



# SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

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**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT  
—DECEMBER 10, 2023**

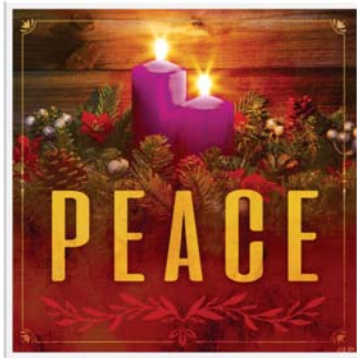
**Gathering: #221  
ON JORDAN'S BANK**

**Responsorial:**  
*Lord, let us see your  
kindness, and grant us  
your salvation.*

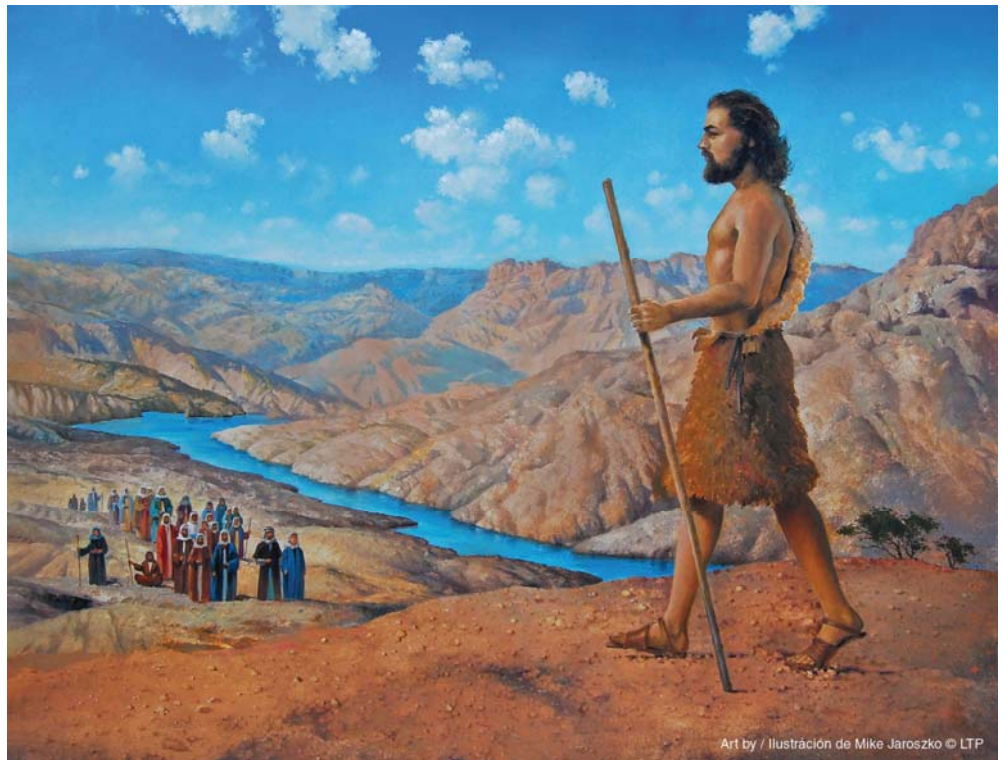
**Presentation: #117  
COMFORT, COMFORT YE  
MY PEOPLE**

**Communion: #276  
WAIT FOR THE LORD**

**Sending Forth: #237  
SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS  
COME**



*Today's readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14;  
Mark 1:1-8*



## Prepare a Home for the Lord

The Lord is always coming toward us, seeking a home in our lives. Advent mindfully prepares our hearts as a permanent dwelling place for the Lord. The letter of St. Peter urges us to *“conduct ourselves with holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the day of God”* (2 Peter 3:11-12). Time is precious during this year's short Advent as it competes with the secular frenzy of the season. Stay attuned to the spirit of Advent as you prepare for the coming of our Lord.

Adorn your surroundings with reminders to keep your focus on spiritual preparation. Religious imagery forms us in powerful ways. The practice of setting up a nativity scene at home begins in Advent and continues through the celebration of the Epiphany. St. Francis of Assisi began this custom in 1223 when he celebrated Christmas with his brothers at Greccio with a staging of the stable in Bethlehem that included live animals. This tradition quickly spread, and people began to construct nativity scenes in their homes, churches, and public spaces. You might set up your entire scene all at once, leaving the crib empty for the Christ child to arrive on Christmas Eve. Or set up the scene slowly, placing the figures far from the scene and moving them closer day by day with the Magi arriving on Epiphany with gifts for the child Jesus.

