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TWENTY-SIXTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME

SEPTEMBER 27TH,

2026

Today's readings:

Ezekiel 18:25-28

*Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7,
8-9*

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

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for the Sunday
Readings text.



26th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went." Matthew 21:28-29

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

Mass Intentions & Observances:

Monday, September 28, 2026, Weekday;
St Wenceslaus, Martyr; St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

8:00a* (Chapel) Mass — Intention:
 † John Niels; † Alice Ferris;
 † Rudolph T. & † Mary Jayne Pikula

Tuesday, September 29, 2026, Sts Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

8:00a* (Chapel) Mass — Intention:
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Wednesday, September 30, 2026,
St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00a* (Church) Mass — Intention:
 † Gordon Sims; † Katie Nelson-Morton;
 † Tom Cox; † Linda Brown

Thursday, October 1, 2026, St Terese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00a* (Chapel) Mass — Intention:
 † Paul Steffan; † Rudolph T. Pikula;
 † Patrick Leffler

First Friday, October 2, 2026, Holy Guardian Angels

8:00a* (Chapel) Mass — Intention:
 † Beemsterboer Family

First Saturday, October 3, 2026, Weekday;
BVM

8:00a* (Chapel) Mass — Intention:
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5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:
 † Martin McGreal; † Paul Steffan

=== Virtual Second Collection —
 Saint Gilbert School & Educational Ministries Offering ===

Sunday, October 4, 2026, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
(World Communication Sunday; Respect Life Sunday)

7:30a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:
 † Dan & † Frank Ptasienski

9:00a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:
 Living & † Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish

11:00a* Mass (Children's Choir/Family Mass)
 — Intention:

For Gloria Inez on her 3rd Birthday;
 † Fr Gus Belaskas; † Gustavo & † Luz Currea

5:00p Mass (Contemporary) — Intention:
 Living & † Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish
 *simultaneous livestream

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Facility Calendar:



KofC Blood Drive —
 THIS Sunday, September 27
 2:00pm—5:00pm — Multi-Purpose Room

Monday, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

7:00p Bible Study
 7:00p SA Troops 96 & 1996

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

No parish ministry activities scheduled.

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

9:00a-9:00p (chapel) Adoration of Jesus
 in the Blessed Sacrament (see pg 4)
 10:00a SPRED Adult Session B & C
 2:00p Children's Choir Practice
 6:00p Music Rehearsals
 6:00p SPRED Adult Session B & C

Thursday, OCTOBER 1, 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, OCTOBER 2, 2026

No parish ministry activities scheduled.

