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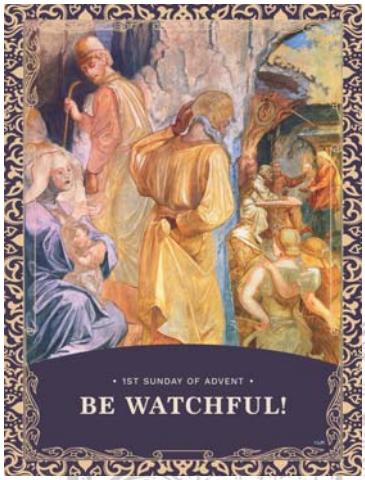
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First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

Today's readings:
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

Open to Page 6 for the Sunday Readings text.





1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" Mark 13:35-37

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

Mass Intentions & Observances:

Monday, November 30, 2026, St Andrew, Apostle

8:00a* *(Chapel)* Mass — Intention:
† Robert Wiater; † Mary Mills;
† Katie Nelson-Morton; † Lilia O. Siaotong
7:00p *(Church)* Mass — Intention:
† Faithful Departed in Parish Remembrance

Tuesday, December 1, 2026, Advent Weekday

8:00a* *(Chapel)* Mass — Intention:
† Robert Smith; † Bernacki Family

Wednesday, December 2, 2026, Advent Weekday

8:00a* *(CHURCH)* Mass — Intention:
† Estelle Nowakowski

Thursday, December 3, 2026, St Fancis Xavier, Priest

8:00a* *(Chapel)* Mass — Intention:
† Helen & † Ray Powroznik; † Paul Steffan;
† Christopher Brodrick; † Olivia Orencia;
† Greg Witt

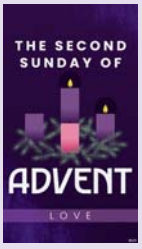
First Friday, December 4, 2026, Advent Weekday

St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
8:00a* *(Chapel)* Mass — Intention:
† Martin McGreal; † Gustavo & † Luz Currea

First Saturday, December 5, 2026, Advent Weekday

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

=== Virtual 2nd Collection — Saint Gilbert School & Educational Ministries Offering ===

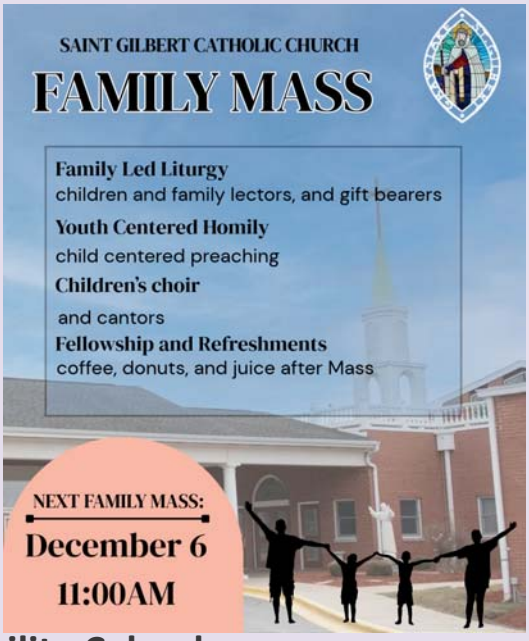


Sunday, December 6, 2026, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30a Mass *(Cantor)* — Intention:
† Dan & † Frank Ptasienski; † Sharon Egan; † Greg Witt
9:00a Mass *(Cantor)* — Intention:
Living & Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish
11:00a* Mass *(Children's Choir/Family Mass)* — Intention:
† Lillian Ann McGreal
5:00p Mass *(Contemporary)* — Intention:
Living & Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish

***simultaneous livestream**

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Facility Calendar:

Monday, NOVEMBER 30, 2026
7:00p SA Troops 96 & 1996

Tuesday, DECEMBER 1, 2026
No ministry activities scheduled.

