

St. Gilbert Religious Education Program  
Parent Letter #2  
September 22, 2024



Dear Parents,

I hope that you read the parent letter that was sent home with your youngest or only child. If for some reason your child did not receive a copy, you can find it on the website at [www.stgilbert.org](http://www.stgilbert.org). Remember that if you did not attend the Parent Meeting, you need to read your handbook and return the Marketing Permission Slip and the white Student form to your child's catechist.

Please note the traffic pattern in effect for the West parking lot. Everyone enters off of Rt. 120 and exits to the back, (south) to Wicks Street. Gary and Joe are in the parking lot directing traffic. It is important to ensure the safety of all the children and families attending Mass and REP classes. If you are dropping off a student, you are to stop by door #1 (the door by the principal's office). You are asked not to drop the students off at any other entrance. The one exception is the students in Grades 7-9. These students are always to use the entrance to the Junior High Building (#13). Please come early because parking can be a challenge. Catechists must begin class on time in order to complete all the material in their lessons each week.



Grade 2 parents have a meeting on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room in preparation for the students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There is a class schedule on the inside of your child's folder. We expect the students to attend every class unless they are sick. If they are sick, call the office (847-223-3071) and give the student's room number and the reason for the absence.



Those families who have not paid their tuition and fees in full by next week are automatically put on a payment program. An envelope will come home with the youngest or only child identifying the amount of each payment. Please return your payment envelope to the office or to your child's Catechist. If you have any questions, call the office. If you wish to donate money toward those who are unable to pay, please put the money in an envelope marked TUITION ASSISTANCE and hand it in to the office. Thank you for assisting the families who need financial help,

**FANNIE MAY FUNDRAISER -- DELIVERY IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS**

This is the only Fundraiser that is sponsored by the Religious Education Program. This year we do have a fundraiser for Emma Olson but that is only for this year. The Fannie May Candy sale begins next week and continues to Sunday, October 20. Delivery will be during the week of Nov. 17, (before Thanksgiving). Your youngest or only child will receive an order form and additional information. If you would like another order form, come to the office



On Sunday, when coming into Door #1 the person inside the school office will buzz you into the building. As you know, the doors into the Parish Center are always open because of

Mass. Parents should not be using any other door to enter the building. Grades 7-9 students have their own entrance and that is door #13 and they will be allowed in by a volunteer inside. Door #13 is only used from 8:30 am – 10:20 am on Sunday.

For the past years the Archdiocese has asked us to educate the students about the “Lures” that are used by people to guide children into dangerous situations. It is called the Child Lures Program. An example from lesson one in the Lures Program is to have the students draw a picture of a stranger. Usually they will draw someone with a mean look on their face. The Catechist explains that sometimes strangers are nice people who have a smile on their face and may even give you a gift (candy, etc.). The Lures that are discussed in each grade level are age-appropriate. If, for some reason, you do not want your child to participate in this program, you need to come to the Religious Education Office and sign a form to that effect. Please do so as soon as possible.

**There will be a practice fire drill today at 9:15 am. A bell is rung over the PA and the students process outside. This is just a practice drill!**

#### **SERVER TRAINING**

**If your son/daughter would like to serve Mass on the weekend, email me and I will see that it gets to Fr. Paul.**

**Thanks to those who supported MUFFINS FOR EMMA Fundraiser. The Family is very appreciative of your generosity. The muffins will be by classroom door 117.**



**Have a wonderful day.  
In Christ, Sr. Donna**



Throughout Scripture, there are references to angels with various duties serving as messengers and intercessors. **On October 2, we celebrate the feast of Guardian Angels** – those angels who carried out God’s will in their specific duties as guardians. For example, all of Israel, as God’s people, had a guardian angel (Exodus 23:20-23), and God told Moses that an angel would go before him on the journey from slavery to freedom (Exodus 32:34). Psalm 91, a beloved prayer, says that God commands his angels to protect us wherever we go: “They will carry you in their arms, and you won’t hurt your feet on the stones. You will overpower the strongest lions and the deadliest snakes.” (Psalm 91:11-13). This is a perfect psalm to build children’s trust in God and guardian angels.

#### **Guardian Angels in Tradition**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.” (n.336) Both Eastern and Western churches believe that guardian angels protect the mind and body. They present prayers on behalf of those they protect and they offer guidance from God.

**A Guardian Angel Prayer...**Thank you, Lord for giving me my very own angel to rule and guide me. Thank you for giving guardian angels to my family and friends and everyone I love. Keep us open to the guidance that comes from you through our guardian angels. Help us to go forward in life secure in your love and in our angels’ protection and help. Amen