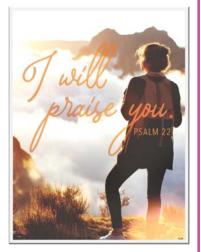


Fifth Sunday of Easter —April 28, 2024

Today's readings: Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a) 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8



Mila Bocox Mia Bonfiglio Declan Brady Sergio Brenes Irelynn Byrne Vivian Cacciatore David Centella Zachary Christensen Mary Deinken Malena Dodge Teresa Donner Liam Dwyer Joseph Fusz Emma Gerling John Griffin Ryker Herak Viviana Jenkins Amelia Johnson Grayson Karol Myra Krempley Elyse Mach Elizabeth Martin Morgan May Reagan McKillip Matthew Micksch

John Banbury

Christian Morris Joseph Morris Logan Nylen Rosalie Palacio Brooklyn Pfeiffer David Powers Emma Rescek Blair Roggy Daniel Rudobielski Oliver Rudobielski Lucas Shirley Kaylen Sinclair Genevieve Sroufek. Oliver Stock Maia Suasin Marc Sunpongco Grace Wagner Taylor Wente Escher Winer

The parish family congratulates these students

who receive First Communion this year.

Luke Montavon



Rejoice In God Students

Victoria Banbury Dean Bonfiglio Nadia Clark Raymond Edward Clark Colin Dunstan Colin Dwyer Zoland Gaspar Zolanna Gaspar Eden Martinez Eliana Martinez Andrew Mondragon Alexander Mondragon Adrian Mondragon Ruben Mondragon Iazmin Nava Maximus Rosengard Addison Saura Averyann Saura Nikolas Soykę Marvis Sunpongco

—Daily and Sunday Mass are available live-streamed, with attendees present, on the Saint Gilbert YouTube Channel: https://youtube.com/channel/UCMP0PFhS_wyXxgsTzbPEEyw AND Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/StGilbertChurch/

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024—ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, **VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH** 8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention: †Marvin Raczek; †Lambert Schommer; **†**Theresa Refermat 5:00p Spred Adult Session A 7:00p Boy Scout Troops 96 & 1996 TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024—EASTER WEEKDAY; ST PIUS V, POPE 8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention: **†Ted Wandolowski; †Ted Wielgos** 7:00p Adult Ed with Deacon Mark (see pg 3) WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024—EASTER WEEKDAY; ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 8:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention: †Marcia Manolis 9:00a Sacrament 9:00a-9:00p (Chapel) Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed 6:30p Family Rosary Online, hosted by the KofC (https://www.stgilbert.org/organizations for Zoom link) 7:30p KofC Monthly Meeting THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024—ST ATHANASIUS, **BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH** DRAVER (NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER) 8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention: **†**Joseph Ott 8:30a Breaking Open the Word (see pg 5) 8:00p Penitent Soldiers of Mary Adoration Liturgy (see pg 5) 9:00p Men's Basketball FIRST FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024—STS PHILIP & JAMES, **APOSTLES** 8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention: People of Saint Gllbert 4:00p Girl Scouts FIRST SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024—EASTER WEEKDAY 8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention: **†Ray Powroznik, Jr** 9:30a Ministers Of Care Ministry Meeting 9:30a SPRED Group A 1:30p Wedding: **Dones & Kamin** 5:00p Mass — Intention: **†**Martin McGreal; **†**Gustavo & Luz Currea; **†**Robert Higgins === Virtual 2nd Collection: SGS School & Educational Ministries === SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (ORTHODOX EASTER) 7:30a Mass — Intention: **†Dan & Frank Ptasienski**; **†**Julian & Helen Harlowe 9:00a *Mass — Intention: **†Beemsterboer Family** 8:55a REP Sessions (see pg 4)

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9a & 11a Masses 9:00a RCIA 11:00a Mass — Intention: **†Ray Welch** 4:00p Jr. High L.I.F.E. Session 6:00p TGIF Night

*Incense will be used at the Mass.