Wednesday, DECEMBER 2, 2026

9:00a-9:00p (*chapel*) Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (*see pg 8*)
2:00p Children's Choir Practice
6:00p Music Rehearsal
6:30p Family Rosary Online *(see pg 9)*
7:30p KofC Officers' Meeting

Thursday, DECEMBER 3, 2026
8:30a Breaking Open the Word *(see pg 9)*
12:00p SGS Christmas Decoration Donations *(see pg 3)*
8:00p Penitent Soldiers of Mary Adoration Liturgy *(see pg 5)*
9:00p Men's Basketball

Friday, DECEMBER 4, 2026
8:00a SGS Christmas Decoration Donations *(see pg 3)*
9:00a SGS PreSchool/Kindergarten Christmas Program
4:00p Girl Scouts

Saturday, DECEMBER 5, 2026
9:00a SGS Christmas Bazaar & Market *(see pg 3)*
9:30a SPRED Session Group B
3:30p Confessions *(see pg 7)*

=== In Narthex: Christmas Dinner Tickets; Giving Tree Program-Final Drop-off ===

Sunday, DECEMBER 6, 2026
8:55a REP & Rejoice in God Sessions
9:00a OCIA Session
9:00a SGS Christmas Bazaar & Market *(see pg 3)*
1:00p Baptism Preparation Session (In-Person)
6:00p Teen Ministry Night *(see pg 3)*

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Parish Happenings:
- MARK THE DATES

- **PARISH PURGATORIAL MASSES:**
  Final Mass, November 30th, 6:30p
- **GIVING TREE PROGRAM 2026:**
  Final Drop-off, December 6th
- **SGS 4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:**
  December 5th & 6th
- **MONTHLY FAMILY MASS**
  December 6th, 11:00a
- **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**
  December 12th, after 5:00p Mass
- **PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER**
  December 19th, 6:30p
- **SIMBANG GABI NIGHT MASS**
  December 20th, 7:00p
- **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**
  December 21st, 6:30p



Congratulations to recently ordained transitional Deacon Jim Bryant. With roots at Saint Gilbert, Deacon Jim starts his next assignment at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom in Park Ridge as he prepares for ordination to the priesthood in May, 2027! Please keep Deacon Jim, and all our clergy, in prayer!







PRAY FOR PEACE:

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

For strength and peace in the face of war & violence;

For openness and welcome to refugees;

For hope and courage in the face of doubt and fear. Amen.

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.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2026-2027... It is not too late to register for this year: 2026-2027. Call the office!

NATIVITY STORY...



The Grade 3 students will dramatize the Story of the Nativity for the rest of the students and their parents on **Sunday, Dec. 13 at 9:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room.**

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.

If you have any questions about the program or to volunteer, email or call Sr. Donna.
We have a new student in SPRED and need another adult helper. Call the RE Office if you can help.



The SPRED Family will celebrate Christmas on Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 11:00am in the Church.



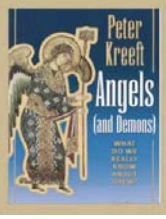


Pictures are from the Sunday Program.
The students are viewing a video on the Saints.

FEATURING:

In Angels and Demons, Peter Kreeft draws on Scripture, Church teaching, and St. Thomas Aquinas to answer 100 common questions about angels and demons, separating fact from fiction and helping readers better understand these spiritual beings.





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Sign up for formed !
*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!





GOSPEL

When you are invited to a big party, you get prepared. You take a bath. You wear your finest outfit and shoes. You take a gift to the host. God has invited you to his heavenly party. Get prepared for it. You want to be ready. You are God's gift. Give your soul a bath in God's waters of forgiveness. Dress yourself in a white robe. Wear shoes that are guided by GPSSS - God's Personal Soul Saving System.

PRAYER

Lord, prepare me for heaven's party.

ST. GILBERT
LITTLE ROARING REBEL PRESCHOOL

LEARN • PLAY • GROW

Building bright futures through play-based learning for ages 2, 3 & 4!

WHERE FAITH & CURIOSITY COME TOGETHER

At St. Gilbert School, our preschool programs are designed especially for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. We nurture their hearts, challenge their minds, and help them grow in faith every day!



LEARNING IS AN ADVENTURE!

PROGRAM CHOICES & REQUIREMENTS

LITTLEST ROARING REBELS TERRIFIC TWO'S CLASSROOM — Ages 2
- 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 — Ages 3-4
- 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 — Age 4 (by Sept. 1st)
- Oldest four year olds
- 5 day full program selection
- Readiness screening required
- Must be potty trained

- **Faith-Filled Environment** — Rooted in Catholic Values
- **Hands-On Learning** — Through play, exploration & discovery
- **Social & Emotional Growth** — Building confidence & friendships
- **Creative Expression** — Art, music, movement & imagination
- **Kindergarten Preparation** — Building strong foundations for lifelong learning

THREE & FOUR YEAR OLD OPTIONS:

HALF DAY:	FULL DAY:	AFTER SCHOOL CARE:
2 day, 3 day, and 5 day	2 day, 3 day, and 5 day	M-TH until 5:30pm Fridays until 5:00pm

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

SPACES FILL FAST!