Saturday, OCTOBER 3, 2026

9:30a SPRED Session Group B
 12:00p SPRED Session Group C

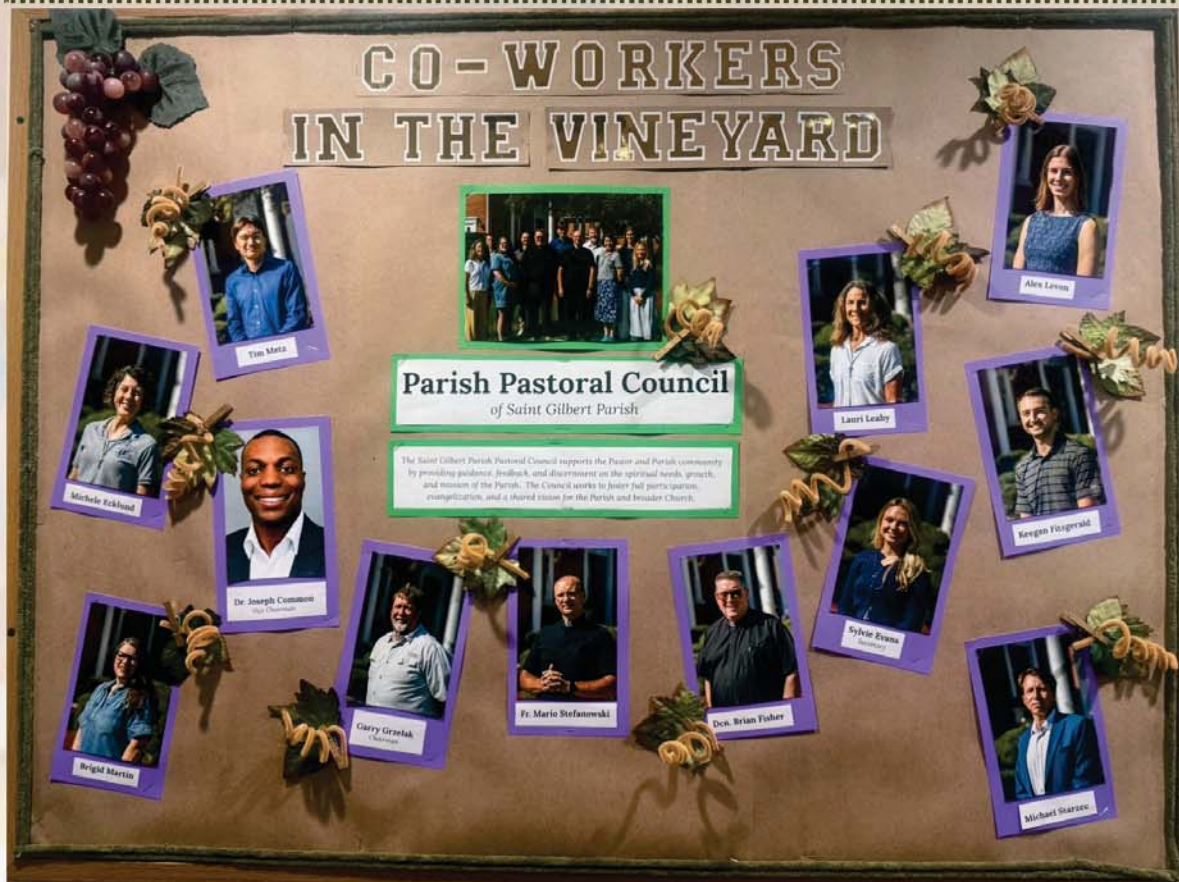
=== Ministry Speaker: Respect Life —
 Baby Bottle Distribution in Narthex ===

Sunday, OCTOBER 4, 2026

8:55a REP & Rejoice in God Sessions
 9:00a OCIA Session
 1:00p Pet Blessing (see pg 9)
 2:00p Life Chain & Divine Mercy Chaplet on
 Respect Life Sunday (see pg 5)
 6:00p Confirmation Session

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Parish Pastoral Council at Saint Gilbert



On Sunday, September 20th at the 9:00 AM Mass, we celebrated the installation and blessing of St. Gilbert's new Parish Pastoral Council.

Over the past year, Father Mario and parish leadership have worked to reestablish the Pastoral Council at St. Gilbert, developing its structure and bylaws and bringing together a diverse cross-section of

parishioners to serve our parish community.

The Parish Pastoral Council serves as a consultative body to our pastor, prayerfully listening to the needs, hopes, and concerns of our parish community and sharing its



insight with Father Mario, our clergy, and parish leadership. Its work will touch the many dimensions of parish life, always with the goal of helping St. Gilbert grow in its mission of bringing

people to an encounter with Jesus Christ, deepening our life of faith, and serving His people.

We are grateful to our new council members for answering the call to serve and ask the entire St. Gilbert community to keep them, Father Mario, our clergy, and our parish in prayer as this important work begins.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...



THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE — 847-223-3071
<https://www.stgilbert.org/religious-education-program>



GRADES 7-9... The Fall Syllabus was emailed to those who are registered. Several classes are in session.



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.



Pictures are from the Prayer at the first class of the Sunday Religious Education Program.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2026-2027... are available through the Parish website (see above) at the entrances to the Church and from the RE office. Questions? Call the RE Office. **It is not too late to register for this year - 2026-2027. Call the office!**

CATECHIST VOLUNTEERS...



The **SPRED Program** is in need of volunteers. It is necessary to begin a fourth group this year and some of the new students need an adult helper. *Please let Sr. Donna know or call the Religious Education Office if you would like to volunteer.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend time with Our Lord, who conquered death and brings new life! Whether you stay for a few minutes or a full Holy Hour, Jesus is present and He is waiting for you!



Join us on (most) Wednesdays from 9:00am-9:00pm in the Saint Gilbert Chapel.

