



SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

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**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**
—DECEMBER 3, 2023

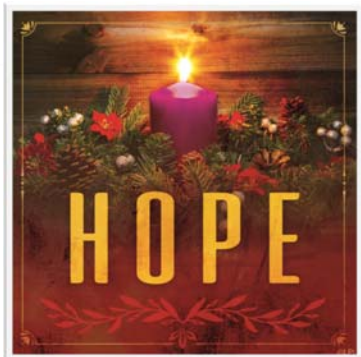
Gathering: #184
LIFT UP YOUR HEADS

Responsorial:
*Lord, make us turn
to you; let us see
your face and we
shall be saved.*

Presentation: #201
O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

Communion: #247
SOUL OF MY SAVIOR

Sending Forth: #203
O COME, O COME,
EMMANUEL



*Today's readings: Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7; Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19;
1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:33–37*



Come, Lord Jesus

The season of Advent (from the Latin *adventus* meaning “coming”) is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. We anticipate three advents: the first is the historical coming of the Christ two thousand years ago; the second, the coming of Christ among us now; and the third advent, the hope of Christ coming again at the end of time.

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. This year, it lands in early December, shortening our Advent season by an entire week. One of the best-known customs of the season is the Advent wreath. The circle of evergreens symbolizes the eternal character of God’s time and Christ’s reach into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles on the wreath—three violet, one rose—mark our progress through the season. The rose candle is for the Third Sunday of Advent, called *Gaudete* Sunday after the first word of the entrance antiphon on that day, meaning “rejoice.” The day symbolizes our joy as we draw closer to the birth of Christ. Bless your Advent wreath with the lighting of the first violet candle, and as a prayerful entrance into Advent invoke today’s psalm response: *“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved”* (Psalm 80:4).

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023, ADVENT WEEKDAY;

ST JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Timothy Metz (Birthday); †Gustavo & Luz Currea;
†Martin McGreal; †Christopher Brodrick; †Wilbur C. Metz
 7:00p Boy Scout Troops 96 & 1996

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023, ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Chester Wywialowski; †Helen Murphy;
†Juanito Fabrigas; †Buena Fabrigas; †Rey Ponceja

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023, ADVENT WEEKDAY;

ST NICHOLAS, BISHOP

8:00a (CHAPEL) Mass — Intention:

†Lillian Ann McGreal; †William W. Wagner; †Tim Bowes

 **9:00a-9:00p (Chapel) Adoration of Jesus**
in the Blessed Sacrament

10:00a SPRED Adult Session B&C

6:00p Music Rehearsals

6:00p SPRED Adult Session B&C

7:30p KofC Monthly Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023, ST AMBROSE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†John Spiewak

8:30a Breaking Open the Word (see pg 5)

2:30p—6:00p YM Poinsettia Order Pickup

7:00p Youth Ministry Prayer Experience (see pg 5)

9:00p Men's Basketball

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

Parishioners of Saint Gilbert Parish

8:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

†Martin McGreal; †Sr Mary Francisca

7:00p (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

Parishioners of Saint Gilbert Parish

SGS Jr High Dance

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023, ADVENT WEEKDAY;

ST JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Vivian M. DuFell

8:30a—5:00p (Chapel) Advent Day of Renewal (see pg 2)

9:30a SPRED Session B

12:00p SPRED Session C

5:00p Mass — Intention: **†Martin McGreal; †Marvin Raczek;**

†Lambert (Bert) Schommer; †Dorothy Bamber

=== *In-Church 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious;*
Georgia Nut Products in narthex ===

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30a Mass — Intention: **†Carolyn Zagorski; †Dan Ptasienski**

8:55a REP Sessions

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9a and 11a Masses

9:00a RCIA

9:00a *Mass with Traditional Choral — Intention:

†The Siedlecki Family including Eugene, Betty,
Christopher, Marty, Nicole, Nancy & Bryce

10:00a REP Family Program

11:00a Mass with Contemporary Music — Intention:

†Sheila Finley; †Helen Murphy & Mary Murphy

6:00p Confirmation Session

*Incense may be used at the Mass.



SAINT GILBERT CHURCH

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

Friday,
December 8th

MASS TIMES: 6:30am (CHAPEL)
8:00am & 7:00pm (CHURCH)

Join us in this Advent Season as we celebrate the official dogma of our Church, defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, that Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception.