CALL TODAY TO BOOK A TOUR!

847-223-8600

A NURTURING START. A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.

231 East Belvidere Road
Grayslake, Illinois 60030

Email: school.office@stgilbertschool.org

St. Gilbert Giving Tree

Opportunities for Christmas Sharing

For over 50 years, our parish has celebrated the tradition of Christmas sharing. In the spirit of St. Gilbert, our patron saint, please help us support those in need by selecting a paper ornament from the "Giving Tree Tables" and fulfilling the request on the ornament.

Catholic Charities Christmas Gift Program:

- Ornaments will be available at the "Giving Tree Tables" in the narthex beginning **Saturday, November 14th**.
- Please return your **new** gift to church by noon on **Sunday, December 6th.** **Securely** attach the ornament to the gift and place it under the tree. ***Gift bags are strongly encouraged and highly preferred.***

Gift Cards: We will also collect gift cards for St. Vincent de Paul, St. Benedict the African, our sharing parish, and PADS.

- **At Church:**
  - Envelopes will be available in the narthex starting November 14th and will be accepted through the weekend of December 12th/13th.
  - Please place your check or cash in the provided envelope, then drop the envelope in the collection basket or return it to the Giving Tree table.
- **Cell Phone:**
  - Text the word Givingtree (one word) to 1-224-219-0357. You will receive a text reply with a link to Give Central.
- **Online:**
  - Via the church website by selecting Giving/Give Central/Giving Tree, or
  - Via Give Central at the following link or QR Code:

https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/378/event/35416

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Shrofe at 920-216-9342.

Thank you for your generosity and God bless you!!

An Advent Celebration with
PENITENT SOLDIERS *of* MARY

THE GOOD NEWS

DEC 3	DEC 10	DEC 17
The Annunciation	The Nativity	The Shepherds & the Star

8:00 - 9:00 PM CST

Prepare your heart for Christmas through three evenings of Scripture, prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration as we follow the story of Christ's coming into the world.

St. Gilberts 271 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake, IL Small Chapel

Christmas Dinner Celebration

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us for our Christmas Dinner Celebration on

Saturday, December 19th at 6:30 PM.

Come enjoy a festive evening of delicious food, fellowship, and Christmas cheer as we celebrate the joy of the season together as a parish family.

Tickets go on sale November 21st
and may be purchased in the Narthex and/or Rectory via cash or check.

Adults: $40
8th Grade & Under: $10

SEATING IS LIMITED,
so purchase your tickets early!

We look forward to sharing this joyful Christmas celebration with you and your family.

READING 1 ISAIAH 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father,
our redeemer you are named forever.
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you,
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,
such as they had not heard of from of old.
No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you
doing such deeds for those who wait for him.
Would that you might meet us doing right,
that we were mindful of you in our ways!
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;
all of us have become like unclean people,
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;
we have all withered like leaves,
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.
There is none who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to cling to you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us up to our guilt.
Yet, O LORD, you are our father;
we are the clay and you the potter:
we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm:
LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU; LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.

READING 2 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always on your account
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,
that in him you were enriched in every way,
with all discourse and all knowledge,
as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He will keep you firm to the end,
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful,
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL MARK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
It is like a man traveling abroad.
He leaves home and places his servants in charge,
each with his own work,
and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.
Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.
May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.
What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"



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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Vocation Prayer

Lord Jesus, help all families to pray and live in love.

Raise up good and holy men and women to respond to the call to ordained ministry and consecrated life in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Saints of Chicago, pray for us.

ChicagoPriest.com



Advent Confession Opportunities

- **ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**
  Saturdays: 3:30p-4:30p (Church)
  Sundays: 4:15p-4:45p (Church)
- **PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE:**
  Monday, December 21st, 6:30p (Church)

1st Reading
Our first reading for Advent begins with Isaiah in prayer, grieving over how Israel has sinned and separated from God, our Father. *Is there an ache or sorrow you could offer to God this Advent Season?*

2nd Reading
Paul opens his Letter to the Corinthians with a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many blessings bestowed on the community since coming to faith in Jesus. *Can you think of any gifts you have received because of your faith?*



Gospel:
Jesus teaches his disciples to be attentive and alert in their spiritual life. *What will you be watching for this Advent Season?*

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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.

