

**St. Gilbert Religious Education  
Parent Letter #8  
March 3, 2024**



Dear Parents,

**I pray that you are taking some time as a family to celebrate the season of Lent. Perhaps you could take some time as a family to say a prayer, the rosary or some other devotion. Weekly Mass should be a priority for the Family.**



**Grade 6 students and parents** will have an opportunity to experience a Seder, the Jewish Passover meal, on Sunday, March 17, 2024 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**

Parents, please keep up your study of the Mass through the booklet you were given as preparation for First Communion.



**PARISH MASS**

Students in Grade 1, 3, and 4 will attend the 9:00 am Mass on March 10. 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.



As we enter into the middle of March, 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 \$30 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.



Again this year we will collect for clean water to the families of Honduras and Tanzania. This is done in connection with the Sisters of St. Francis who work in these areas. Donation boxes were given to the youngest or only child to be used by the family.. The donation box is due after Easter.

There is a lot going on at this time of the year. Hopefully you have some time to spend as a family to enjoy and appreciate one another. May God grant you blessings of peace, joy, and happiness.

In Christ,  
Sister Donna

Blessing written by Teresa of Avila, Spain (1515 – 1582)



May you be blessed forever, Lord, for not abandoning me when I abandoned you.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for offering your hand of love in my darkest, most, lonely moment.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for putting up with me.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for loving me more than I love myself.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for continuing to pour out your blessings upon me, even though I respond so poorly.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for drawing out the goodness in all people, even including me.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for repaying our sin with your love.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for your countless blessings on me and on all your creatures.