St. Gilbert Youth Ministry

Please support our ministry by
ordering holiday poinsettias

Size:	Colors:	Price:
6 1/2 inch pot/Red, White or Marble:		\$18.00
7 1/2 inch pot/Red, White or Marble:		\$24.50



Pick up on Thursday,
December 7th from
2:30-6:00 pm
at the Parish Center
entrance *Please let
Kathleen know if you
need alternative
pickup*



Orders are due by Monday, December 4th. You can order by filling out this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/Q6X2yiixoDuiDAh28>,
or filling out an order form (found at the entrances of church) and dropping it in the collection, email completed form or just email your order to youthmin@stgilbertschool.org. Payment can be made online through Give Central or by check or cash.

If you have any questions, contact Kathleen @ 847.223.5875 or youthmin@stgilbertschool.org

CONGRATULATIONS!

Please join us in welcoming into our Parish Family those newly baptized during November:

Myra Eve Krempley, daughter of Thomas & Amanda

Tyson John Diaz, son of Paul & Alyssa

Kenneth Landon Gutowski, son of Kenneth & Megan

Cameron Grace Kubacki, daughter of Christopher & Aubrey

Grayson Kenneth Mortensen, son of Alex & Jessica

Noemi Keilani Chatman, daughter of Ivan & Aurora

Adonis Xavier Duarte, son of Jonathan & Marina

Ellie Reese Karol, daughter of Brett & Anna



Ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for your child? Call the Parish Office to register for a Baptism Preparation Session: 847-223-4731

ST. GILBERT PARISH PRESENTS
Christmas Cash Raffle
12 Days of Winning!

There are no limits to how many tickets you may purchase! Every one ticket purchased is ELIGIBLE TO WIN one cash prize & the GRAND PRIZE of \$5,000. Once a ticket is drawn for the cash prize, it will be held and re-entered on the final day of the drawing for the Grand Prize of \$5,000.

Tickets may be purchased online and a ticket will be prepared for you.
 Winners announced on St. Gilbert Church Facebook Live on the day of drawing.

Tickets available NOW through December 20, 2023

Ticket Prices:
 1 ticket for \$10 • 7 tickets for \$50 • 15 tickets for \$100

Purchase Online:
<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/6f74ff70-239e-4654-9d0b-97956e0929a0>

Early Bird Drawing:
November 24, 2023 - \$1,000 Prize

December 2023						
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	\$200 Prize	\$300 Prize	\$400 Prize	\$500 Prize	\$600 Prize	\$700 Prize
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
\$800 Prize	\$900 Prize	\$1,000 Prize	\$2,500 Prize	\$5,000 Prize		
24	25					
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day					

 Scan now to purchase tickets!

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ADVENT DAY OF RENEWAL
Saturday, December 9th
8:30A.M.—5:00 P.M.
Saint Gilbert Chapel

All Day Adoration & Confession
 PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD BY VISITING HIM
 IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST!
 Give thanks and praise
 for all the gifts
 that you received
 this past year.



SAINT GILBERT CHURCH
WISHING YOU A
BLESSED ADVENT


As we approach this Advent season preparing for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, our hearts overflow with gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us in the past year. During this time, we also unite as a parish community to reflect on the importance of our faith and gratitude. —Please consider supporting Saint Gilbert Parish with a special contribution to our offertory this Christmas, so that we may continue furthering the mission of our parish. You can make your gift at Give Central: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/378>
 OR WeShare: <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20000018?tab=home>



Christmas Flower Memorials
Online donations towards Christmas Flowers at Saint Gilbert, in memory of your loved ones, can be made at
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8794>



PRAYING FOR PEACE...
 Let us pray for our communities, our cities and the world, especially Eastern Europe, Israel & Gaza; For strength and peace in the face of war and violence; For openness and welcome to refugees; For hope and courage in the face of doubt and fear. Amen.



- SACRAMENTS - **Question:**
Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

Answer: If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: “Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material” (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood of the Lord.

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THANK YOU, St Gilbert for the generous donations to the St. Benedict Sharing Parish Coat Drive! The coats were delivered Thanksgiving weekend with much appreciation from St Bens.