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 HONOR OF:

FOR GAIL DOSCHER

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

Are our eyes drooping? Are we drifting off? Jesus wants us awake. He wants our eyes open. He wants us ready. Advent is the season of staying awake, of splashing water in the face of our soul. Wake up — and watch!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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



"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."

— Mk 13:35-36

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ETERNAL REST

Grant To:

— Fr. James O'Brien
— Victims of the Ukraine Conflict & Wars/Conflicts in the Middle East

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 silent prayer and Adoration every Wednesday from 9:00am-9:00pm in the Saint Gilbert Chapel.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Sue Schoen 847.651.7902 or
Nancy Ogrinc 847.727.0822 for more information!







The Annual Knights of Columbus

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS OPEN!

We are excited to bring the annual Christmas tree sale to the St. Gilbert community once again! Deck your halls with a Christmas tree, wreath, or garland while supporting your church and the Knights of Columbus' mission to help those in need.

300 Caanan and Fraser's!!!

BEAUTIFUL BALSAM ROPING and WREATHS (25" – 40")
8'-10' Frasers are BACK



Operating Hours:
Monday - Friday 4PM - 8PM
Saturdays 9AM - 8PM
Sundays 9AM - 8PM



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

Knights of Columbus are Catholic men committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood. You will find our brother Knights working to fulfill the central mission of the Order: striving in charitable works; serving the Church and unified in following its teachings; supporting brother Knights in their temporal and spiritual needs; acting for the good of their country; and giving aid to widows, orphans, the sick and the poor.



BE A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

-LIVE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH-

-PROTECT YOUR FAMILY-

-INSPIRE OTHERS-

FREE ONE-YEAR
ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

Knights of Columbus







PADS Wish List

PADS Lake County is a community-based organization that provides trauma-informed support, resources and shelter to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Through a comprehensive approach, PADS Lake County helps clients move from homelessness to stable housing and greater independence.

PADS Lake County relies heavily on community donations and St. Gilbert has been a valued supporter of PADS Lake County for many years.

Walmart Gift Cards

Please consider donating to fund Walmart gift cards for Pads Lake County. Gift cards are used to purchase food and essential supplies for shelter guests. A $25 donation can provide one week of meals for one person staying at the shelter.

Place your check or cash in the envelope provided at the Giving Tree table in the narthex. Drop envelopes in the collection basket or return to the Giving Tree table.

Food Donations

Please place any of the following non-perishable items **unwrapped** under the Giving Tree

- Easy Mac
- Chef Boyardee meals
- Cup of Soup
- Ramen cups
- Dinty Moore meals

All donated items will be delivered to the PADS Lake County Main Office.

For more information about PADS Lake County, including current donation and volunteer opportunities, visit https://www.padslakecounty.org/programs/

Thank You for Your Generosity!









As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert!" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas. 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

First Wednesday of the Month Online Family Rosary…



hosted by the Knights of Columbus **at 6:30p. Next date: December 2!** Everyone is welcome! **Visit https://stgilbert.org/organizations** for more info and the link to join on Zoom. Blessed Mother Mary, pray for us!

Breaking Open the Word…



This group meets in Chapel Hall after the 8am Mass on Thursdays. Our time together is spent reflecting on the Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, and prayer. **Upcoming sessions are December 3, 10, & 17.**

Penitent Soldiers of Mary…

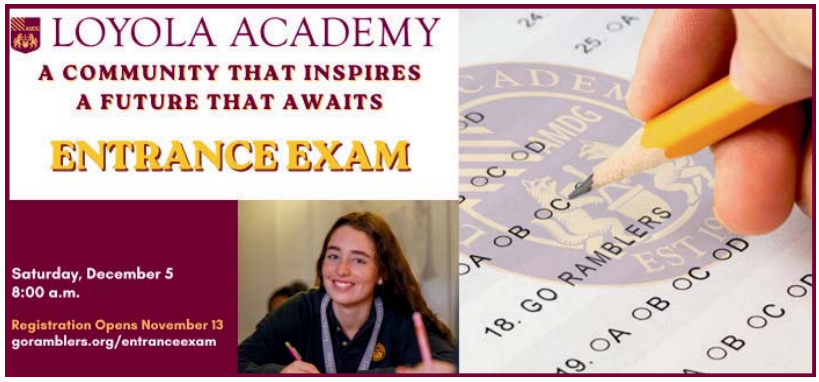
Thursday Night Adoration Liturgy, 8p-9p, Saint Gilbert Chapel. A lay apostolate fighting for the healing and liberation of souls. For info visit: **penitentsoldiersofmary.org.**

