



SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

301 E. Belvidere Road, Grayslake, IL 60030

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FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

DECEMBER 21,
2025

Today's readings:

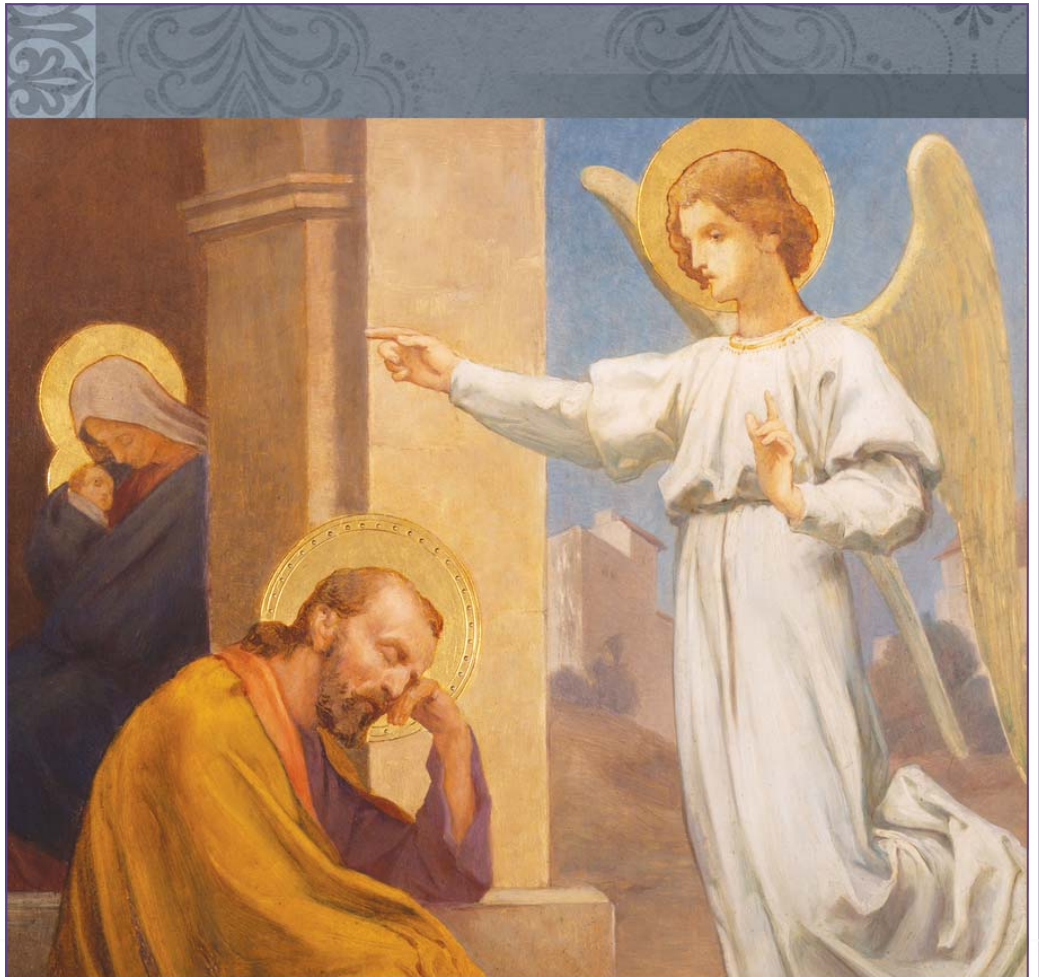
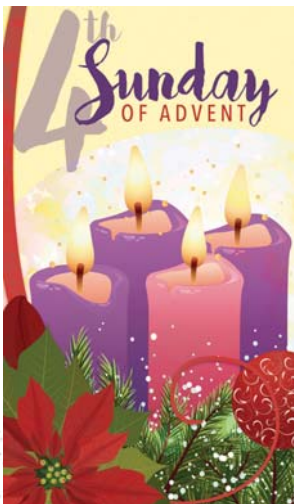
Isaiah 7:10-14

*Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
(7c, 10b)*

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

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for the Sunday
Readings Text.