They are now conducting a Men's Clothing Drive. This is also an immediate need due to the influx of migrants from Venezuela. The Sharing Parish is once again tapping into the generosity of St. Gilbert and asking for slightly used men's clothing, all styles and sizes are needed. Coats are still needed and will be accepted as well. Please bag all items. Your support is appreciated. Please drop off bagged items in the church library from now until the last mass on Sunday, 12/17. For further information please contact Carol Fraher, 847.651.2281 or Brian Wulf, 847.682.6083.

Religious Education News...



THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS OPEN
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

The **REGISTRATION FORM...** for the 2023-2024 year is available at www.stgilbert.org/religious-education-program, at the entrances to the Church, and from the Religious Education Office. If you have any questions, please call the RE Office, 847-223-3071.



FAMILY PROGRAM FOR

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES...

Families have a choice as to the program that would best fit into the family schedule and desire. The Family Program is an alternative for Families who have students in Grades 1-6. *Call the office for additional information.*



CHRISTMAS STORY...

Parents are invited to gather at 9:30am on Dec. 17th in the Multi-Purpose Room where the Third Graders will dramatize the Nativity and sing Christmas Carols. Classes will begin and end at the regular time.



GRADES 7-9 SESSION...

The fall syllabus was sent out to students in Grades 7-9 and classes have begun. *Call the office for information.*



SPRED – Religious Education for Children with Special Needs...

This program serves 25 students, ranging in age from 6 to 16, from St. Gilbert and neighboring parishes. *If you have any questions about the program or to volunteer, email or call Sr. Donna.*

PRODUCTS FROM THE GEORGIA NUT COMPANY

will be on sale in the narthex the weekend of December 9th & 10th after the Masses. Proceeds go to the SPRED Program.



Pictures are from the Thanksgiving Feast (Preschool and Kindergarten Students).



ST. GILBERT Preschool NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS

**JANUARY 28TH
9AM -11AM**

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES
COME JOIN US FOR A TOUR
DURING OUR OPEN HOUSE!

**BOOK YOUR TOUR SOON.
TIME SLOTS FILL UP QUICKLY!**

847-223-8600

FOLLOW US

DON'T MISS OUT ON
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
RESERVE YOUR SPOT
FOR THE 2024-25
SCHOOL YEAR!

In the spirit of keeping the season, a weekly handout of quick **THIS WEEK AT HOME DAILY ADVENT IDEAS** is being made available on our parish website at

<https://www.stgilbert.org/home>



GOSPEL

When you are invited to a big party, you get prepared. You take a bath. You wear your finest outfit and shoes. You take a gift to the host. God has invited you to his heavenly party. Get prepared for it. You want to be ready. You are God's gift. Give your soul a bath in God's waters of forgiveness. Dress yourself in a white robe. Wear shoes that are guided by GPSSS - God's Personal Soul Saving System.



PRAYER

Lord, prepare me for heaven's party.



Christmas Eve Masses
Sunday, December 24th:
3:00pm (Church & Chapel) and
10:00pm (Church)

Christmas Day Masses
Monday, December 25th:
9:00am and 11:00am (Church)

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD... This group meets after the 8:00am Mass on Thursdays in Chapel Hall. Our time together is spent in reflecting on the Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, and prayer.



The group is meeting next on December 7th beginning with refreshments and followed by an Advent Reflection on Blessed Mary by Therese McCall from 9:00-10:00am. All are welcome to join us!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAKE COUNTY... Meets December 14th at Little Flower, St. Dismas site. Rosary at 11 am, Potluck Luncheon. Hostesses are members from Little Flower. Bring donations of gently used kitchenware, towels, bedding. New items & Cash also accepted. Guests from The Women's Board of Catholic Charities, Lake County Services, will attend and collect our donations for their "Welcome Home Program", which provides housing for clients/families in need.



WEDNESDAY ADORATION... The Saint Gilbert Chapel is open for Adoration on most Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Come to the Chapel and pray with Jesus truly present in the tabernacle. If possible, please consider committing to a weekly hour or as a substitute adorer. Both are essential to the continuance of the gift of His presence being made available to us. Call/text Crystal Sullivan at 847.507.7486 or email crystalnkevin28@gmail.com. **At this time, we are most in need of adorers for the 10-11 a.m. hour.**



As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas. — **THANK YOU!** —

For basic essentials of living assistance inquiries, contact the St. Vincent DePaul Society at 224-360-9161.

