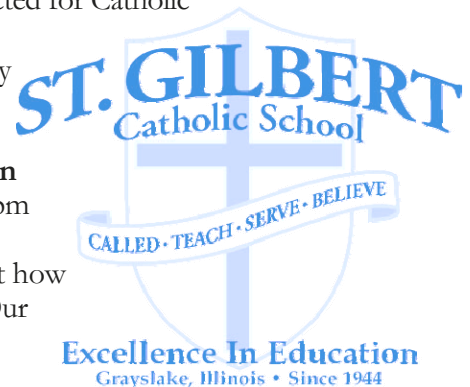
DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF SAINT GILBERT,

Saint Gilbert Catholic School has had a busy start to the year. Our school wide theme is **Radiating Hope** and our students and faculty are reaching out to be *The Heart, Hands, and Face of Jesus* to those around us on a daily basis. We believe and teach the Good News of Jesus Christ and live his mission through service opportunities and academic excellence with a faith perspective. Following is just a few of our accomplishments:

- Our standardized test scores indicate that our students consistently score in the top 20% of the nation.
- Last year 10 of our graduating 8th graders were awarded a scholarship to Carmel Catholic High School based on their entrance exam scores.
- Our students have the ability to Walk the Walk as we incorporate our Catholic call to stewardship into our daily lives. This year
 - we were able to raise \$830.00 for Breast Cancer Awareness, over \$2900.00 for Feed My Starving Children, and \$8080.00 worth of food and 1700 pounds collected for Catholic Charities during Hunger Awareness Month in September.
 - our 6, 7, and 8th grade students spent the day with the Feed My Starving Children organization and were able to make 48,816 meals that will allow 133 children to be fed for a year.

I invite you all to our **Annual Catholic Schools Week Open House on February 3, 2012**. We will host a dedicated hour from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm for prospective families (*The regular Open House will be held 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm*). Take a tour of our school, meet our teachers, and learn more about how much Saint Gilbert Catholic School has to offer you and your family. Our preschool and Kindergarten classes fill up quickly each year. We will be accepting applications at the Open House. If you can't make the Open House, you may also call the school for a personal tour and additional information.

On behalf of Saint Gilbert Catholic School I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.



Yours in Christ,
Alison M. O'Connor, Principal

SGS NEWS...

SAVE THE DATE! FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!

SGS ROCKS! - JAN. 21, 2012

Live Music! Auction!
Dancing!



\$30/person (\$40/person after Jan. 8)
Entertainment & Food included with ticket
Cash Bar (\$4/beer, margarita, wine, martini...
\$1/non-alcoholic drinks...
FREE non-alcoholic drinks to all
Designated Driver program participants)

Tickets On Sale Now through the School Office!

CALLING ALL ST. GILBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL ALUMNI

Keep up to date on Alumni Events by
emailing your current contact information and
your graduation year to
alumni@stgilbertschool.org

We hope you can join us in May for an event
we are planning for all alumni.

BOX TOPS, COKE REWARDS, CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

What an easy way to give to the
school!



Don't forget to collect Box Tops, Coke
Rewards and Campbell Soup Labels
and deposit them in the box at the main
entrance to the church. This passive
but helpful way to donate is an easy way to
support our school.



SPRING MUSICAL – SEUSSICAL JUNIOR

Come join us for the production
Seussical Junior

Presented by the 6-8th grade students

April 20 and 21

7:00 pm

Mundelein Seminary Theater
Tickets will go on sale soon...

[Third in a four part series on Prayer]

In her autobiography, *The Long Loneliness*, Dorothy Day tells of a very difficult time in her life. She had just converted to Christianity, after a long period of atheism, and then given birth to her daughter. During her season of atheism, she had fallen in love with a man who had fathered her child; and she and this man, atheists disillusioned with main-stream society, had made a pact never to marry, as statement against the conventions of society.