We are seeking a permanent adorer for the 1pm hour. Is this YOU?

Please contact Sue Schoen 847.651.7902 or Nancy Ogrinc 847.727.0822 for more information!



GOSPEL

God wants you to change your way of behaving after you hear his words. He wants you to say you are sorry and believe in him. He wants you to be a better person. He wants you to choose good over evil. Write your favorite Bible verse. Stick it on your mirror or your lunch box. When you know it by heart and do what it says, then get a new verse. That will make God smile.



PRAYER

God, I want to listen to your words.



SPRED – Religious Education for Children with Special Needs...



This program serves 28 students, ranging in age from 6 to 16, from St. Gilbert and neighboring parishes.

TWO VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR TWO NEW FRIENDS.

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



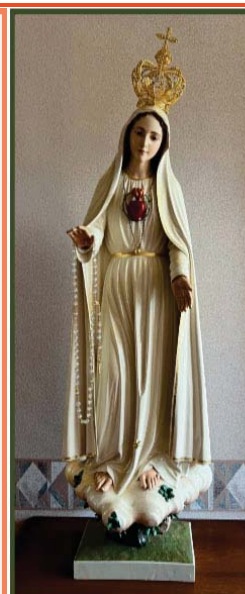
RESPECT LIFE NEWS:

40 DAYS FOR LIFE--

September 23rd through November 1st, you are invited to sign up to pray at the Waukegan Planned Parenthood in coordination with 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Info & signup at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/Waukegan>

LIFE CHAIN ON RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY --

October 4th, on the sidewalk in front of the Parish, from 2-3 pm. Please join us in an hour of silent prayer for the protection of the unborn and to promote the Culture of Life. We will conclude at 3PM with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the Saint Gilbert Chapel. Please come and join us!



Join us in Church on Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00pm as we celebrate a special evening liturgy in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. An outdoor candlelight procession will follow the Mass. We hope to see you there!

Aid for Women

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

BEGINS OCTOBER 4TH/5TH

Your donation will make a difference in the lives of a mother and her baby. Aid for Women provides the emotional, practical, and spiritual support that a woman needs to choose life for her unborn baby and to create a brighter future for herself and her child.

Learn more, and donate online here:

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER --

Begins NEXT weekend, October 3rd/4th. Pick up a baby bottle from the display in the narthex. Bottles with your donation may be returned to the specially made collection bin in the narthex by **Sunday, October 25th.** Donations can also be made at helpaidforwomen.org/babybottle

On **September 27**, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.



This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “bring good news to the poor,” by assisting families with food, utility & rent bills, etc. Thank You! God Bless You!

For basic essentials of living assistance inquiries, contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society at **224.360.9161** OR SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com

JOURNEYS OF FAITH



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (formerly RCIA):



- has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- was baptized in a Christian faith and has questions about the Catholic faith?
- is looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus but does not know how to start?

For information, please contact the Parish Office at 847-223-4731.

PRAY FOR PEACE:



Let us pray for our communities, our cities and the world, especially Eastern Europe & the Middle East;

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.

READING 1 EZEKIEL 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD:
You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"
Hear now, house of Israel:
Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your
ways unfair?
When someone virtuous turns away from virtue
to commit iniquity, and dies,
it is because of the iniquity he committed that he
must die.
But if he turns from the wickedness he has
committed,
and does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life;
since he has turned away from all the sins that he
has committed,
he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Responsorial Psalm:

REMEMBER YOUR MERCIES, O LORD.

READING 2 PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

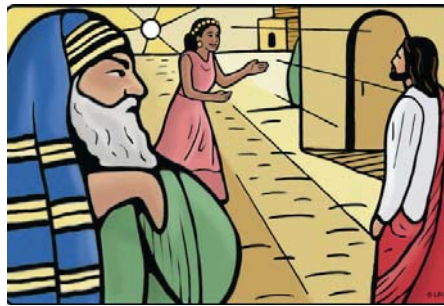
Brothers and sisters:
If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any solace in love,
any participation in the Spirit,
any compassion and mercy,
complete my joy by being of the same mind, with
the same love,
united in heart, thinking one thing.
Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
rather, humbly regard others as more important
than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests,
but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the
people:
"What is your opinion?
A man had two sons.
He came to the first and said,
'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'
He said in reply, 'I will not,'
but afterwards changed his mind and went.
The man came to the other son and gave the same
order.
He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.
Which of the two did his father's will?"
They answered, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you.
When John came to you in the way of
righteousness,
you did not believe him;
but tax collectors and prostitutes did.
Yet even when you saw that,
you did not later change your minds and believe
him."