BEARING FRUIT

"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing," Jesus tells his followers in today's Gospel. Jesus is the vine of life. The father is the one caring for the vine. As branches, we are capable of bearing fruit. In the first readings, we hear of Paul, who had once persecuted Christians, seeking a place with the disciples. Paul changed his ways and became a participant in the vine of life.

When Paul turned from his former way of life, he "*spoke out boldly in the name of Jesus.*" After Paul's conversion experience, he sought to keep the commandments and remain in Jesus' love. Only by remaining in Jesus was Paul able to preach and bear fruit, for as the Gospel reading states, without Jesus, nothing can be done. How do you envision your connection to God the vine grower and to Jesus the vine? Is there anything in your life that you need God to prune so that you can bear more fruit? Ask Jesus to cut away that which impedes your growth in relationship to him. Reflect this week on what it means to remain in God. Do you consider that the good that you do is dependent on your relationship with God? When you stray from your connection with God, does the good that you do seem to falter?

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FEATURING:

Matt Maher, an internationally acclaimed Christian singer, song-writer, and eighttime Grammy Award nominee, shares the amazing story of his spiritual journey. He emphasizes the importance of forming relationships with others in order to be effective witnesses of the Gospel and help bring about the unity desired by Christ.





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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Adult Ed with Deacon Mark

The last session of Deacon Mark's spring Adult Ed is here! We'll meet on Tuesday from 7 - 8 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Our final topic is open to all your questions:



April 30: Open Line!

Still guaranteed to have you outta there at 8:00 on the nose!



Traditional VBS. 4 years old to entering 3rd grade

VBS camp with Soccer or Art. 4th-6th grade ART camp is limited to the first 30 students

vbs@stgilbertschool.org

2024 St. Gilbert Monday, June 10 -Friday, June 14, 2024

Vacation Bible School Friday, June 14, 2 9:00-11:45am

Registration for VBS is now open!

*Please go to the St. Gilbert Church website to register!

We are also looking for Adult Volunteers! Volunteer Forms can also be found on the Church website under Ministries/Vacation Bible School. "Jesus...said, 'I am the light of the world." John 8:12



Were you away and have not yet given your Easter donation to the parish? Please consider doing so at this time. Remember our

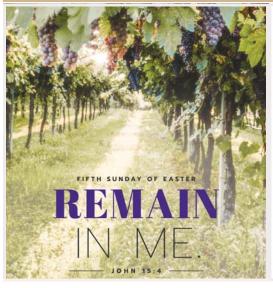
Christmas and Easter Collections help us perform necessary upgrades and/or repairs to our facilities that our normal income doesn't cover. As always, thank you for your support of Saint

Gilbert Parish. For secure, online giving...

Your EASTER DONATION can be made at https:// www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8786

REGULAR COLLECTION and other Giving Categories for secure, online giving are found at: https://www.givecentral.org/location/378





FIRST READING: The disciples were unwilling to trust that Saul (Paul) was a true believer until Barnabas offered support for Saul. *How easily do you trust people you don't know well?*

SECOND READING: John speaks of the importance of knowing in your heart that you believe in Jesus and truly love others. *How does anyone know what is in their heart?*

GOSPEL: Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus speaks of the importance of staying connected to him and the Father. When do you feel close to Jesus?

Holy Land Art



We're hosting and warmly welcoming representatives from the Catholic Christian Community in Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land. They will be presenting special handmade religious items carved from olive wood. Each piece, crafted from branches of olive trees, reflects a deep love for God.



Pope Francis has called on people worldwide to "pray that there be peace in Israel and Palestine." The current and ongoing conflict in the Holy Land has halted tourism, a vital source of income. Consequently, the Catholic community now relies on selling these beautiful items abroad as the only means of survival during this critical time.

We encourage you to take a moment to explore and consider these unique gifts that reflect faith and love for God. They could be a meaningful gift for yourself or someone dear to you. These handcrafted olive wood religious items are available for purchase after each weekend Mass, offering you an opportunity to bring a piece from the Holy Land into your own home. Your support is much appreciated.