Crisis Support Services:

Basic essentials of living inquiries:
 St. Vincent de Paul Society thru Saint Gilbert: 224-360-9161
Clergy sexual abuse healing & reconciliation:
heal.archchicago.org
Counseling:
 Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

Domestic violence:
 A Safe Place hotline: 847-249-4450
Emotional support after abortion:
 Project Rachel: 800-5WE-CARE
Emergency shelter:
 PADS: 847-689-4357
 Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000
Local food pantries:
Avon Cares: 847-912-9278
 Catholic Charities: 847-782-4166

CC Round Lake: 847-546-4339 or 847-546-4302
 Warren Township: 847-347-0832
Pregnancy support:
 Aid for Women Northern Lake Cty: 847-249-2700
 Aid for Women : 312-621-1100
Suicide prevention:
 Emergency 911 or 800-411-0103 or 440-953-8255

St. Gilbert Youth Ministry

L.I.F.E. Living in Faith Everyday
 6-8th graders
 4:00-5:30pm

Advent begins

T.O.G.I.F. TEENES GROWING IN FAITH
 9-12th graders
 6:00-8:00pm

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Bring a friend and join us for snack, games and faith discussion - ALL are welcome!
 in the teen center

Every month the Youth Ministry program offers a different prayer experience where teens can come and enrich their personal relationship with Christ.



Next date:

Wednesday, December 7, 2023

7:00-8:30pm ~ meet in the teen center

Please let us know if you are coming by emailing Kathleen at youthmin@stgilbertschool.org or calling 847.223.5875

All 7th-12th graders are invited to come!



For a recent service project, Confirmation students helped SVdP pack and hand out Thanksgiving food baskets to those in need



Thank you to these teens for helping and for putting smiles on their faces!



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Questions? Contact Kathleen Karrigan at 847.223.5875 or youthmin@stgilbertschool.org



IRA DISTRIBUTIONS - Gift to St. Gilbert Parish

Did you know? Funds must transfer directly from your IRA custodian to the "Archdiocese of Chicago, 835 North Street, Chicago, IL 60611" in order to avoid a taxable event. You may designate your gift to St. Gilbert Parish or School, the Annual Catholic Appeal, or another ministry.

It is important to notify us (St. GILBERT) if you have requested a charitable distribution to St. Gilbert Parish or School. Please let us know the following information:

- 1) Name & contact information of IRA Plan Administrator
- 2) Dollar (\$) amount of transfer
- 3) Where you would like your gift directed (for example, scholarship/endowment support or a specific ministry)

A RECAP OF THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER RULES:

*If you are 70½ or older, you may give up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to charities such as the Archdiocese.

*This opportunity applies to both Traditional and ROTH IRAs; charitable donations from 403(b) plans, 401(k) plans, pension plans, and other retirement plans are ineligible.

*You must distribute the gift amount directly from your IRA. It is important that you do not withdraw the funds prior to making your gift.

*The distribution counts towards your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the current tax year and may help reduce your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).

*You pay no income tax on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions.

If you are interested in this unique opportunity to help the Parish, or if you have any questions, please contact our Business Manager at the Rectory 847-223-4731 or via email at business.office@stgilbert.org



— James Kaad
— Victims of the Ukraine Conflict
& the War in Israel/Gaza

Please keep in your prayers...

Kai Bowes; Neil Cloe; Jim DeLaCruz; Regen French & Family; Rachael Genelin; Gisele Hortense; Robert Irvine; Joanna Jablonski; Joanna Jorstadt; Mia Grace Keller; Marsha McDaniel; John Pedigo; Sharon Petree; Andree Porcheron-Hicks; Jean Lou Porcheron; Kelli Sirratt; Michael Waxman; people of Ukraine & Israel/Gaza; all affected by COVID19; the needs & intentions inscribed in our parish Books of Intercession

Please notify the rectory to add a name to the prayer list for up to 4 weeks. There is a Book of Intercessory Prayer available in both the Church and Chapel to which you may add specific or longer term prayer requests. Please know these intentions are prayed for daily.

Weekly Collections Thank You!