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023, ADVENT WEEKDAY;

ST DAMASUS I, POPE

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Jean Marie DeVito; †Dan Ptasienski; †Nancy Fraher

**Daily Christmas Cash Drawing (after 8am Mass thru Dec 21!)**

6:30p Eucharistic Healing Prayer (see pg 3)

7:00p Boy Scout Troops 96 & 1996

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

For Joanna Jablonski (Successful Surgery & Recovery);

†Lorraine Matelski; †Arnold Busch

**Daily Christmas Cash Drawing (after 8am Mass thru Dec 21!)**

6:00p SGS Band Concert

6:30p Boy Scout Troop 96

7:00p Holy Face Devotional Hour (see pg 3)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023, ST LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR

8:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

For Gail Therese Doscher (Healing); †Dorothy Witek

**Daily Christmas Cash Drawing (after 8am Mass thru Dec 21!)**

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

6:00p Music Rehearsals

6:30p SGS FSA Virtual Meeting

7:00p Liturgy Committee Meeting

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023, ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Marcia Turner

**Daily Christmas Cash Drawing (after 8am Mass thru Dec 21!)**

6:30p Baptism Preparation Session (virtual)

9:00p Men's Basketball

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023, ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Arnold Busch; †John Bowes

**Daily Christmas Cash Drawing (after 8am Mass thru Dec 21!)**

4:00p Girl Scouts

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023, ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Bob & Irene Fraher

**Daily Christmas Cash Drawing (after 8am Mass thru Dec 21!)**

11:00a SPRED Christmas Prayer & Gathering

2:00p Bajon Studio Piano Recital in Church

5:00p Mass — Intention: †Martin McGreal; †Rose & Frank

Worthy; †Sabina & Steve Burnett; †Marvin Raczek;

†Arnold Busch

=== In-Church 2nd Collection: Building & Grounds Winter Needs; Final Weekend for PADS Wish List Program & Sharing Parish Men's Clothing Drive (Library) ===

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

7:30a Mass — Intention: †Frank Ptasienski;

†Vivian M. DuFell; †Ken Lenzen; †Lillian Mischke

8:55a REP Sessions with Christmas Caroling

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

9:00a \*Mass with Traditional Choral — Intention:

†Clara Wozniczka; †Nancy Siedlecki & Bryce Mazur

11:00a Mass with Traditional Choral — Intention:

†Joyce Ann Zimmerman; †Maciej Aleksander

**Daily Christmas Cash Drawing (after 11am Mass thru Dec 21!)**

1:00p Baptism Preparation Session (in-person)

4:00p Jr. High L.I.F.E. Session

6:00p TGIF Night

7:00p (Church) Simbang Gabi Night Mass & Reception (see pg 5)

\*Incense may be used at the Mass.

**THANK YOU, St Gilbert for the generous donations to the St. Benedict Sharing Parish Coat Drive!** The coats were delivered Thanksgiving weekend with much appreciation from St Bens.

*They are now conducting a Men's Clothing Drive. This is also an immediate need due to the influx of migrants from Venezuela.* The Sharing Parish is once again tapping into the generosity of St. Gilbert and asking for slightly used men's clothing, all styles and sizes are needed. Coats are still needed and will be accepted as well. Please bag all items. Your support is appreciated. Please drop off bagged items in the church library from now until the last mass on Sunday, 12/17. For further information please contact Carol Fraher, 847.651.2281 or Brian Wulf, 847.682.6083.



## Holiday Schedule

*Extended Sacrament of Reconciliation opportunity before Christmas*  
Saturday, December 23rd — 3:00pm-4:45pm Church

**4th Sunday of Advent**  
Saturday, December 23rd—5:00pm  
Sunday, December 24th—7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

**Christmas Eve Masses**  
Sunday, December 24th  
\*3:00pm Church & Chapel  
\*10:00pm Church—Carols begin at 9:45pm

**Christmas Day Masses**  
Monday, December 25th  
9:00am & 11:00am Church

**Feast of the Holy Family**  
Saturday, December 30th—5:00pm  
Sunday, December 31st — 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

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

Sunday, December 31st — no 5:00pm Mass  
Monday, January 1st — \*9:00am Church

\*live stream available



### 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.



ST. GILBERT PARISH PRESENTS

# Christmas Cash Rabble

12 Days of Winning!

There are no limits to how many tickets you may purchase! Every one ticket purchased is ELIGIBLE TO WIN one cash prize & the GRAND PRIZE of \$5,000. Once a ticket is drawn for the cash prize, it will be held and re-entered on the final day of the drawing for the Grand Prize of \$5,000.

