



# SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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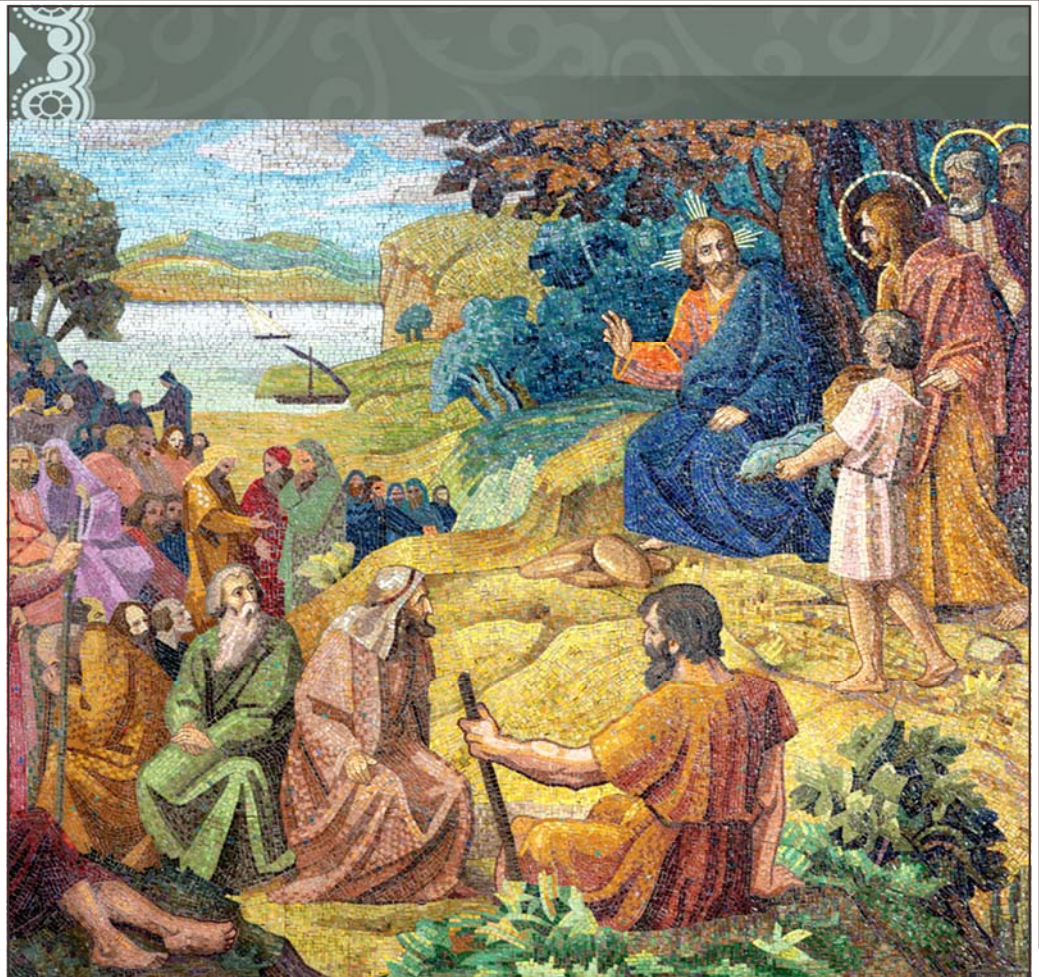
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FOURTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME —  
FEBRUARY 1,  
2026

*Today's readings:*  
*Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13*  
*Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10*  
*1 Corinthians 1:26-31*  
*Matthew 5:1-12a*

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for the Sunday  
Readings Text.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." Mt 5:1

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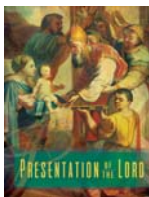


## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

### Mass Intentions & Observances:



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026,**  
**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD;**  
**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**  
 8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
 †Ernesto L. Siaotong, Sr.



