



**St. Gilbert Religious Education
Parent Letter #8
February 6, 2022**

Dear Parents,

I hope the days of January have been enjoyable ones for you and your family.



Grade 4 Parent/Student Retreat – parents and students participated in a retreat regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, February 5, 2022, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. 4th graders will not have class February 6.

Grade 6 students and parents will have an opportunity to experience a Seder, the Jewish Passover meal on Sunday, March 20, 2022 during the Sunday class. The Seder is part of the study of the Old Testament. Mark your calendar now!



JESUS DAY RETREAT

The Grade 2 students preparing for First Communion and their parents have a retreat on February 19 or March 12. The students and parents complete activities centered on the Eucharist and parts of the Mass.

TUITION

Thank you to those who paid their tuition or have sent in their payments on a monthly basis. If there is a question about what you owe, email or call Lisa. (She is in the office on Monday and Wednesday morning 9:00 am until noon.) Thank you to those who have sent in money for the Tuition Assistance Program. It is a wonderful way to assist families who find it difficult to pay all the tuition.

FAMILY PROGRAM

Another option for Religious Education is the Family Program. This program consists of a gathering at St. Gilbert usually on the second Sunday of the month beginning in September from 10:00 – 11:45 am. There is a group session with a breakout session where students will be gathered into grade level groups. Parents will be given the opportunity to learn about their faith during the breakout session. All are gathered at the end of the session for prayer. During the rest of the month parents assist the students in completing lessons in a textbook. If you have any questions, just ask.

Blessings! Sister Donna

WINTER TEACHES ME

Winter teaches me patience:
Walk carefully on icy sidewalks.
Drive slower through snarled traffic.



Take more time to put on layers of clothes.
Wait for streets to be cleared of snow.
Be understanding about mail arriving late.

Winter strengthens my courage:
Go out into windy, freezing air.
Risk traveling on snowy roads.
Dress warmly and go for a walk.
Ski through woods, alone and free.
Be at peace in long days of darkness.

Winter brings me beauty:
Look up at the star-filled sky.
Pause to breathe the crisp air.
Vigil with steel-blue sunsets.
Marvel at frost etchings on windows.
Sink boots into soft, sensual powder.

Winter gives me silent hope:
Touch the terminal buds on branches.
Clear the snow and find green moss below.
Watch the sunlight fade, then linger longer.
Stand with the strength of evergreen trees.
Listen to birds cheeping at the feeder.



By Joyce Rupp

Family Activities for February

1. Make a valentine for someone connected to your family and deliver it to them with a special treat (cookie, poem, song, etc.).
2. Make each member of the family a special valentine heart which includes a statement about what they mean to you. You might have to help the little ones with this task. Gather the family and share the special valentine.
3. Have everyone participate in a special meal where the family talks about how much they mean to each other. Include everybody's meaning of love. Read 1 Corinthians 13: 4-13 and discuss what the scripture says about love.