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary
your wife into your home." - Mt 1:20

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

Mass Intentions & Observances:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Sheila Finley

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY;

ST JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Leona Morris; †Judy Green;

†Glenn & †Marie Bernadette Joyce; †Ted Kowalek

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY;

CHRISTMAS EVE

NO 8am Mass

3:00p (CHURCH) Mass with Children's Choir — Intention:

†Martin McGreal; †Mary Hoselton;

†John Kotarba & †Janet Hannan; †Christopher Sahs;

†Andrea & †Jan Baczek & †Thompson Family

5:00p (CHURCH) Mass with God's Garage Band — Intention:

†Mary & †James Cooney; †James Millar;

†Theresa Tutaj

9:30p Christmas Music in Church

10:00p (Church) Mass with Adult Choir — Intention:

†Joseph Greene; †Frank Dorfler; †LeRoy Kauffmann

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025—NATIVITY OF THE LORD; CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00a (CHURCH) Mass with Cantor — Intention:

†Terry Marusich

11:00a (CHURCH) Mass with Cantor — Intention:

†Jim & †Mary Brodrick; †Paul Steffan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2025, ST STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Martin McGreal; †Meyer Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025, ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Mary Jane Pikula

5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Martin McGreal

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DECEMBER 28, 2025, HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

7:30a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Margrett Witkowski

9:00a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

Living & †Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish

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

†Paul Steffan; †George Webber

5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

Living & †Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish

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SIMBANG GABI 2025 AT SAINT GILBERT (FILIPINO "MASS AT NIGHT")

**Sunday, December 21st
5:00p in the main Church**

Reception to follow Mass in the Parish Center Gym
— hosted by the Bayanihan Ministry.

**Come and join us for the Seventh
Night of the Nine Day Novena!**

To find out more about this spiritual devotion in preparation for Christmas, visit <https://www.stgilbert.org/explore-ministries> and select Bayanihan Ministry. You can access the full schedule of Simbang Gabi in the Archdiocese at <https://aci.archchicago.org/events/simbang-gabi>

Facility Calendar:

Monday, DECEMBER 22, 2025


6:00p Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, DECEMBER 23, 2025

7:00p Men's Bible Group

Wednesday, DECEMBER 24, 2025

Parish Offices Closed

 NO Adoration Today

(returns Wednesday, January 7th)

Thursday, DECEMBER 25, 2025

Parish Offices Closed

NO Penitent Soldiers of Mary Adoration

Liturgy

(returns Thursday, January 8th)

Friday, DECEMBER 26, 2025

Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, DECEMBER 27, 2025

4:00p Confession

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Sunday, DECEMBER 28, 2025

NO REP Sessions

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9a and 11a Masses

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Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses
Wednesday, December 24th:
 *3:00pm, 5:00pm & *10:00pm
 (Carols begin at 9:30pm)

Christmas Day Masses
Thursday, December 25th:
 9:00am & 11:00am

New Year's Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31st — 5:00pm
 Thursday, January 1st — *9:00am & 11:00am

(NOTE: All Mass Times are in the main Church.)