Tickets may be purchased online and a ticket will be prepared for you. Winners announced on St. Gilbert Church Facebook Live on the day of drawing.

**Tickets available NOW through December 20, 2023**

**Ticket Prices:**

1 ticket for \$10 • 7 tickets for \$50 • 15 tickets for \$100

**Purchase Online:**

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/6f74ff70-239e-4654-9d0b-97956e0929a0>

**Early Bird Drawing:**

November 24, 2023 - \$1,000 Prize

Daily drawings begin this week!

December 2023						
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	\$200 Prize	\$300 Prize	\$400 Prize	\$500 Prize	\$600 Prize	\$700 Prize
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
\$800 Prize	\$900 Prize	\$1,000 Prize	\$2,500 Prize	\$5,000 Prize		
24	25					
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day					



Scan now to purchase tickets!

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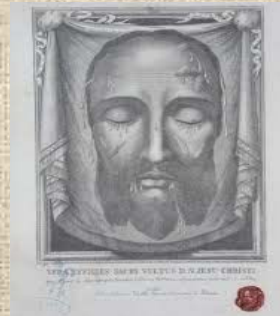
O Come let us ADORE Him  
**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE**

MONDAY DECEMBER 11  
HOLY ROSARY: 6:30PM  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
& MUSIC: 7:00PM – 8:00PM

CONFESSION AVAILABLE  
BUT NO HEALING PRAYER TEAMS

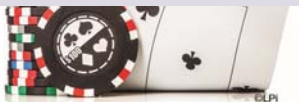


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Devotion to the Holy Face  
Holy Hour of Prayer  
Saint Gilbert Chapel  
Tuesday November 14th  
7:00pm

Your generous donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious (today's second collection at Mass) provides vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members. See page 6 for an online giving option. **THANK YOU!**



**Question:** *Can Catholics Gamble? The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?*

**Answer:** Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs. ©LPi



**SAINT GILBERT CHURCH  
WISHING YOU A  
BLESSED ADVENT**

As we approach this Advent season preparing for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus

Christ, our hearts overflow with gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us in the past year. During this time, we also unite as a parish community to reflect on the importance of our faith and gratitude.

—Please consider supporting Saint Gilbert Parish with a special contribution to our offertory this Christmas, so that we may continue furthering the mission of our parish. You can make your gift at Give Central: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/378>

OR WeShare: <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20000018?tab=home>

# Religious Education News. . .



**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS OPEN  
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

The **REGISTRATION FORM...** for the 2023-2024 year is available at [www.stgilbert.org/religious-education-program](http://www.stgilbert.org/religious-education-program), at the entrances to the Church, and from the Religious Education Office. If you have any questions, please call the RE Office, 847-223-3071.



## FAMILY PROGRAM for Religious Education



**Classes...** The Families will celebrate Advent/Christmas at the gathering on December 10th beginning at 10:00 am.

Classes will begin and end at the regular time.



**CHRISTMAS STORY...** Parents are invited to gather at 9:30am on Dec. 17th in the Multi-Purpose Room where the Third Graders will dramatize the Nativity and sing Christmas Carols. Classes will begin and end at the regular time.

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*Pictures are from the First Reconciliation Service.*

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASS...



Students in Grades 1 and 2 are invited to dramatize the story of Joseph and Mary traveling to Bethlehem and finding a place to stay, at the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Call the RE Office for additional information!



**GRADES 7-9 SESSION...** The next syllabus will be sent to registered students in early January. *Call the office for information.*

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



This program serves 25 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.*

**PRODUCTS FROM THE GEORGIA NUT COMPANY** will be on sale in the narthex **THIS weekend after the Masses.** Proceeds go to the SPRED Program.



# ST. GILBERT Preschool NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS

**JANUARY 28TH  
9AM -11AM**

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES  
COME JOIN US FOR A TOUR  
DURING OUR OPEN HOUSE!

**BOOK YOUR TOUR SOON.  
TIME SLOTS FILL UP QUICKLY!**  
847-223-8600

FOLLOW US




ST. GILBERT LITTLE ROARING REBEL PRESCHOOL

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR!

In the spirit of keeping the season, a weekly handout of quick **THIS WEEK AT HOME DAILY ADVENT IDEAS** is being made available on our parish website at <https://www.stgilbert.org/home>



## GOSPEL

Imagine John the Baptist is preaching today. He is preaching not only to you, but to people watching television at home. You and your family are down by the river having a picnic. John says, "Tell God that you are sorry for your bad behavior." John warns, "Stop sinning. Follow God's commandments." You say: "Count me as a child of God. Wash me with the waters of God's baptism."