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026, WEEKDAY;**  
**ST BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR; ST ANSGAR, BISHOP;**  
**(BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER MORNING MASS)**  
 8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
 †Leo Wasilewski; †Thomas Green; †Tina Slawek

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026, PATRONAL FEAST OF SAINT GILBERT

8:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:  
 †Frank Ptasienski; †Gustavo & †Luz Currea;  
 †Shirley Valdez

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026, ST AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
 †Burnett Family

### FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026, ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
 †Philip Hunter; †Jean Berry



**FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026, WEEKDAY; BVM**  
 8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
 †Sue Holm; †Ann Linn  
 1:00p Wedding:  
 Del Campo & Carino  
 5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:  
 †Paul Steffan; †Martin McGreal



=== Virtual 2nd Collection —  
 Sharing with St. Benedict the African ===

### FEBRUARY 8, 2026, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (WORLD MARRIAGE DAY)

7:30a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:  
 †John Kotarba  
 9:00a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:  
 Living & †Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish  
 11:00a Mass (Contemporary Music) — Intention:  
 For The Gruszka Family; †Kathleen Sweeney  
 5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:  
 †Robert Blasius; †All Souls in Purgatory



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### Facility Calendar:

#### Monday, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

7:00p SA Troops 96 & 1996

#### Tuesday, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

7:00p Respect Life Ministry

## Celebrate St. Gilbert of Sempringham

(February 4th)



... Over the years a special custom grew up in the houses of the Gilbertine order called “the plate of the Lord Jesus.” The best portions of the dinner were put on a special plate and shared with the

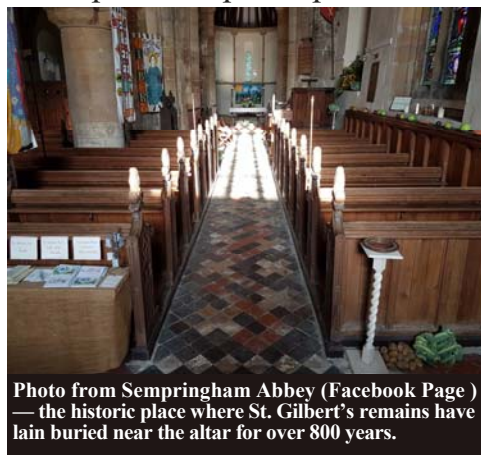


Photo from Sempringham Abbey (Facebook Page )  
 — the historic place where St. Gilbert's remains have lain buried near the altar for over 800 years.

poor, reflecting Gilbert's lifelong concern for less fortunate people...

*Saint  
 Gilbert...  
 Pray for  
 us.*

### Wednesday, FEBRUARY 4, 2026



9:00a-9:00p (Chapel) Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (see pg 5)

10:00a SPRED Adult Session B&C  
 2:00p Children's Choir Practice  
 6:00p SPRED Adult Session B&C  
 6:30p Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30p Family Rosary Online, hosted by the KofC  
 (<https://www.stgilbert.org/organizations-for-Zoom-link>)  
 7:00p KofC Monthly Meeting  
 7:00p SVdP Ministry

### Thursday, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

8:30a Breaking Open the Word (see pg 9)  
 8:00p Penitent Soldiers of Mary Adoration Liturgy (see pg 8)  
 9:00p Men's Basketball

### Friday, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

4:00p Girl Scouts

### Saturday, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Cub Scout Pack 96—Pinewood Derby  
 9:30a SPRED Session B  
 12:00p SPRED Session C  
 4:00p Confession

=== Narthex — Lent Bible Study Signup ===

### Sunday, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

8:55a REP Sessions  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9a and 11a Masses  
 9:00a OCIA  
 9:00a REP Family Program

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Please join us in welcoming into our Parish Family those newly baptized during January:

*Martin Joseph Bryant*, son of Mark & Lindsey  
*Annabelle Paige Barbieri*, daughter of Collin & Ashley  
*Anthony George Porter*, son of Marc & Allison  
*Yael Tovar Sanchez*, son of Marco & Liliana  
*Anthony Miguel Ceraulo*, son of Adam & Jeanette  
*Danilo Rey Solano*, son of Jorge & Jeanette



### Baptism Preparation at Saint Gilbert

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

All are welcome to a **Six-Week Lenten Bible Study**, hosted by Saint Gilbert Parish, on **Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm, beginning February 23rd** in Chapel Hall.

