



# SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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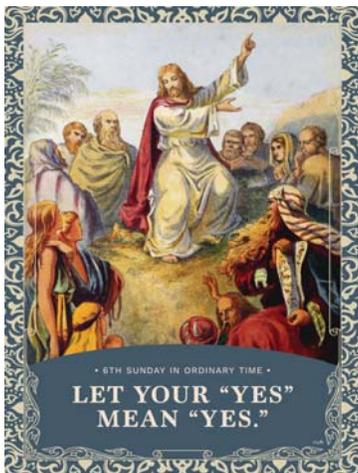
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SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME —  
FEBRUARY 15,  
2026

*Today's readings:*  
*Sirach 15:15-20*  
*Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34*  
*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*  
*Matthew 5:17-37*

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.'"  
Mt 5:20

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

### Mass Intentions & Observances:

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026, WEEKDAY; (PRESIDENTS' DAY)

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Robert Wiater

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026, WEEKDAY; SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Georgianna Webster



#### ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 5, 2025 (ALL LITURGIES INCLUDE ASH DISTRIBUTION)

6:30a (CHAPEL\*) Mass — Intention:

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8:00a (CHURCH\*) Mass — Intention:

†John Kotarba; †Paul Philipp



12:00p (CHURCH\*) Prayer Service

4:00p (CHURCH\*) Prayer Service



7:00p (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

†Martin McGreal

*\*For all Ash Wednesday Liturgies (except the 7p Mass), we ask that you please park in the East Parking Lot ONLY and use the Route 120 entrance to Church, making accommodation for Saint Gilbert School activity in the West Parking lot. There will be NO access through the school for the 8am and 12noon Liturgies.*

#### THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

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#### FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026



8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Steffan Family

#### SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026,

ST PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

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5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Paul Steffan; †Andrea Baczek; †Martin McGreal;

†Carmela Alberotanza; †Rachael Genelin

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#### FEBRUARY 22, 2026, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Ken Lenzen

9:00a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

Living & †Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish

11:00a Mass (Contemporary Music) — Intention:

For Fr. Zoghaib (Ordination Anniversary); For Heralds of the Gospel (25 Years); †Sheila Finley; †Rudy Bajzek

5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

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### Facility Calendar:

#### Monday, FEBRUARY 16, 2026

5:00p Liturgy Committee

6:30p Eucharistic Healing Service (see pg 9)

7:00p SA Troops 96 & 1996

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#### Tuesday, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

6:30p SGS Board Meeting (Virtual)

7:00p Holy Face Devotion (see pg 9)

7:00p SVdP Ministry

#### Wednesday, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

9:00a-9:00p (Chapel) Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (see pg 5)

2:00p Children's Choir Practice

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

6:30p Baptism Preparation Session—Virtual

7:30p KofC Officers' Meeting

#### Thursday, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

8:30a Breaking Open the Word (see pg 9)

8:00p Penitent Soldiers of Mary Adoration Liturgy (see pg 9)

9:00p Men's Basketball

#### Friday, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

4:00p Girl Scouts

7:00p Stations of the Cross — in Church

#### Saturday, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

9:30a SPRED Session B

12p SPRED Session C

1:00p REP Jesus Day

4:00p Confession

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#### Sunday, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

8:55a REP Sessions

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

9:00a OCIA Rite of Sending

1:00p Group Baptism Service

2:30p OCIA Rite of Election—Holy Name Cathedral

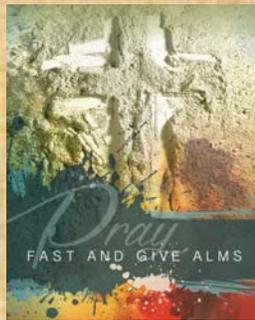
6:00p Confirmation Session

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Dear St. Gilbert Family,

We are about to enter into the holy season of Lent, a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, a time of conversion of heart.



