



**St. Gilbert Religious Education  
Parent Letter #9  
February 1, 2026**

Dear Parents,

What an interesting winter! First, it is freezing cold and then it is 50 degrees. What comes next?



**Grade 6 students and parents** will have an opportunity to experience a Seder, the Jewish Passover meal, on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 9:00 am. Sunday students, those in the Family Program, and parents are invited to participate. The Seder is studied as part of the course material for the sixth graders. Mark your calendar now!

**GRADE 2**

Jesus Day Retreat is scheduled for these times...

February 14, 9:00 am – noon

February 21, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Parents and students attend one of the sessions listed above.



**PARISH MASS**

Students in Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 will attend the 9:00 am Mass on February 8. Parents, please have your student here by 8:45 am in order that they can proceed to Church in time for Mass. Dismissal will be at the regular time.



**GRADE 4 RETREAT**

Grade 4 Student and Parent retreat is scheduled for March 7 beginning at 9:00 am. The students study the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their course material.

As we enter into the beginning of February, I need to ask those of you who have not paid any part of this year's tuition to make an effort to make a payment. The \$40 Book Fee is for textbooks and supplies which have already been spent. Tuition envelopes are sent home with those families who pay their tuition over five months. Thank you to all those families who have used the payment program faithfully. Email or write a note if you have any questions or concerns.



Thank you to those who have sent in money for the Tuition Assistance Program. It is a wonderful way to assist families who cannot pay all the tuition.



**SEASON OF LENT**

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 18. Masses are at noon, 4:00 pm, and 7:00 pm on

that day. At the Masses everyone is marked with Ashes in the form of a cross on the forehead with the words: REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL. The Catechists have taught the students about the season and it would be wonderful if, as a family, you could participate in the Mass on that day.

#### WATER PROJECT

It is a Lenten Practice to sacrifice and give money to those in need. For the past number of years, we have been collecting for the Sister Water Project. There are children in the world who do not have access to clean water to drink, bathe, or cook. The Sisters of St. Francis (my community) sponsors the Sister Water Project. It is an organization that collects donations in order to build wells and lay pipeline in Honduras and Tanzania to enable children to access clean water. From the last donation sent in a year ago, I received this Thank You note...



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Dear St. Gilbert Religious Education Students and Staff,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we acknowledge your generous gift to our Sister Water Project. Your support of this important ministry makes it possible for many people to receive fresh, clean water daily and will touch and enhance a countless number of lives for many years.

We promise to remember you and your intentions in our daily community prayers. May God bless you with an abundance of faith, hope, and love as we all aim to live in a more peaceful and just world.

Gratefully,  
Sr. Kathy Knipper, OSF  
President



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There is a lot going on at this time of the year. Hopefully you have time to show your appreciation to one another as we come to celebrate Valentine's Day.

In Christ,  
Sister Donna