*live stream available



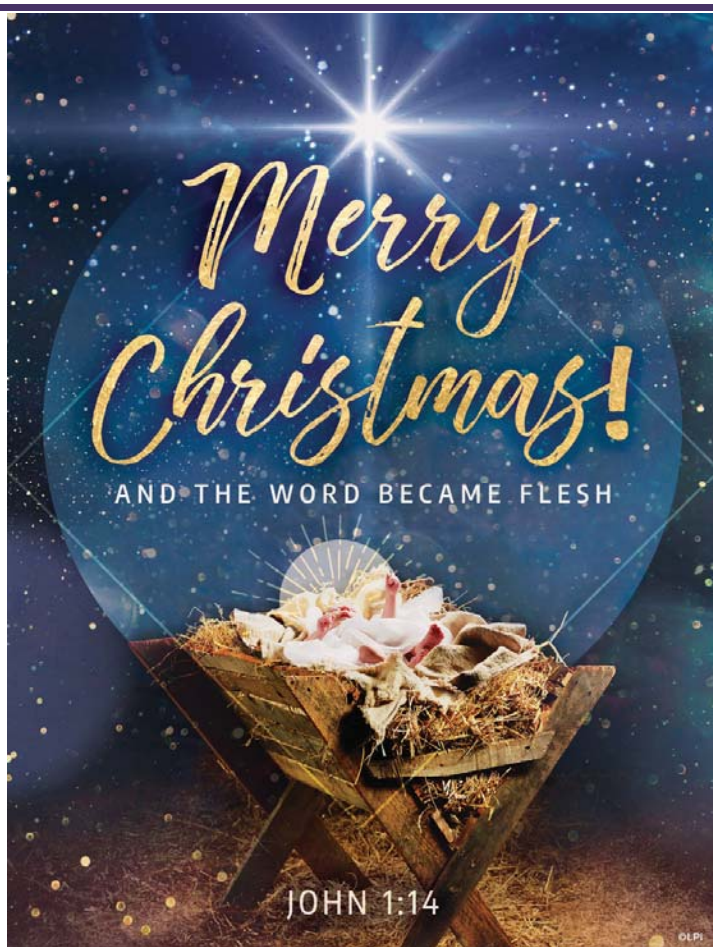
Let us cherish the very Gift of Christmas—Christ the Lord! It is He, Emmanuel, God-with-us, who offers us His peace and hope this coming Christmas season.

I would like to wish you and your loved ones a blessed and a happy Christmas!

Merry Christmas!
Buon Natale!
Maligayang Pasko!
Feliz Navidad!

Blogosławionych Święt Bożego Narodzenia!

— Fr Mario and the Staff of St. Gilbert Parish



ST. GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Music Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

3PM – CHILDREN'S CHOIR
 5PM – GOD'S GARAGE BAND
 10PM – ADULT CHOIR

CHRISTMAS DAY

9AM – DAN REILY – CANTOR
 11AM – CHRIS MATTHEWS – CANTOR



Christmas Flower Memorials

The following parishioners have made a Christmas Flower donation in memory of their family and friends. Please include them in your prayers this season:

M/M Thomas Wonsil... Mrs Darlene Dorfner... Ms Marie Weller... MM Kim Kobernick for Hertel, Kobernick & Luby Families... M/M James Fraher... M/M Robert Milchuck... Mrs. Patt Ryan for Busch Family... Mr Howard Siedlecki... Mrs Judy Marusich... M/M Gavin Roszkowiak... M/M Anthony Cornelio... M/M Frank Wermerskirchen... M/M Brian Murphy... M/M Steven A Thomas... M/M Mark Brinkman... M/M Joseph Babiak... M/M Severino Ceballos... M/M Elieser Salunga... M/M Martin Rohleder... M/M Joseph Common... Ms Dorothy Johnson... M/M David Meyer... M/M Jeffrey Hironimus... M/M James O'Connor... M/M Larry Starzec... Mr Irving Hertel for Lindy, Debbie Hertel... Mrs Judith Ferguson for Tom Ferguson; Herb & Rose Steele... M/M Nick Sacolo... Ms Sandra Axtell... M/M Mike & Roseann Stark... M/M Dennis Jermolowicz... M/M Tony Skillen... M/M John Schuster... M/M Joseph Rzymowski... M/M Joseph Jamora... Dr/Dr Robert Rickert... M/M Kenneth Ryan... M/M Mario Carani... M/M Dennis Owczarski... Mr Norbert Alvarez for All Souls... Mr Donald Hannan for Janet Hannan... Ms. Christine Erickson for Erickson & Arendt Families... M/M Linda & Frederick Treven... MM Gail & Thomas Miller for M/M Robert Miller & M/M Ed Bortolotti... Ms Joanne Manarik for Mike & Betty Mack... M/M Pam & Matt Zuske... M/M Victor Winandy for Winandy Family... Mr Daniel Clancy for Katherine Bystricky & Elizabeth Clancy... M/M Angie & Brian Fisher... Ms Barb Shoemaker for Shoemaker Family... M/M Eugene & Arlene Czarnik for Czarnik, Schmidt & Sajewski Families... Ms. Constance Podgorski for Bob Podgorski...

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>. Registrations are still being accepted!



GRADES 7-9... The next syllabus will come out in early January for students in Grades 7-9 that are registered.



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 at 847.223.3071.



SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES... On Sunday, December 14th, the Grade 3 students dramatize the Christmas Story for the students and parents. We will also sing Christmas Carols and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus! The celebration begins at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us!



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS (3:00 PM)...

Grades 1 & 2 students are invited to participate in a play about Joseph and Mary trying to find a place to stay in Bethlehem. If your son/daughter is interested in participating, call the Religious Education office.



Pictures are from the Family Program recalling people in their lives that have passed away.

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.

May you and your families experience the blessings of Christmas!



LITTLEST ROARING REBELS TERRIFIC TWOS PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM



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PLAYING
DISCOVERING**



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ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS**

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to reserve your
spot today!**



GOSPEL

An angel told Joseph to marry Mary because her baby was through the Holy Spirit of God. They would name the baby Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. God called you by name, too. Before you were born, he could tell you how many hairs would be on your head. He knew how long your feet would be. He knew all the good things you would do for his people.



PRAYER

I am proud that I am your child, Father God.



FEATURING:

'Tis the season to dance, play, and celebrate Advent and Christmas with Marcam! In this spirited and joyful 9-episode Christmas special, little saints will love journeying through each week of Advent, learning about the true meaning of Christmas, sitting by a cozy fire to hear a Christmas story, learning about baking, dancing their hearts out to new moves, and more!



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*Visit 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!



The new **Parish Book of Prayer and Intentions** is available in the narthex of the church. Please, feel free to use it for any intentions you would like our parish community to pray for during the celebration of Mass.



Baptism Preparation at Saint Gilbert

Call the Parish Office to register for a Baptism Preparation Session:
 847-223-4731



ST. GILBERT LITTLE ROARING REBEL PRESCHOOL

Skills-based learning experiences to enhance our youngest learners' social, emotional, academic, and spiritual development.

St. Gilbert Catholic School incorporates Christian values necessary to prepare young minds for lifelong learning. Preschoolers are taught Language Arts, Science, Math, Religion, and Art through learning centers which introduce new concepts and engage their imaginations.



THREE & FOUR YEAR OLD OPTIONS:

HALF DAY:
 2 day, 3 day, and 5 day

FULL DAY:
 2 day, 3 day, and 5 day

AFTER SCHOOL CARE:
 M-TH until 5:30pm
 Fridays until 5pm

**SPOTS FILL UP QUICKLY.
 RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

PROGRAM CHOICES AND REQUIREMENTS:

LITTLEST ROARING REBELS TERRIFIC TWO'S CLASSROOM

- Must be 2 years old before or on September 1st
- 9:00am-11:30am TU, TH
- Students should be working on potty training
- Pull ups are allowed
- Parents will be called to change soiled pull ups

PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM

- 3 & 4 year old classroom
- Full day and half day options
- Must be potty trained
- Must be 3 years old before or on September 1st

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

- Oldest four year olds
- 5 day full program selection
- Readiness screening required
- Must be potty trained

**CALL
 847-223-8600
 TO BOOK A TOUR**



231 East Belvidere Road Grayslake, Illinois 60030
 Email: school.office@stgilbertschool.org

READING 1 ISAIAH 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!
But Ahaz answered,
"I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"
Then Isaiah said:
Listen, O house of David!
Is it not enough for you to weary people,
must you also weary my God?
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

READING 2 ROMANS 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,
called to be an apostle and set apart for the
gospel of God,
which he promised previously through his
prophets in the holy Scriptures,
the gospel about his Son, descended from David
according to the flesh,
but established as Son of God in power
according to the Spirit of holiness
through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Through him we have received the grace of
apostleship,
to bring about the obedience of faith,
for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,
among whom are you also, who are called to
belong to Jesus Christ;
to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be
holy.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
but before they lived together,
she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.
Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,
decided to divorce her quietly.
Such was his intention when, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream
and said,
"Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into
your home.
For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.
She will bear a son and you are to name him
Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins."
All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had
said through the prophet:
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."
When Joseph awoke,
he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded
him
and took his wife into his home.