On **Ash Wednesday**, we will hear the



well-known words: *Repent and believe in the Gospel*. This liturgical exhortation invites us to let God's grace change our troubled hearts and minds as we move through the season of spiritual renewal.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, reminds us of the importance of following the commandments to enter into the kingdom of heaven. The upcoming holy season of Lent can strengthen our faith and resolve our will to embrace the Gospel with a renewed dedication, making our faith more intentional and fruitful.

During the Lenten season we are invited to practice the Christian ancient tradition of abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays, including Good Friday.



There will be an opportunity for special Lenten devotions such as the **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays at 7pm in the church.

There will be an additional **Confession** time on Wednesdays, during Lent, 6-8pm in the chapel. You are also invited to spend some time in the presence of Jesus during the **Eucharistic adoration** on Wednesdays 9am-9pm in the chapel.

Our parish **Lenten Mission** will take place on the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 21-24. Fr. Paul Komperda, an Associate Pastor of the Incarnation Parish in Crestwood, IL will lead the Mission.

Finally, let us not forget to make good Lenten resolutions!

May the upcoming holy season of Lent 2026 be truly for all of us a time for a spiritual renewal!

In Christ,

Fr. Mario

## Mark the dates for these Lenten opportunities at Saint Gilbert:



### • FEBRUARY 18TH — ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES\* WITH ASH DISTRIBUTION:

6:30 AM Mass (Chapel)

\*\*8 AM Mass

\*\*12 Noon Prayer Service

4 PM Prayer Service

7 PM Mass

\*All Liturgies in Church except where noted.

\*\*No access to church thru SG School doors; park in East lot and use Route 120 entrance only.

### • FRYDAY NIGHT FISH FRYS:



February 27th & March 13th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Saint Gilbert Parish Center Gym. Dine-in only. Tickets available for purchase after masses or online through

[https://www.givecentral.org/location/378-St\\_Gilbert\\_Church](https://www.givecentral.org/location/378-St_Gilbert_Church) (search 'FRYDAY'). Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

### • STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays of Lent, 7:00 PM in the Church.



### • LENTEN CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays during Eucharistic Adoration

Feb 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; 6:00 PM-8:00 PM in Chapel. Saturdays, 4 PM –4:45 PM in Church. (No confessions on Saturday, April 4th)

### • TAIZE PRAYER: Wednesday, March 18th, 6:30 PM in the Church.

### • PARISH LENTEN MISSION: March 21st thru March 24th led by Fr. Paul Komperda

## Religious Education News. . .



**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS OPEN 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY — 847-223-3071.**

Registration forms for 2025-2026 are available through the office, entrances to the Church and on the website at <https://www.stgilbert.org/religious-education-program>.



### GRADES 7-9...

The syllabus was emailed to registered students. Call the office for info. Some students will participate in a Retreat on Sunday, February 15th beginning at 1:00 pm entitled 'Meeting Jesus in a Real Way.'



**SACRAMENT CLASSES...** If you are interested in preparing your son/daughter to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, call the office for information.



**JESUS DAY RETREAT...** Parents and students attending Grade 2 classes have a Retreat as part of their First Communion preparation — February 14th, 9a – 12:00 noon OR February 21st, 1p-4p.

Remember these students and parents in your prayers.

**ASH WEDNESDAY...** The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. [See page 3 for Mass/Prayer Service times]. During this holy season, the Church asks us to Pray, Fast, and Give Alms. The students in the Sunday Religious Education Program and the Family Program are asked to donate to the Sister Water Project (operated by the Franciscan Sisters in Dubuque, Iowa). This project provides clean water for the children and their families in Tanzania and Honduras.