Available after all Masses April 27/28.







PRAYING FOR PEACE

Let us pray for our communities, our cities and the world, especially Eastern Europe; 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.



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much

fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

God Bless You!

April 28, 2024

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Religious Education News. . .



THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS OPEN 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM, MON-FRI

The REGISTRATION FORM

for 2024-2025... is available in the narthex of the Church, from the website at www.stgilbert.org/ religious-education-program, and



from the Religious Education Office. If you have any questions, please call the RE Office, 847-223-3071.



GRADES 7-9 SESSION... Classes are in session. The next syllabus will be sent out in late May. Call the office if you have questions.

FIRST COMMUNION...



The First Communion Masses are as follows: April 14th at 11:00 am—Rejoice in God Students April 20th at 1:00 pm—Grade 2 Students April 27th at 1:00 pm—Grade 2 Students

MARY PRAYER

SERVICE... Preschool and Kindergarten students celebrate May Crowning on Sunday, April 21st at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents and Grandparents are invited to the service.

CATECHISTS BRUNCH... The Catechists and their families are invited to a brunch following class **on May 5th in the Parish Center**. I am so grateful to have dedicated people sharing their faith with the

young members of our Parish Family. *May God bless you always!*

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

SPRED – Religious

CLOSING PRAYER SERVICE... There will be a Prayer Service to end the year on May 5, 2024 at 9:15 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents are

invited to participate.

Pictures are from the SEDER (Jewish Passover Meal) with Grade 6 students and parents.









any questions about the program or to volunteer, email or call Sr. Donna.

Nine students are preparing to receive First Communion and three students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. *Remember these*

students and their families in your prayers.



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3 & 4 YEAR OLD Skills-based learning experiences to enha our youngest learners' social. emotional.

Saint Gilbert Catholic School incorporates Christian values necessary to prepare young minds for lifelong learning. Preschoolers are taught Language Arts, Science, Math, Religion, and Art through learning centers which introduce new concepts and engage their imaginations.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Throughout the week our preschoolers attend classes outside of their classroom.



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st be 3 years old by Sept must be potty trained.



After School Care is also available until 6pm.



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When you go into a strange place, you like to stay close to your parents. You trust them to keep you safe. Jesus wants you to stay close to him every day. Jesus is your vine. You are one of his branches. Learn his teachings and obey them. When you stay close to Jesus and follow his commandments, you can pray for whatever you want, and God the Father will answer your prayers.



Jesus, help me stay close to you and follow your commandments.



FAMILY ROSARY... Join us online for Family Rosary on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30p (next: May 1st).

Everyone is welcome! We use a presentation with the prayers & some guick meditations on the mysteries so it is easy to join in. Families are welcome to either lead a mystery or just pray along. Join the Zoom Meeting: (https:// www.stgilbert.org/organizations)

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD...

This group meets after the 8am Mass in Chapel Hall. Our time together is spent in reflecting on the Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, and prayer. *The next sessions are on* May 2nd & 16th. All are welcome!

PENITENT SOLDIERS OF

MARY... Thursday Night Adoration Liturgies, 8p-9p, Saint Gilbert **Chapel**. A lay apostolate fighting for the healing and liberation of souls. For information visit www.stgilbert.org/psom.

ADULT CONFIRMATION FOR VICARIATE I—SUMMER 2024...

Are you an adult who missed receiving the Sacrament of







Students were given a guide with instructions for each of the nine stations (one station for each part of the Lord's Prayer - introduction, seven petitions, and conclusion) along with reflection questions.

At the April Prayer Experience, students "walked through" the Lord's **Praver at different** interactive and experiential stations exploring and reflecting on each part of this prayer along the way.