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1st Reading

Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah prophesies to King Ahaz that a virgin would bear a son and name him, Emmanuel ("God is with us"). *When have you felt close to God this Advent season?*

2nd Reading

Paul instructs the Roman Christians that they are "called to be holy." *What do you see as some of the steps toward growing in holiness?*

Gospel:

We hear how Joseph struggled initially with the news of Mary's pregnancy. *How do you discern making difficult decisions?*

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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:

† Mila Bordadora

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.



Please keep in your prayers...

Kai Bowes; Neil Cloe; Pauline Fearn;
Carter Halloran; Mia Grace Keller;
Jackie McDonal; Erin Moran; Ethan Nguyen;
Andree Porcheron-Hicks; John O'Brien;
Remig Raffanti; Jim Tomas; Dorothy Ward;
people of Ukraine & Israel/Gaza; the needs & intentions inscribed in our parish Books of Intercession

Please notify the rectory to add a name to the prayer list for up to 4 weeks. There is a Book of Intercessory Prayer available in both the Church and Chapel to which you may add specific or longer term prayer requests. Please know these intentions are prayed for daily.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: (morning) 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday Eve: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Thursday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



WEEK 4
Advent ©LPi

ETERNAL REST
Grant To:

— Victims of Ukraine Conflict & War in Israel/Gaza



2026 EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

September 30 –
October 9, 2026



In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the XXVIII International Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, which initiated the building of our Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Marytown.



Led by **Fr. Lawrence Zurek, OFM Conv.**
Rector of Marytown

Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv.
MI National Spiritual Assistant



Eucharistic Adoration...

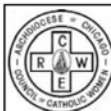
In the midst of a chaotic world, Jesus waits for us in the quiet of the Blessed Sacrament. Come, spend time with the real presence of Our Lord and Savior. Let us lay our prayers before the body of Christ, seeking peace for our world and our hearts.



Please join us in prayer and Adoration on **most Wednesdays from 9:00am-9:00pm in the Saint Gilbert Chapel.** (*Note—There is no Adoration on Wednesdays, December 24th & December 31st.*)

**We are seeking a regular adorer
for the 8:00pm hour!**

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



Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women
Archdiocese of Chicago

GOLDEN ROSE AWARD



An event that honors high school girls who are extraordinary examples of faith in action.

Vicariate I, II, III, IV, and V
Saturday, February 7, 2026, at
Chevy Chase in Wheeling, IL

[For more information call Joan Billingham, ACCW President at (312) 534-8325 or email Evelyn Getty, Vicariate I at evelyngetty@yahoo.com

Help us recognize young women in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

WANT TO GROW IN HOLINESS, BUT TOO BUSY?



Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life, but don't have time? Looking for the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness, but don't know where to begin?

In our hectic day and time, Saint John Paul II and Saint Teresa of Calcutta knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a Saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Join us on January 6th as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. In our **Tuesday evening weekly Zoom meetings**, we'll share our insights within our small groups and then watch a 30-minute video.

Registration is here: <https://tinyurl.com/SGMC2026>

Please note, this program requires study material at a cost of approximately \$20.00.

Details are in the registration form.

Questions?

Please contact Marge: ops.psofmary@gmail.com



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Annual Knights of Columbus
CHRISTMAS TREE LOT
OPERATING HOURS (while supply lasts!)
Mon-Fri 4p-8p—Sat/Sun 9a-8p

Please come out and support your parish with a purchase of a beautiful Christmas tree!



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 January 8th & 22nd.*

PENITENT SOLDIERS OF MARY... Thursday Night Adoration Liturgy, 8p-9p, Saint Gilbert Chapel. *(Note—There will be no Liturgy on Thursday, December 25th nor January 1st).* A lay apostolate fighting for the healing and liberation of souls. For info visit: penitentsoldiersofmary.org.

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Vicariate I | Spring 2026

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Preparation for Confirmation for Vicariate I parishioners will be offered weekly on Mondays beginning Monday, March 16, 2026, 7–9 p.m.



St. Edna Parish, Door #2
 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd.
 Arlington Heights

Confirmation Mass at St. Edna Parish on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7 p.m.

Registration closes on Monday, Feb. 27, 2026.
 Cost: \$70/person.

Contact Lorie Crepeau for information and registration: lcrepeau@stedna.org
847.398.3362, ext. 325.