### SPRED – RELIGIOUS Education for Children with Special Needs...

This program serves 27 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. **"I NEED ANOTHER VOLUNTEER FOR A NEW STUDENT!" Is this you?**



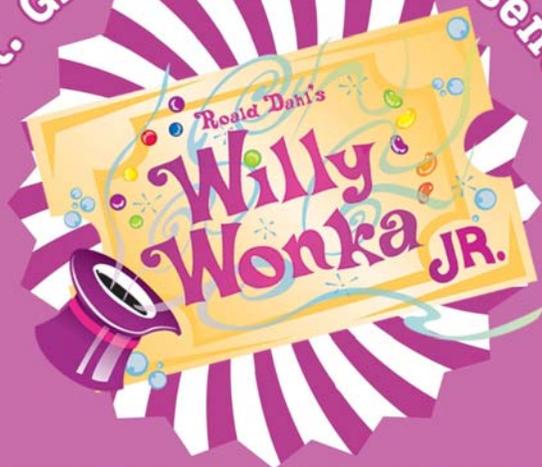
In the Gospel Jesus says: "Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus. God Bless You!

For basic essentials of living assistance inquiries, contact the St. Vincent DePaul Society at 224.360.9161 OR [SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com](mailto:SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com)



St. Gilbert School Presents



Friday & Saturday, February 20th & 21st  
7:00 PM

Carmel Catholic High School Auditorium  
Mundelein, IL

Seating is limited.  
Buy your tickets today!!!  
Adults \$10  
Children (Ages 3-17) \$7



## GOSPEL

Your mother looks at your messy room. She says, "You promised me that you would clean it up."

You make up excuses: "My favorite television show came on." "My friend wanted me to play." "Grandma called on the phone."

Your mother feels hurt when you break a promise. It hurts God, too. Keeping your promise takes courage. Say "No" to things that try to make you break it. God will smile on you.



## PRAYER

Lord, help me keep my promises to do good things.



## FEATURING:

This Ash Wednesday, Sr. Josephine Garrett, CSFN, invites us to see Lent through the lens of love. Instead of focusing solely on what we do during Lent, she encourages us to recognize it as a season for receiving what God desires to do in us. Lent is about embracing God's love, which empowers us to live out true penance. Begin this sacred season with a heart open to God's grace and healing love.

Approach Lent with a spirit of humility and receptivity, trusting that the Lord will lead you every step of the way.



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### Sign up for formed!

- \*Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org)
- \*select "FORMED FOR PARISHES"
- \*then "FIND YOUR PARISH SUBSCRIPTION"
- \*then "CONTINUE TO SIGNUP/LOGIN"
- \*Type in "St. Gilbert"
- \*select "St. Gilbert" from the drop down list
- \*then SUBMIT
- \*Enter your name and email address and select "Sign up" and You are all set!



## Eucharistic Adoration...

Are you looking for a meaningful Lenten Commitment? Adoration is a great way to power your Lenten prayer — in the quiet of His presence, find peace, guidance, and strength for your Lenten renewal. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Whether you commit to a specific hour or simply stop in for a visit, Jesus will be there with you.

Please join us on **most Wednesdays from 9:00am to 9:00pm in the St. Gilbert Chapel.**

**NOTE: We are seeking a regular Adorer for the 12:00 pm hour!**

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Schoen 847.651.7902 or Nancy Ogrinc 847.727.0822.



## What is Lent?

Visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website for an answer, along with Lenten Resources and Guidelines for 2026

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent>

Mark the date and join us for  
**OPEN MIC WITH  
DEACON PLAISS**  
Monday, March 9th,  
7pm-8pm in Church!



DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

## Share Your Voice — Support Our Parish!

Saint Gilbert Parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Saint Gilbert. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- > Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- > Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- > Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link beginning **Wednesday, February 18th thru Sunday, March 29th** and available through our parish website at [www.stgilbert.org/home](http://www.stgilbert.org/home).