Are You Homebound and Would Like to Receive Jesus?…

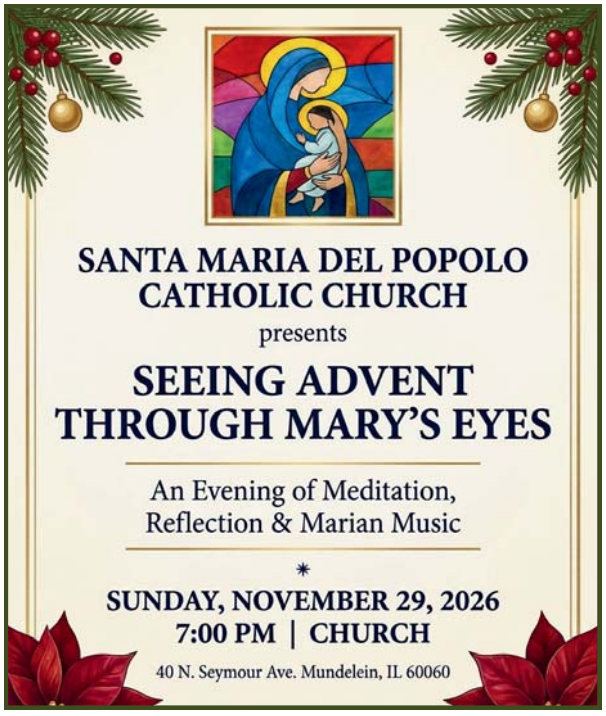
Please let us know if you or your relatives or neighbors are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion on a weekly basis. We now have over twenty-five MOCs who will joyfully visit your home. Please call the St. Gilbert Rectory Staff at 847.223.4731 with details and a follow-up call from either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

Do You Use Gift Cards?...

As we prepare to jump into the holiday shopping fray, please keep in mind that the Saint Gilbert GIFT CARD PROGRAM, for shopping or gifting, is available after most Mass times in the narthex, from the parish offices, OR you can download an order form from the parish website at **www.stgilbert.org/giving**. Thank you for using this simple, no additional cost way to support the parish!







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:
ProjectRachel: 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: 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!

October 31st, 2026— November 6th, 2026

Electronic:	$ 16,764.21	Weekly Total:	$ 24,250.21
Mail-In:	$ 1,672.00	Weekly Budg:	$ 17,540.00
Weekend Mass:	$ 5,814.00	*Surplus:*	*$ 6,710.21*

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

Saint Gilbert Conference St. Vincent de Paul Offering:
https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/378/event/9507

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/customizable-online-giving/378-St_Gilbert_Church

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!

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Text GIVING to: 1-224-219-0357
Visit: https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/10385
Celebrating Holy Mass, Sacraments, Education, Community

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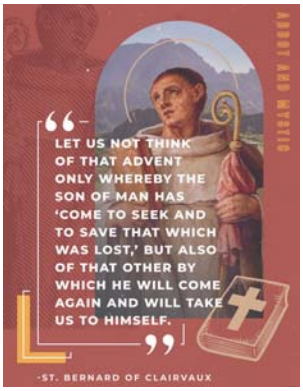
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

In the Unexpected

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.



No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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Thank you!

Upcoming Early Deadlines:

Monday, November 30
For December 13th Bulletin

Monday, December 7
For December 20th Bulletin

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Monday thru Saturday - 8:00am
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday - 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm
Holy days - 6:30am, 8:00am, 7:00pm

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Reconciliation:
Saturday - 4:00pm to 4:45pm

Baptism: After Masses or on select Saturdays and Sundays. Arrangements made after one - hour Baptismal Preparation Session. Call the Rectory to register.

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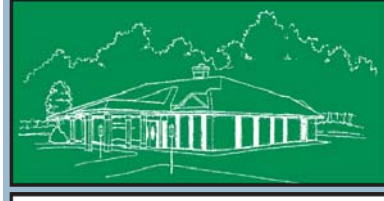
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