November 4th — November 10th, 2023

Electronic:	\$11,233.38	Weekly Total:	\$17,185.38
Mail-In:	\$ 407.00	Weekly Budg:	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
Weekend Mass:	<u>\$ 5,545.00</u>	Surplus:	<u>\$ 185.38</u>

Please consider these alternate safe, convenient methods to make a much-needed gift at any time:



WeShare—<https://stgilbert.churchgiving.com>



GiveCentral—

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/378>

Text2Give—

Text DONATE or CHRISTMAS to 1-224-219-0357

Don't have an envelope or wish to try online giving for secondary envelope/collection gifting?

Saint Gilbert School & Educational Ministries Offering:
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8729>

However you give, THANK YOU for your generosity to Saint Gilbert Parish and the Ministries that reach out to the community with servant hearts!

Saint Gilbert Parish Bulletin:

Send articles for consideration in an electronic file to:
bulletin@stgilbert.org Thank you!

Next Due: **EARLY DEADLINES:**

Tuesday, December 5th for December 17th Bulletin
Tuesday, December 12th for December 24th Bulletin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-3
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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URGENT SCHOLARSHIP HELP NEEDED for Catholic Schools



Please make a gift to safeguard the future of Catholic education

With the sunset of the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship program, thousands of Catholic school families cannot keep their children in school. The need for scholarship funding is greater than ever. Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program offers vital financial assistance to families who are committed to a Catholic school education but need help with tuition. Our schools continue to provide students with the academic and spiritual development necessary to live faithful and successful lives.



Thankfully, supporting scholarships has never been easier, and scholarship gifts are still tax-deductible. Please visit archchicago.org/scholarships to make an online gift to any school in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Gifts can be made to a specific school or schools with the highest need.

The Time Is Now: Please Help Keep Faith-Based Education Accessible
archchicago.org/scholarships



If you would like to make a gift via check, Donor Advised Fund, stock or other method, please get in touch with the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.7959 or archchicago@archchicago.org

The Annual Knights of Columbus

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS OPEN!



Operating Hours are posted at the Lot



Knights of Columbus are Catholic men committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood. You will find our brother Knights working to fulfill the central mission of the Order: striving in charitable works; serving the Church and unified in following its teachings; supporting brother Knights in their temporal and spiritual needs; acting for the good of their country; and giving aid to widows, orphans, the sick and the poor.





Saint Gilbert Giving Tree

**Opportunities Reminder —
St. Vincent de Paul,**

**St. Benedict the African & P.A.D.S.
gift cards & food items accepted
through December 17th.**

- Please place check or cash in envelope provided. Drop envelope into the collection basket or return it to the Giving Tree table.
- Place requested food items, unwrapped, under the Giving Tree.
- Online giving available via the church website by selecting Church/Giving/GiveCentral/GivingTree, or directly via Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/35416> OR TEXT the word GIVINGTREE to 1.224.219.0357 and receive a text back with a link to Give Central.

If you have any questions, please -contact Cherye Olmschenk at 847.340.3923. Visit stgilbert.org/home for the PADS Wish List.

**THANK YOU for your generosity
and God bless you!!**

**Catholic Charities Gifts
are due by noon
THIS SUNDAY!**

Archdiocese of Chicago—Letter from the Archbishop

December 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Second Sunday of Advent, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute what you can at masses the weekend of December 9-10. Most importantly, please keep all our men and women religious in your prayers. Rest assured that they are praying for you.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones during this Holy Season of Advent. With kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Saint 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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SAINT GILBERT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. John Chrzan - Pastor
Rev. Eugene Nowak - Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Pawel Adamus - Associate Pastor
Rev. August Belauskas - Associate
Senior Deacon Richard Globis
Deacon Mark Plaiss
Deacon Tom Biegel
Deacon Brian Fisher
Mrs. Kristine Buckley - Principal
Sr. Donna Schmitt, OSF - Director,
Religious Education
Mrs. Sandra Garrity - Business Manager
Mr. Cameron Normand - Music
Director (Phone: 225.328.0501
stgilbertmusic.blogspot.com)
Ms. Kathleen Karrigan - Youth Minister
(Phone: 847.223.5875
email: youthmin@stgilbertschool.org)

MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday thru Saturday — 8:00am
Saturday Vigil—5:00pm
Sunday—7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am
Holydays—6:30am, 8:00am, 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday—4:00pm to 4:45pm

BAPTISM: At Masses or Services on select Saturdays and Sundays.

Arrangements made after one-hour Baptismal Preparation Session.

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