Sometimes we want God's instructions to be clear and precise — like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us. ©LPi

St. Gilbert Youth Ministry



Sunday, December 21, 2025

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!

Crisis Support Services:

Basic essentials of living inquiries:
 St. Vincent de Paul Society thru Saint Gilbert: 224-360-9161 OR
SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com

Counseling:
 Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

Emotional support after abortion:
 Project Rachel: 800-5WE-CARE

Domestic violence:

A Safe Place hotline: 847-249-4450
 Sexual Abuse: 847-872-7799

Emergency shelter:

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

Pregnancy support:

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: 847-782-4166
 CC Round Lake: 847-546-4339 or
 847-546-4302
 Warren Township: 847-244-1101

CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO THE PARISH

We always give careful attention to those who have a special place in our lives and share with them a worthy gift of our love and appreciation.

Is Saint Gilbert Parish on your Christmas list?

Think of all the ways Saint Gilbert's has touched you and others this past year. How can you show your gratitude and appreciation for the worship, sacraments celebrated, education received, outreach shared with those in need, and necessary building, grounds and maintenance of our gathering spaces?

Your generous financial gift through your Christmas Offering becomes a testimony of how our parish has responded to your needs and journeyed in faith with you.

God has blessed each of us in many ways. In thanksgiving we return our best to God in whatever ways we are able! Thank you for your financial gift this Season! Wishing you a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

WeShare — <https://stgilbert.churchgiving.com>

GiveCentral — <https://www.givecentral.org/location/378>

Text2Give—Text CHRISTMAS to 1-224-219-0357

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I did not end up being the great parent I had hoped I would be. I am not saying I was bad, but I was not the cool dad who did all things right and led my children by the example of my endlessly good actions. I messed up a bunch. Sometimes I was afraid. I was afraid of decisions I had to make and the possible repercussions. At times, I was afraid that I was not strong enough to lead my family. The fear occasionally led me toward inaction or eventual mistakes. The only thing that got me through the tough times and allowed me to see it was okay was Jesus. Without Jesus, I would never have been half of the father and husband I have been through the years.

When we try to tackle life alone, we can find ourselves in a very lonely position. Just like Jesus' parents, we need God to assist us and provide us with the strength for what lies ahead. Joseph needed God to be with him as

he took Mary as his wife and became a father. Every parent needs God to become more than they can be on their own.

How do you treat those who you love? Who is there to help you when a relationship faces an obstacle? We are called to love others as our Father in heaven loves us. That is really an unreachable goal. Yet with God, all things are possible. As this Advent ends, may your Christmas be about more than presents and decorations. May the most profound gifts you give and receive be that of each other, and may your lives be decorated with the fruits of that love.

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— Tracy Earl Welliver



Weekly Collections Thank You!

November 15th, 2025 — November 21st, 2025

Electronic:	\$ 7,591.36	Weekly Total:	\$13,345.36
Mail-In:	\$ 799.00	Weekly Budg:	\$17,000.00
Weekend Mass:	\$ 4,955.00	Deficit:	-\$ 3,654.64

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



WeShare—<https://stgilbert.churchgiving.com>



GiveCentral—

SUNDAY: <https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/378-St-Gilbert-Church>

Text2Give—Text DONATE or CHRISTMAS to 1-224-219-0357

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



Christmas Offering:
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8795>

However you give,
THANK YOU

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



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us." God Bless You!

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

Saint Gilbert Parish Bulletin: Send articles for consideration in an electronic file to: bulletin@stgilbert.org Thank you!
Upcoming EARLY Deadlines:

Thursday, December 29th for January 11th Bulletin

Saint Gilbert Catholic Church

Mission Statement

*The Catholic family of St. Gilbert
Is a faith-filled community
Living out our Baptismal call.
Empowered by the Gospel message,
We celebrate the sacraments,
Share in fellowship,
And reach out to serve all.*

SAINT GILBERT CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday thru Saturday — 8:00am
Saturday Vigil—5:00pm
Sunday—7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am,
5:00pm
Holydays—6:30am, 8:00am, 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday—4:00pm to 4:45pm

BAPTISM: At Masses or Services on
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Arrangements made after one-hour
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Call the Rectory to register.

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