Reflecting on your own spiritual growth, the survey enables you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you at the launch of the survey this week. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

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*Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.*

DISCIPLE MAKER  
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SHARE YOUR VOICE

**READING 1 SIRACH 15:15-20**

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;  
if you trust in God, you too shall live;  
he has set before you fire and water  
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.  
Before man are life and death, good and evil,  
whichever he chooses shall be given him.  
Immense is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is mighty in power, and all-seeing.  
The eyes of God are on those who fear him;  
he understands man's every deed.  
No one does he command to act unjustly,  
to none does he give license to sin.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Blessed are they who follow the law  
of the Lord!*

**READING 2 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10**

Brothers and sisters:  
We speak a wisdom to those who are mature,  
not a wisdom of this age,  
nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away.  
Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,  
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory,  
and which none of the rulers of this age knew;  
for, if they had known it,  
they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.  
But as it is written:  
What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
and what has not entered the human heart,  
what God has prepared for those who love him,  
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

**GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:17-37**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.  
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.  
Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away,  
not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter  
will pass from the law,  
until all things have taken place.  
Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these  
commandments  
and teaches others to do so  
will be called least in the kingdom of heaven.  
But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments  
will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.  
I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses  
that of the scribes and Pharisees,  
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors,  
You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.

But I say to you,  
whoever is angry with his brother  
will be liable to judgment;  
and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,'  
will be answerable to the Sanhedrin;  
and whoever says, 'You fool,'  
will be liable to fiery Gehenna.  
Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar,  
and there recall that your brother  
has anything against you,  
leave your gift there at the altar,  
go first and be reconciled with your brother,  
and then come and offer your gift.  
Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court.



Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge,  
and the judge will hand you over to the guard,  
and you will be thrown into prison.

Amen, I say to you,  
you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said,  
You shall not commit adultery.  
But I say to you,  
everyone who looks at a woman with lust  
has already committed adultery with her in his heart.  
If your right eye causes you to sin,  
tear it out and throw it away.

It is better for you to lose one of your members  
than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna.  
And if your right hand causes you to sin,  
cut it off and throw it away.

It is better for you to lose one of your members  
than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said,  
Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.  
But I say to you,  
whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful -  
causes her to commit adultery,  
and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,  
Do not take a false oath,  
but make good to the Lord all that you vow.  
But I say to you, do not swear at all;  
not by heaven, for it is God's throne;  
nor by the earth, for it is his footstool;  
nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.  
Do not swear by your head,  
for you cannot make a single hair white or black.  
Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'  
Anything more is from the evil one."

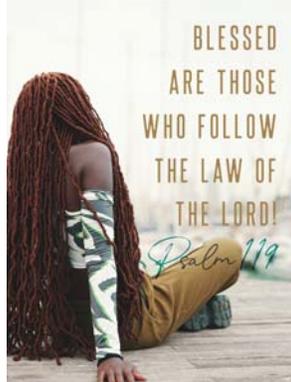
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## 1st Reading

Sirach speaks of the human freedom to choose between good and evil and of God's desire for us to act justly. *What good could you do this week for a friend or family member?*

## 2nd Reading

Paul teaches that God reveals His wisdom to us through the Holy Spirit. *How might you be more open to listening to the Holy Spirit in your daily life?*



## Gospel:

Jesus offers stern warnings against breaking the commandments, holding grudges, committing adultery, divorcing your spouse, and falsifying oaths. *Why do you think Jesus holds us to such high moral expectations?*

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## Please keep in your prayers...

The healing and restoration of the sick of our parish and the needs & intentions inscribed in our Parish Book of Prayer & Intentions

*There is a Parish Book of Prayer & Intentions available in both the Church and Chapel to which you may add specific prayer requests. Please notify the rectory to add a name to the prayer list if you are unable to do so directly. Please know these intentions are prayed for daily.*



**ETERNAL REST**  
*Grant To:*

— Mary M. Stang  
— Victims of Ukraine Conflict & War in Israel/Gaza

The **Tabernacle Red Light**, lit perpetually, reminds us of Christ's real presence in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

This week, the Tabernacle Light is sponsored IN MEMORY OF:

**† Rachael Genelin**

*May perpetual light shine upon her.*

Contact the parish office, Tue thru Fri, to sponsor a weekly candle in memory/honor of a loved one.