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1st Reading

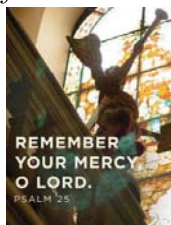
Ezekiel challenges people who complain, "the Lord's way is not fair." *Can you think of a time you felt the need to defend God?*

2nd Reading

Paul urges believers to be humble and look out for one another's needs. *How might you help build up a friend or co-worker this week?*

Gospel:

In the parable of the two sons, Jesus warns the chief priests and elders to be open-minded and willing to change. *What are you hoping will change in your life?*



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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:

† **TOM VAID**

MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM.

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



The owner of the vineyard gave both his sons the same opportunity. Only one took it, even though he had rejected it at first. Always remember: it is never too late to do the will of God. He waits for you.

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October is the Month of the Rosary



At all weekend Masses during October, in honor of Our Lady, we will pray a decade of the Rosary (10 Hail Mary's) ten minutes before Mass begins. All ages are invited and welcome and in a special way we invite all children to participate! At our weekday morning 8am Masses, we will pray a decade of the Rosary immediately following Mass.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

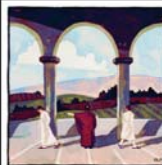
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." — Mt 21:31

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ETERNAL REST

Grant To:

— Brian Philipp

— Victims of the Ukraine Conflict & Wars/Conflicts in the Middle East

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of the Archbishop
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Dear Parishioners and Catholic School Families,

As our children head back to the classrooms, I am writing to you about a significant opportunity to find additional funds to both public and nonpublic schools in our state. Congress passed a new federal tax credit program for 2027 that could generate hundreds of millions of additional dollars for both public and nonpublic school students in Illinois. For Illinois to participate in the program, Governor Pritzker must opt in.

As an advocate not only for Catholic education, but also for the education of all Illinois children, I ask that you contact the Governor to ask him say "yes" to this program. It will give Illinois taxpayers the choice to contribute to programs that will help all children in our state and receive a federal tax credit for their donation. These funds are truly needed. They could help Catholic school families cover tuition, after-school programming, supplies, technology or other much needed items. Donations could also be directed to support programming and other needs for public school students and their families. It could benefit just about every child and every school in our state.

If Governor Pritzker does not opt in, you can still donate to programs such as this, but to receive the tax credit, you will need to donate to a school program in another state. Recent polling suggests that in one year, as much as \$2 billion could be generated to boost education programming in our state. According to that same poll, if Illinois does not opt in, Illinois taxpayers may send as much as \$1 billion for educational services in other states.

The program allows taxpayers a 100% federal tax credit for contributions up to \$1,700. Any family earning up to 300% of the regional median income may qualify for scholarship assistance. This means more than 90% of all K-12 students would be eligible for support in Illinois.

According to our polling data, Illinois taxpayers will contribute to the program regardless of whether Illinois opts in or not. Shouldn't Illinois dollars benefit Illinois school children?

Please visit <https://www.ilcatholic.org/federal-scholarship-tax-credit-program/> for more information and to learn how to send a message to the Governor and ask him to opt-in to the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit. You can also call the Governor's office directly at 217.782.6830.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monseigneur Cardinal Cury
Archbishop of Chicago

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*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!



fAMILY

Knights of Columbus Fall Blood Drive...



Today, **SUNDAY, Sept. 27th, 2p to 5p**,
St. Gilbert Parish Center Multi-purpose Room. Please bring a
 "Positive ID" to Blood Drive. Make sure to eat a good meal
 before your donation. To schedule an appointment, call
 Vitalant at 877.258.4825 and use group code: **ORDOGL02 OR**
<https://donors.vitalant.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. **The upcoming sessions are**
Thursdays, October 1 & 15. There is a retreat at Marytown
 on October 15 from 9a-1:30p. Call Sr. Donna for additional information.