## PRAYER

Lord, I repent of my sins. Bathe me with your waters of forgiveness.



## POLISH CHRISTMAS WAFERS...

known as Oplatki, are available at the information desk after Mass, or at the parish office by appointment, while supplies last. Please help yourself and we ask that you simply make an electronic minimum contribution of \$5 per envelope to help cover the costs this year.



## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD...

This group meets after the 8:00am Mass on Thursdays in Chapel Hall. Our time together is spent in reflecting on the Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, and prayer. **The group is meeting on December 14th & 21st. All are welcome to join us!**

**NEW MINISTERS READY TO SERVE...** The Minister of Care Ministry (MOC) has been blessed with the recent addition of five, newly-trained parishioners who are very much looking forward to serving our fellow St. Gilbert members with the gift of Holy Communion. Please know if you or your relative or neighbor is housebound 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 shortly. Advent Blessings to all!



## ADVENT SPIRITUAL

**RESOURCES...** Did you know our parish has a library filled with interesting

books on a variety of topics such as meditation, saints, Jesus, Mary, spirituality, personal growth, and more? During the season of Advent, we invite you to browse and check out books from our library (located at the front main entrance to the church). *Let's resolve to make this Advent extra special this year through spiritual reading!*



## SIMBANG GABI (FILIPINO "MASS AT NIGHT")... Sunday, December 17th, 7:00p in the main Church. We invite you to celebrate the Third Night of the Nine day

novena of night masses. We will have the traditional reception following Mass this year and look forward to this cherished parish tradition of Simbang Gabi, hosted by the Bayanihan Ministry. Come and join us! 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>.

## St. Gilbert Youth Ministry



6-8th graders  
4:00-5:30pm



9-12th graders  
6:00-8:00pm

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**Bring a friend and join us for snack, games and faith discussion - ALL are welcome!**



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas. — **THANK YOU!** — 224-360-9161.

### Crisis Support Services:

**Basic essentials of living inquiries:**  
St. Vincent de Paul Society thru Saint Gilbert: 224-360-9161

**Clergy sexual abuse healing & reconciliation:**  
[heal.archchicago.org](http://heal.archchicago.org)

**Counseling:**  
Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

**Domestic violence:**  
A Safe Place hotline: 847-249-4450

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

**Emergency shelter:**  
PADS: 847-689-4357  
Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

**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: 847-347-0832

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

**Suicide prevention:**  
Emergency 911 or 800-411-0103 or 440-953-8255



## WEDNESDAY ADORATION...

**The Saint Gilbert Chapel is open for Adoration most Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.**

Come to the Chapel and pray with Jesus truly present in the tabernacle.

Would you please consider committing to a weekly hour or as a substitute adorer? Both are essential to the continuance of the gift of His presence being made available to us. *Call/text Crystal Sullivan at 847.507.7486 or email [crystalnkevin28@gmail.com](mailto:crystalnkevin28@gmail.com).*



## IRA DISTRIBUTIONS - Gift to St. Gilbert Parish

*Did you know?* Funds must transfer directly from your IRA custodian to the "Archdiocese of Chicago, 835 North Street, Chicago, IL 60611" in order to avoid a taxable event. You may designate your gift to St. Gilbert Parish or School, the Annual Catholic Appeal, or another ministry.

It is important to notify us (St. GILBERT) if you have requested a charitable distribution to St. Gilbert Parish or School. Please let us know the following information:

- 1) Name & contact information of IRA Plan Administrator
- 2) Dollar (\$) amount of transfer
- 3) Where you would like your gift directed (for example, scholarship/endowment support or a specific ministry)

### A RECAP OF THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER RULES:

\*If you are 70½ or older, you may give up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to charities such as the Archdiocese.

\*This opportunity applies to both Traditional and ROTH IRAs; charitable donations from 403(b) plans, 401(k) plans, pension plans, and other retirement plans are ineligible.

\*You must distribute the gift amount directly from your IRA. It is important that you do not withdraw the funds prior to making your gift.

\*The distribution counts towards your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the current tax year and may help reduce your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).

\*You pay no income tax on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions.