But her conversion to Christianity had turned that world upside down. The father of her child had given her an ultimatum; if she had their child baptized he would end their relationship. Dorothy chose to baptize the child, but paid a heavy price. She deeply loved this man and suffered greatly at their breakup. Moreover, given that her conversion took her out of all her former circles, it left her with more than a missing soul mate. It left her too without a job, without support for her child, and without her former purpose in life. She felt painfully alone and lost.

And this drove her to her knees, literally. One day she took a train to Washington, D.C., from New York and spent the day praying at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. And, as she shares in her autobiography, her prayer that day was shamelessly direct, humble, and clear. Essentially she told God, again and again, that she was lost, that she needed a clear direction for her life, and that she needed that direction now, not in some distant future. And, like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, she prayed that prayer over and over again.

She took a train home that evening and as she walked up to her apartment, a man, Peter Maurin, was sitting on the steps. He invited her to start the Catholic Worker. The rest is history.

Our prayers aren't always answered that swiftly and directly, but they are always answered, as Jesus assures us, because God does not withhold the Holy Spirit from those who ask for it. If we pray for guidance and support, it will be given us.

In Scripture, we see many salient examples of people who, like Dorothy Day, seek out God's guidance in prayer, especially so when they are alone and afraid as they stand before some major upheaval or impending suffering in their lives. We see this, for example, in Moses who when lost in the desert and facing a revolt from his own people climbs Mount Horeb to ask for God's counsel. And we see it in Jesus who also climbs Mount Horeb to pray and who spends whole nights in prayer, struggling to find both the guidance and the courage he needs for his mission.

Looking at the prayer of Moses, Jesus, Dorothy Day, and countless other women and men who have prayed for guidance from God, we see that their prayer, especially when they feel most alone and desperate, is marked by three things: honesty, directness, and humility. They lift their own minds and hearts to God, not someone else's. They share their aloneness and fears with shameless honesty. There is no pretense, no rationalization, no hiding of weaknesses. They pour out their fears, their inadequacy, their temptations, and their confusion, as do children, begging for someone's hand to help them.

There's an interesting parallel to this inside some of our classical fairy tales where the figure of God often appears in the form of an angel, a fairy, a fox, or a horse. Invariably those who approach that God-figure with over-confidence, arrogance, or pretense, are denied all counsel and all magic. Conversely those who approach the God-figure in humility and admit that they are lost in their search are awarded with counsel and magic. There's an important prayer-lesson in that.

All of us, at different times in our lives, find ourselves alone, lost, confused, and tempted towards a road that will not lead to life. At such times we need to approach God with a prayer that is shamelessly honest, direct, and humble. Like Dorothy Day, we need to raise our true fears and insecurities to God, praying, over and over again: "I'm afraid! I feel so alone and isolated in this! I don't want to do this! I'm completely inadequate! I haven't any strength left! I'm full of anger! I'm bitter at so many things! I hate some of the places where my Christian morality has led me! I'm jealous of others who don't have my moral inhibitions! I'm tempted in ways that I'm ashamed to speak of! I need more support than you've been giving me! Send me someone or send me something! If you want me to continue on this road you've got to give me more help! I need this now!"

And then we need to wait, in patience, in advent. Perhaps no Peter Maurin will appear on our doorstep that night, but, with desert-helplessness having done its work, an angel will come to strengthen us.

ST. GILBERT PARISH BULLETIN DEADLINE

Articles for consideration in the Parish Bulletin must be submitted by 8:30 AM on Thursday, 10 days prior to publication. Send electronic files to our office email at:

business.office@stgilbertschool.org

ALL MINISTRY ACTIVITIES TAKE PRIORITY.

NOW DUE (EARLY DEADLINE!):

Tuesday, December 27 for January 8 bulletin
THANK YOU!

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

Social & Community...

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

St. Gilbert Women's Club Presents:

Miss Fit, Inc.

Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 7:00p

Multi-Purpose Room

St. Gilbert Women's Club starts the year off healthy with a visit from Miss Fit, Inc. (an organization that teaches and inspires women to be healthy and keep fit)

All women of the parish are invited and welcome!

