



**St. Gilbert Religious Education Program
Parent Letter #3
October 6, 2024**

Dear Parents,

Today is our fifth class already. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to look through your children's book, especially the Family Time or Take Home pages at the beginning or end of each chapter. I also hope that you are helping your children learn their prayers.

I want to remind you of the importance of getting your children to class on time each week. By now you know that parking can be a challenge, so please leave early so that students can be in class before it starts. There are volunteers in the parking lot to help. Listen to their directions. Thank you!



GRADE 1 – Parents are invited to an Open House
Sunday, November 17 at 9:35 am in the Chapel



The Thanksgiving Feast for Pre-School and Kindergarten students is scheduled for Sunday, November 24 at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents and grandparents are invited to participate.

The Religious Education Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 847-223-3071.

Thank you to all who are participating in the payment plan. Please send in your first payment with the envelope you received. The next payment should be made in November.



Some of our families are having a difficult time with finances. If anyone would like to donate \$10 or \$20 to help them, please put the money in a separate envelope and address it to REP TUITION Donation. Thank you for your generosity!

Just a reminder that when you received the Parent Handbook at Open House or through class, **there was a Marketing Permission Form that needs to be filled out and returned by October 29.** If you did not receive a Parent Handbook, stop by the office and pick one up. We need your support at home so that together we can make a difference in the life of each child.



The Religious Education Program is sponsoring a Fannie May Fundraiser. Please consider selling and/or purchasing some yummy treats for your family and loved ones for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Flyers and forms were sent home but additional forms are in the Religious Education Office and at the entrances to the Church. **The deadline for turning in orders is October 27. If you have any questions, contact the office.**

SUBSTITUTE CATECHISTS

There are times when Catechists are not available for class and we need substitutes for those instances. If you would like to volunteer, please call Sr. Donna.

November 1 is the Feast of All Saints, a day of celebrating with all the saints in heaven. Perhaps you have a special saint that you remember in your prayers which is significant in your lives as a

family. Maybe you want to pick a saint, learn about his life, display his/her picture and call him/her to mind when you pray as a family.

November 2 is the Feast of All Souls: a day of remembering our loved ones who are deceased. St. Gilbert has a Mass of Remembrance on November 7 at 7:00 pm in the Church, where people are invited to light a candle for their loved ones and place it on the altar steps. It stays there until the candle burns itself out. It is a beautiful sight!

I had a marvelous celebration on Oct. 22 for my 60 years as a Franciscan Sister. Thanks to all who sent cards, came to the celebration, made food, and prayed for me. There were students involved in the day – thanks from the bottom of my heart. I have always been happy in my ministry leading people and children closer to God. All of you are constantly remembered in my prayers.

Thank you to all who supported the Muffins for Emma. We raised \$358 for Emma's medicine and treatment. I would like to repeat this on Sunday, October 20. The muffins will be here at the end of class that day. This time we will have blueberry and apple muffins for sale at \$5. The muffins are baked that morning and are delicious!

Enjoy the colors around you!

God bless! Sr. Donna



Here is a thank you prayer that you can use ...

RESPONSE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

With tree branches, fruits, and vegetables of the harvest, all God's gifts, we say...

With colored leaves, signs of the changing season, all God's gifts, we say...

With sheaves and bread, grapes and wine, all God's gifts, we say...

(Mention additional items in Creation that you are thankful for) ...

LET US PRAY: Lord, You are our God, our creator. You sustain us with your life. Give us hearts that rejoice in the wondrous gifts of the earth. Give us hands that share these gifts with all those in need wherever they may be. The harvest reveals your goodness, Lord. As people who enjoy the fruits of the harvest, continue to gather us and all creation into your shelter of peace where we will dwell with you forever. Amen.