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.

Are you Homebound and would like to
receive Jesus?... Please let us know if you or your relatives or
 neighbors are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion on
 a weekly basis. We now have over twenty-five MOCs who will joyfully
 visit your home. Please call the St. Gilbert Rectory Staff at 847.223.4731
 with details and a follow-up call from either Beth Wagner or
 Annette Wynn will be forthcoming. Blessings to all!

Catholic Jeopardy Night!!
 For ages 21 - 39

Social • Appetizers • Prizes! • Fun!

Saturday, October 3rd
 6:00 - 9:00PM

St. Paul the Apostle Church
 6401 Gages Lake Rd, Gurnee, IL 60031

Please RSVP by
 Sunday, September 27th

JEOPARDY!

\$400

\$800

\$1200

\$1600

\$2000



Annual Pet Blessing...

MARK THE DATE! Sunday, October 4th, at 1p in
 front of the Saint Gilbert Chapel.

EOM Ministry Training...

The Vicariate I Ministry Commission is offering training in English for Extraordinary
 Eucharistic Ministers of the Holy Communion for Vicariate I parishes and is currently taking registrations. Sessions will be held on
 Saturday, October 17th at St. Anne Church, 120 Ela Street, Barrington. Check-in at 8:30a / Formation session 9a-12noon. *Existing*
ministers check your email for details! Interested in joining this ministry? Speak to one of our clergy after Mass or contact the
parish office for information.

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SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com

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 Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

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Domestic violence:

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PADS: 847-689-4357
 Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

Pregnancy support:

Aid for Women: 312-621-1100
 Aid for Women Northern Lake Cty:
 847-249-2700

Suicide prevention:

Emergency: 911
 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 988

Local food pantries:

Avon Cares: 847-912-9278
 Catholic Charities: 847-82-4166
 CC Round Lake: 847-546-4339 or
 847-546-4302
 Warren Township: 847-244-1101

Weekly Collections

Thank You!

August 29th, 2026—September 4th, 2026

Electronic: \$ 8,622.74 Weekly Total: \$ 14,469.74
Mail-In: \$ 875.00 Weekly Budg: \$ 17,540.00
Weekend Mass: \$ 4,972.00 **Deficit: -\$ 3,070.26**

Don't have an envelope or wish to try online giving for secondary envelope/collection gifting?

Seminarian Education Offering:

<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/378/event/10311>

Please consider these alternate safe, convenient methods to make a much-needed gift at any time:

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Text2Give—Text **DONATE** to 1-224-219-0357

However you give,

THANK YOU

for your generosity to Saint Gilbert Parish and the Ministries that reach out to the community with servant hearts!

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SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.



A second collection will take place THIS weekend or visit <https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/10311> for an online giving option.

On behalf of all seminarians, thank you for your generosity!

SAINT GILBERT PARISH BULLETIN:

SEND ARTICLES FOR CONSIDERATION IN AN ELECTRONIC FILE TO:

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

FOR OCTOBER 11TH BULLETIN

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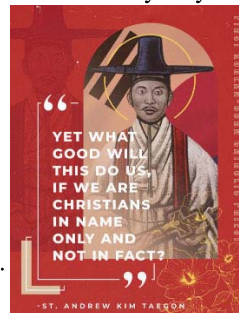
Be Sure to Look the Part

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that “it was the thought that counts.” I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, “it was the thought that really counts.” Really!?! I don’t think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don’t you? Don’t pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Sunday & Holy Days

AUGUST	Actual	Budget
Regular Offering:	\$ 23,373.00	\$ 30,000.00
Electronic:	\$ 43,648.49	\$ 40,160.00
TOTAL:	\$ 67,021.49	\$ 70,160.00
Collection Deficit:	-\$ 3,318.51	

YTD (Aug)	Budget:	\$141,140.00
YTD (Aug)	Actual:	\$129,978.46
Fiscal Year-to-Date Deficit:		-\$ 11,161.54

Thank You for what is possible!

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*The Catholic Family of St. Gilbert
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Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm

Sunday - 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am,
5:00pm

Holy days - 6:30am, 8:00am, 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday - 4:00pm to 4:45pm

BAPTISM: After Masses or on
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