## 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.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/ 1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/ Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, ‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”

— Mt 5:33-34a, 37

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## The Appeals of Our Lady—What You Will See

There is so much to see at the Exhibition: **The Appeals of Our Lady – Apparitions and Marian Shrines of the World.** Members of the Knights of Columbus decided we should show the Exhibition in a creative way instead of in straight lines of artistic displays.

It was decided to show the Exhibition when possible, using three of our Catholic Images. The Cross of Jesus Christ, The Barque of St. Peter, and The Rosary Bead.

Here at St. Gilbert’s we had to make an adjustment due to the size of the cross. We show all 142 apparition panels, but not in the shape of an open cross (*see photo of the open cross previously used.*) Keeping that image in mind you will imagine how powerful an image of the cross really is.

Things you should try to imagine:

**Inside the Cross of Jesus Christ**, a 70+ ft. long and 38 ft. wide cross; if you were slowly turning around, you’d think you’re in the Vatican just by seeing the beautiful art.

Visit the **Altar of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States of America.** Here at the foot of the cross, She watched Her Son die for Us. Don’t forget the **St. Carlo Acutis Altar**, the Saint that designed this Exhibition, who died at age fifteen.

Visit our display of the **Barque of St. Peter, our First Pope.** His fishing boat was a barque, which symbolizes the whole Roman Catholic Church.

**Remember Christ said, “I will make you fishers of Men.”** On the outside of the Barque you’ll also see the two Apparitions of Our Lady that have happened here in the United States. One is in Champion, Wisconsin, about four hours away. A family weekend trip or a parish day pilgrimage?

Next to the Barque you will see the **Holy Fathers’ Altar** that shows images of every one of the Popes, all 267 of them, from St. Peter to Pope Leo XIV. Each one of them steered the Barque of St. Peter.

See **The Rosary Bead** and look at the six panels, held up by six angels. Every decade of each mystery is illustrated. On display are the **Relics of the Holy Family and other Saints.** Feel free to touch the glass as you offer your prayer up to them through their intercession to God. Or, touch your rosary to the relic of the Blessed Mother. All mothers will want to touch Her relic, especially new mothers after they read about the Milk

Grotto. You will always treasure this rosary.

We invite you to fill out a slip with your **Prayer Intentions and drop them into the container.** The Mater Christi Rosary Guild will remember them in our monthly Rosary for three months. Remember it is the will of God who grants favors.

So, now you have two written invitations, and next week you’ll read a third extending an invitation to you to bring your elderly family members (there is an elevator in the chapel, so it’s handicap accessible.) Please come. Bring your children, your parents, and your extended family. Don’t forget to bring your glasses and if you normally use a walker make sure to bring that with you.

**You will want to see what is coming to St. Gilbert Parish Chapel on February 28th & March 1st and be here to see it.** This Exhibition fills both the upper level, (Chapel) and the lower level, of the Chapel building.

We look forward to seeing you and your family.

**The Exhibition will be shown in the St. Gilbert Chapel, on both levels at 301 E. Belvidere Rd, Grayslake. One hour before and one hour after all the weekend Masses.**



The Golden Rose Award is an award from the Vicariate One Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women (ACCW). It is awarded to high school girls who, through their involvement in their parish, show that their Catholic faith is important to them as they serve not only in their parish but also their communities.  
St. Gilbert is proud to have nominated Laura Hoffman for this year’s award for her service, spirituality and leadership.



Here at St. Gilbert Parish, Laura is a dedicated teen singer in the contemporary choir and has also volunteered her time with the Confirmation retreat. In the wider community, she has served at Feed My Starving Children, Prairie Liberty Farm, several marathons, and Tubachristmas, and has brought joy to residents by caroling at local nursing homes.