ST. GILBERT'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Next Gathering: Saturday, January 7th

Please join us every first Saturday of the month for mass, dinner, discussions, friendship and fun. For more information, contact Fr. Sam at 847-223-4731, email us at stgilbertsyag@yahoo.com or find us on Facebook at St. Gilbert's Youngadults.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, January 22, 8a to 2p

St. Gilbert Chapel Hall

Help us to exceed our goal! Please bring a "Positive ID" to Blood Drive. Make sure to eat a good meal before your donation. For more information,

contact Charlie Pinto - cpinto@msn.com.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS

NFP is safe, healthy, effective, and green! It can also change your heart in amazing ways! The Harrigans are certified NFP instructors with the Couple to Couple League. NFP is for all married and/or engaged couples. The class is 3 afternoon sessions spread over 3 consecutive months. Ed and Sharon Harrigan are starting a class on Sunday, January 22nd from 1-4pm at St. Paul the Apostle in Gurnee. You can register at www.ccli.org. If you are interested in an NFP class in SPANISH, please contact Ed and Sharon at smharrigan@aol.com.



INTERNATIONAL FEST VII

January 29, 2012, 1p to 4p

International Fest VII is coming! The fest is a family event that will celebrate the richness of our diverse cultural heritages. We will once again offer international dishes and desserts enjoyed around the world from Africa, Asia, and Europe to the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and the United States. Don't feel like feasting? Come experience music and dance from a number of countries including Ireland and Africa. There will be face-painting, balloons and clowns for the children. See bulletin flyer!

Check the St. Gilbert Website for the January Calendar of Events & Happenings at St. Gilbert.

Faithful Steward Contributions That Carry a Bonus

People often are surprised to learn that there are different tax results from donating different types of assets. Gifts of highly appreciated securities, for example, are often particularly favorable. For stocks owned more than a year, donors can deduct their original cost plus any "paper profit" present in the gift. Best of all, there are no capital gains taxes due when you contribute securities (stocks, mutual funds, etc.) to charity. *In other words, when you donate stocks owned more than one year, you get to deduct the stock's current fair market value (not just what you paid for the stock) and you never owe taxes on the capital gain.*

Take the example of Mrs. G. The stock she purchased in 2001 for \$2,000 is now worth \$10,000. In other words, her stock carries an \$8,000 capital gain. What is the true cost to Mrs. G of donating this stock to her parish? Let's consider this question.

If Mrs. G were to sell the stock, she would owe \$1200 in capital gains taxes (15% of her \$8000 profit). So what is the real value of this stock to Mrs. G? Not \$10,000 because she has to pay a \$1200 capital gains tax if she sells it. Realistically, the stock is worth only \$8800 to Mrs. G, after taxes.

But if Mrs. G gives the stock to her parish, the parish keeps the entire \$10,000 – the fair market value of the stock – and Mrs. G is entitled to a \$10,000 charitable deduction.

In her 28% bracket, the \$10,000 deduction produces tax savings of \$2800 for Mrs. G.

The true cost of the donation is arrived at by considering the after tax worth of the stock to Mrs. G as well as the tax benefits she receives when she donates the stock. Mrs. G's after-tax cost of a generous \$10,000 gift is only \$6000: \$8800 (the value of the stock to her, after capital gains taxes) minus \$2800 of deduction tax savings.

These tax benefits also apply to other types of appreciated assets, such as mutual funds. For more information, call Rich Goode, Director of Planned Giving for the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312-534-7848.



Free Help with Your Job Search...

January 9 2012** – "Dynamic Resumes" – 7:00pm to 9:15pm - St. Hubert Ministry Center, 729 Grand Canyon St., Hoffman Estates, IL. We will break down the resume into its component parts and discuss the way that resumes are viewed and perceived and the best way in which to communicate your message of value.