If you are interested in this unique opportunity to help the Parish, or if you have any questions, please contact our Business Manager at the Rectory 847-223-4731 or via email at [business.office@stgilbert.org](mailto:business.office@stgilbert.org)



— Fr. Bernard 'Bernie' Pietrzak  
— Victims of the Ukraine Conflict  
& the War in Israel/Gaza

## Please keep in your prayers...

Kai Bowes; Neil Cloe; Jim DeLaCruz; Regen French & Family; Rachael Genelin; Gisele Hortense; Robert Irvine; Joanna Jablonski; Joanna Jorstadt; Mia Grace Keller; Marsha McDaniel; John Pedigo; Sharon Petree; Andree Porcheron-Hicks; Jean Lou Porcheron; Kelli Sirratt; Michael Waxman; people of Ukraine & Israel/Gaza; all affected by COVID19; 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.

## Weekly Collections Thank You!

November 11th — November 17th, 2023

Electronic:	\$ 7,247.85	Weekly Total:	\$12,369.85
Mail-In:	\$ 1,250.00	Weekly Budg:	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
Weekend Mass:	\$ 3,872.00	Deficit:	-\$ 4,630.15

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



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



GiveCentral—

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

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?

Share in the Care-Retirement Fund for Religious:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/10301>

**However you give, THANK YOU for your generosity to Saint Gilbert Parish and the Ministries that reach out to the community with servant hearts!**

Saint Gilbert Parish Bulletin:

Send articles for consideration in an electronic file to: [bulletin@stgilbert.org](mailto:bulletin@stgilbert.org) Thank you!

Next Due: **EARLY DEADLINES:**

**Tuesday, December 12th** for December 24th Bulletin  
**Tuesday, December 19th** for December 31st Bulletin

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## FEATURING:

Let the Holy Family be your light through Advent as you receive the healing power of Christ.

In this beautiful guided video series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT—author of the bestselling book *Restore* and co-host of the *Abiding Together* Podcast—walks with you as you explore familial wounds with the help of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Each week of *Behold* will focus on a different theme that you can connect to your life in a practical way:

Week one: Motherhood

Week two: Fatherhood

Week three: Childhood

Week four: Stable



Sign up at [formed.org](https://formed.org)  
It's easier than ever & it's FREE for you!

Go to [formed.org](https://formed.org) and click the "SIGN UP" button Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization" button Type in St. Gilbert and hit "Next" Enter your name and email address and hit "Sign Up" and you are all set!



## 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges to Date

Parish Name St. Gilbert — Goal: \$64,650

Donor Count 193 (2022: 230)

Amount Pledged \$104,854.50 (2022: 116,760.60)

Amount Paid \$103,778.00 (2022: 116,740.60)



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WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS



2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

[annualcatholicappeal.com](https://annualcatholicappeal.com)



Annual Knights of Columbus

**CHRISTMAS TREE LOT OPERATING HOURS (while supply lasts!)**

Mon-Fri 4p-8p—Sat/Sun 10a-8p





## Saint Gilbert Giving Tree

### Opportunities Reminder —

St. Vincent de Paul,  
St. Benedict the African & P.A.D.S.  
gift cards & food items accepted  
through December 17th.

—Please place check or cash in envelope provided. Drop envelope into the collection basket or return it to the Giving Tree table.

—Place requested food items, unwrapped, under the Giving Tree.

—Online giving available via the church website by selecting Church/Giving/GiveCentral/GivingTree, or directly via Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/35416> OR TEXT the word **GIVINGTREE** to 1.224.219.0357 and receive a text back with a link to Give Central.

If you have any questions, please -contact Cherye Olmschenk at 847.340.3923. Visit [stgilbert.org/home](http://stgilbert.org/home) for the PADS Wish List.

**THANK YOU for your generosity and God bless you!!**

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## URGENT SCHOLARSHIP HELP NEEDED

for Catholic Schools



### Please make a gift to safeguard the future of Catholic education

With the sunset of the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship program, thousands of Catholic school families cannot keep their children in school. The need for scholarship funding is greater than ever. Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program offers vital financial assistance to families who are committed to a Catholic school education but need help with tuition. Our schools continue to provide students with the academic and spiritual development necessary to live faithful and successful lives.



Thankfully, supporting scholarships has never been easier, and scholarship gifts are still tax-deductible. Please visit [archchicago.org/scholarships](http://archchicago.org/scholarships) to make an online gift to any school in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Gifts can be made to a specific school or schools with the highest need.

**The Time Is Now: Please Help Keep Faith-Based Education Accessible**  
[archchicago.org/scholarships](http://archchicago.org/scholarships)



If you would like to make a gift via check, Donor Advised Fund, stock or other method, please get in touch with the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.7959 or [archchicago@archchicago.org](mailto:archchicago@archchicago.org).



## Christmas Flower Memorials

Online donations towards Christmas Flowers at Saint Gilbert, in memory of your loved ones, can be made at

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8794>

### 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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