



**St. Gilbert Religious Education Program
Parent Letter #5
November 17, 2024**

Dear Parents,

This is an exciting time of the year. I hope and pray that you take time with the children to talk about Thanksgiving and all the blessings that we have. It is a significant day to say a prayer of thanks.

The Religious Education Program sponsored the Fannie May Candy fundraiser and raised over \$1,500.00 for our use. Thank you for your support!

The first grade students have open house for the parents at 9:30 am on Sunday. They will say their prayer, sing songs, and report on one of the lessons in the book. Parents wait for me outside the Multi-Purpose Room and we will go over together.

Preschool and Kindergarten students will gather next Sunday, Nov. 24, for a Thanksgiving Feast. The students will sing songs, learn about the Pilgrims and Indians and the first Thanksgiving, and tell what they are thankful for. They will also have a snack together.

Just a reminder that you can make tuition payments through the website GiveCentral. (There is a link on the Religious Education Website.) If you are having a hard time making the payments talk to Lisa and we will try to help. If you would like to assist someone who can't make their payment, put the money in an envelope and label it St. Gilbert REP Tuition Assistance.

On Sunday, December 15 at 9:30 am, Preschool through Grade 6 will gather in the Multi-Purpose Room for Christmas Caroling and the dramatization of the Nativity by Grade 3. Parents and grandparents are invited to join us.



The 4th grade students and parents are invited to attend a retreat on Saturday, March 1, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Invitations will go out after the New Year. This is an important activity and I hope to see all 4th graders participate.

Grade 2 students are invited to participate in a play at the beginning of the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Forms will be sent home with the students at the beginning of December. There will be a practice that I will tell you at a later time. If you would like to have your son/daughter participate, come to the practice.

If students (fourth grade and up) want to be a part of the choir for the Christmas Eve, 3 pm Mass, simply practice the songs (Christmas Carols) at home and then be here by 2:15 pm on Christmas Eve to practice before Mass. It would help if you call my office and leave the name of the student and grade level so we can prepare the materials ahead of time - 847-223-3071.

Grade 2 students and parents will have a walk-through Mass on January 26 at 2:00 pm. This is the beginning of the preparation for First Communion. You will receive an invitation in early January.

All parishioners are invited to take a tag from the tables or Christmas trees in the Church lobby and fill the request for gifts this Christmas to the less fortunate. It is part of the Giving Tree Ministry.

May you and your family have a Blessed Thanksgiving. God bless!
Sr. Donna