Visit: <http://www.sainthubert.org/ministries/job.html>

Questions regarding the St. Hubert Job Ministry events, call: Bob Podgorski 847-925-6005.

WORSHIP

M *Monday, December 26th, St. Stephen, first martyr*
8:00—Jim & Mary Brodrick (Parkinson Family)
—Lorraine Arendt (Family)

A *Tuesday, December 27th, St. John, apostle & evangelist*
8:00—Thomas Sowin (Wife, Marilyn)
—Anna Majkowski (Elaine)

S *Wednesday, December 28th, Holy Innocents, martyrs*
8:00—Bill Marcell (Friend)
—Ryan Edwards (Michael Berg Family)
12p—Wedding: *Prusha & Vaid*

I *Thursday, December 29th, Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr*
8:00—Anna Majkowski (Alida Johnson)

N *Friday, December 30th, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
8:00—

T *Saturday, December 31st, Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Sylvester I, pope*
8:00—Rose Poole (D'Souza Family)
5:00—Deceased Members of Wantola & Nale Families
—Tommy Degen (Mom & Sisters)

O *Sunday, January 1st, Octave Day of Christmas; Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)*
7:30—Ruth Hansen (Bill Kniest)
9:00—Parishioners of St. Gilbert
10:45—Anna Majkowski (Alida Johnson)
12:15—Parishioners of St. Gilbert



Please keep in your prayers. . .

Jan Baczek, Amy Barkhurst, Dominic Damato,
Michael DeSimone, Kathy Engel, Kyle Gilkinson,
Alicia Katrina Gloria, Eugene Gruber,
Greg Gumbinger, Randy Gunderson,
Ruth Hall, Mary Henderson, Tom & Jim Lindh,
Vicente Maristela, James McGreal, Joe Lis,
Louis Montegrano, Jean-Lou Porcheron, Joe & Julia
Schlicht, David Scott, William Shafer, Suzie Sisson, Carmen &
Debbie Soldato, Sharon Walker

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

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO:

Michael Leska, Joseph Monroe
Ministers of Care are available to bring communion to the homebound, call the rectory to make arrangements.

Ministers of the Liturgy

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 31

5:00—Fr. Gene Nowak
Lector 1—Martin Rohleder
Lector 2—Mike Starzec
Servers—volunteer needed, volunteer needed, volunteer needed

Sunday, January 1

7:30—Fr. Gene Nowak
Lector 1—Mike Scholz
Lector 2—Nancy Jermolowicz
Servers—volunteer needed, volunteer needed, volunteer needed

9:00—Fr. Gene Nowak
Lector 1—Melissa Henderson
Lector 2—Ray Henderson
Servers—volunteer needed, volunteer needed, volunteer needed

10:45—Fr. August Belauskas
Lector 1—Libby Pasztor
Lector 2—volunteer needed
Servers—volunteer needed, volunteer needed, volunteer needed

12:15—Fr. August Belauskas
Lector 1—Betsy Sagala
Lector 2—Margaret Bajon
Servers—volunteer needed, volunteer needed, volunteer needed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6;
21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8,
11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



Mark the Dates: Parish Lenten Mission with Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM
“We Were There: Reflections from the foot of the Cross”
March 11, 12, 13, 2012

St. Gilbert Catholic Church
Mission Statement

*The Catholic family of St. Gilbert
Is a faith-filled community
Living out our Baptismal call.
Empowered by the Gospel message,
We celebrate the sacraments,
Share in fellowship,
And reach out to serve all.*

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847.223.8600

ST. GILBERT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

231 E. Belvidere Road, Grayslake, Illinois 60030
Located in Jr. High Building (east of the Church)
www.stgilbert.org/faith_formation/rep.html
Phone: 847-223-3071

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Rev. Samson Mukundi - Associate
Pastor
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Sunday*), 10:45am, & 12:15pm
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Holydays—6:30am, 8:00am,
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RECONCILIATION:

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BAPTISMS: At weekend Mass
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