Laura is also deeply involved in music at Grayslake Central High School. She serves as president of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, a service-based organization that donates all of its proceeds to charity. She also participates in the school’s Valogram tradition, singing throughout the building during Valentine’s week.

Congratulations on this well-deserved award. We are so proud of Laura and grateful for all she has contributed to St. Gilbert and to our community.



## St. Gilbert Youth Ministry



**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

**6:00-8:00pm** † \*In the teen center

All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us at the next Teen Ministry Night for snacks, games & faith discussion with other teens! Bring a friend or 2!

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



**NEXT DATE:**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

\*6:30-8:00pm ~ meet in the teen center\*

Please let us know if you are coming by emailing Kathleen at [youthmin@stgilbertschool.org](mailto:youthmin@stgilbertschool.org) or calling 847.223.5875

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

Let's Pray

**PENITENT SOLDIERS OF MARY... Thursday Night Adoration Liturgy, 8p-9p, Saint Gilbert Chapel.** A lay apostolate fighting for the healing and liberation of souls. For info visit: [penitentsoldiersofmary.org](http://penitentsoldiersofmary.org).

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD...** This group meets on a Thursday after the 8am Mass in Chapel Hall. Our time together is spent in reflecting on the Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, and prayer. *Next Sessions are February 19th & 26th.*

**DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE... Tuesday, January 13th at 7pm.** Holy Hour of Prayer in Saint Gilbert Chapel.



Saint Gilbert Main Church

## EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE

6:30 pm - Holy Rosary

7:00 pm - Adoration & Praise Music  
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A Lenten Mission with Fr. J. Michael Sparough, SJ, "Healing for Your Wounded Heart: Fanning the Flame of Love" at Transfiguration Catholic Community, 316 W Mill St, Wauconda, IL 60084, February 15th, 16th, 17th—7p to 8:30p. Draw closer to Jesus and help re-ignite the flame of God's love in our hearts.  
<https://www.transfigurationwauconda.com/>

Men's Morning at Marytown: "Lent 2026: A fresh look at the 3 traditional practices" sponsored by Church of St. Mary's Faith and Fellowship Men's Ministry at Marytown Chapel, 1600 W Park Ave, Libertyville, February 21st—8a-11a. Presented by Fr. James Kubicki,

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Lenten Mission at St. Norbert & Our Lady of the Brook: On A Journey Together at St. Norbert Church, 1809 Walters Avenue, Northbrook, IL 60062, February 23rd & 24th—7p. Musician/composer John Angotti is the presenter. Featuring two inspiring nights of prayer, reflection, and music to help deepen one's Lenten journey.  
[www.northbrookcatholic.church](http://www.northbrookcatholic.church)

Parish Lenten Mission, "Jesus, Make Me Fully Alive—Awaken My Soul" at St. Athanasius Church, 1615 Lincoln St, Evanston, IL 60201, March 3rd & 4th—6:30p-8p. Fr. Tim Anastos is leading the 2-night mission. This Lent, don't just go through the motions—let Christ awaken your soul.  
<https://www.newmanparish.com/>

Retreat "Contemplating the Mystery of the Eucharist" at Marytown, 1600 W Park Ave, Libertyville, March 10th-12th—starts 4p. Overnight and commuter rates. Registration Required. Led by Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv. An examination of the Marytown Eucharistic Themes Stained Glass Windows!  
<https://kolbeshrine.org/mystery-of-the-eucharist-retreat>

Lenten Day of Recollection: "The Last Days of Jesus" at Marytown, 1600 W Park Ave, Libertyville, March 23rd—8:30a through the afternoon. Includes talks & lunch. \$50. Registration Required. Presented by Fr. Patrick Greenough, OFM Conv.  
<https://kolbeshrine.org/the-last-days-of-jesus-day-of-recollection>

Lenten Day of Prayer: "Paying Attention" at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington, IL, March 30th—9a-3p. Retreat Leader Cameron Bellm. \$80. Registration required.  
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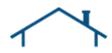
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