Confirmation? Preparation Sessions will be offered weekly on Mondays beginning June 3rd, 7-9 pm, at St. Edna Parish (Door #2), Arlington Heights. Bishop Jeffrey Grob will preside at the Confirmation Mass at St. Edna Parish on Wednesday, July 24th, at 7pm. Registration closes May 23rd. For info & registration contact Lorie Crepeau, Icrepeau@stedna.org OR 847-398-3362. ext. 325.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE... This summer the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is coming to Mundelein Seminary (USML)! Join us on Wednesday, June 26th, 4p-7p for the celebration of Mass along with Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and a Eucharistic Procession around the USML campus. More details are forthcoming. Learn more on our website https://usml.edu/national-



eucharistic-pilgrimage/. For information on Chicago area connections with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, visit http://EucharisticRevivalChicago.org.

Job Opportunities at Saint Gilbert:

1.We are searching for an enthusiastic person of 2. Preschool Teacher: Full-time teaching faith to become our parish Director of Music Ministry. The Director will responsibly and effectively plan, coordinate and lead parish liturgical music with a vision for providing high quality music that encourages the full participation and engagement of our worshipers.

If interested, please send your resume to; music.teacher@stgilbertschool.org or business.office@stgilbert.org

position at St. Gilbert School working with 3 & 4 year olds in our dynamic "Little Roaring Rebels Preschool." Applicants must have Bachelor's Degree or have completed an Early Childhood Certificate.

Please send your resume and interest letter to: school.office@stgilbertschool.org.

WEDNESDAY

ADORATION... The Saint Gilbert Chapel is open for Adoration most Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Come to the Chapel and pray with Jesus truly present in the tabernacle.



Would you 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.

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



Victims of the Ukraine Conflict & the War in Israel/Gaza

Please keep in your prayers...

Kai Bowes; Neil Cloe; Regan French & French Family; Carter Halloran; Gisele Hortense; Robert Irvine; Joanna Jorstadt; Mia Grace Keller; John Pedigo; Sharon Petree; Andree Porcheron-Hicks; Jean Lou Porcheron; Kelli Sirratt; Paul Steffan; 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 Thank You! Collections

March 30th, 2024 — April 5th, 2024

Electronic:
Mail-In:
Weekend Mass:

\$ 9,278.71 Weekly Total: \$16,939.70 \$ 3,895.00 Weekly Budg: <u>\$17,000.00</u> \$ 3,766.00 Deficit: 60.30

Easter 2024



Easter Gifting to date:	\$ 53,512.52
Budget:	<u>\$48,000.00</u>
Surplus:	\$ 5,512.52

THANK YOU!! We are very grateful for our parishioners and friends. It is through your generosity and stewardship that we did meet our goal for this year's EASTER COLLECTION, which is a significant part of our annual planning. Thank you for every gift. The ministry of Saint Gilbert would not be possible without you!

Please consider these alternate safe, central convenient methods to make a muchneeded gift at any time: WeShare—https://stgilbert.churchgiving.com GiveCentral https://www.givecentral.org/location/378 Text2Give— Text DONATE or **EASTER** to 1-224-219-0357

Saint Gilbert Parish Bulletin:

Send articles for consideration in an electronic file to: bulletin@stgilbert.org Thank you! Early Deadline: Monday, Apr 29th for May 12th Bulletin

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21 Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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

SAINT GILBERT PARISH **OFFERING COLLECTION** Sunday & Holy Days

MARCH	Actual	Budget
Regular Offering :	\$ 30,702.17	\$ 30,000.00
Electronic:	<u>\$37,707.83</u>	\$ 38,000.00
TOTAL:	\$ 68,410.00	\$ 68,000.00
Collection	Surplus: \$	410.00
YTD (Jul-Mar)		512,000.00
YTD (Jul-Mar)	Actual: <u>\$5</u>	<u>590,394.93</u>
Fiscal Year-to-da	te Deficit: -\$	21,605.07

Parishioner support in helping keep the parish operating and also in helping reduce our parish operating deficit is greatly appreciated -Thank You!

May we continue to be blessed as the ministry of Saint Gilbert continues, reaching out in prayer, learning and service.



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.

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 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

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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. Call the Rectory to register.

MARRIAGE: 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)



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