Deepen your faith with this study of the gifts of Lent- prayer, fasting, almsgiving and sacrifice, as we read **RESTORE**, by Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT. The book can be purchased at [avemariapress.com/restore](http://avemariapress.com/restore) or can be purchased through Amazon.

Questions? Sign up after Mass, RSVP to [LJLKEYS88@gmail.com](mailto:LJLKEYS88@gmail.com), or contact the parish office. We have room for 30 spots! *How will you Lent this year?*

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## VOICES OF WOMEN

Join the Archdiocesan Women's Committee (AWC) for one of three Zoom sessions as we explore

### Women in the Church:

*Elevating our Gifts, Finding Community.*

**Our goal is to listen to the voices of 200 or more women.** The discussion will address how the Church can better recognize women's dignity and gifts; how we as women use our gifts and extend grace to those we encounter in times of uncertainty and division; and how women can find community and belonging in the Church where isolation or invisibility may still exist.

Advance registration is necessary in order to receive the Zoom link for participation.

To register, please scan the QR code.



**Blessing of Throats will take place  
after the 8am Mass on the  
Feast of Saint Blaise, February 3rd.  
All are welcome.**



Love Faith Hope  
Jesus



Saturday, January 17th was the Confirmation retreat for the candidates. It was a day filled with prayer, different activities to get to know ourselves, others and God, Mass and more!



In the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the gospel of the kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in poverty.**

**God Bless You!**

For basic essentials of living assistance inquiries, contact the St. Vincent DePaul Society at **224.360.9161 OR** [SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com](mailto:SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com)



Continue to pray for these candidates in their final preparation before being confirmed on April 19, 2026



## 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 syllabus was emailed to registered students earlier this month. Call the office for info. Several sessions begin February 1st.



**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.

**JESUS DAY RETREAT...** Parents and students attending Grade 2 classes have a Retreat as part of their First Communion preparation — **February 14th, 9a – 12:00 noon OR February 21st, 1p-4p.** Remember these students and parents in your prayers.



### 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.*

## STREET SCENES 2026 FEBRUARY 1 & 5

**CELEBRATE 52 YEARS OF STREET SCENES WITH OUR CABARET-STYLE STUDENT SHOWCASE! THE PERFECT SHOW FOR FAMILIES AND SENIORS!**

**SUNDAY SHOW TIMES**  
12 PM & 2 PM

**THURSDAY SHOW TIME**  
7 PM



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## GOSPEL

Jesus taught the crowds of children. Be fair when playing with others. Follow the rules of the game. Take turns. Do not whine when you are not first. Be forgiving when others hurt you. Do not hit back. Find a different way to stop others from hurting you again. Be a peacemaker. Talk and talk and talk until you come to a way to solve your problems in a peaceful way.



## PRAYER

Lord, help me forgive myself and others.





Adults only- bring your friends!



More info to come!  
If you would like to take part in planning this event please email [fsa@stgilbertschool.org](mailto:fsa@stgilbertschool.org)



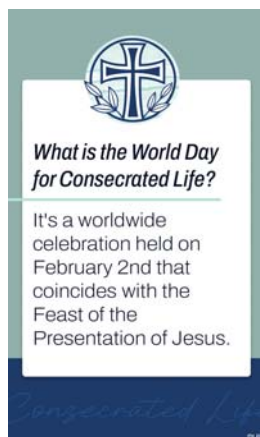
## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Vocation or Calling

**QUESTION:** Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

**ANSWER:** A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

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## Eucharistic Adoration...

Start the New Year by spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

In the quiet of His presence, find peace, guidance, and strength for the year ahead. Jesus awaits you in this sacrament of love. ALL ARE WELCOME! Whether you commit to a specific hour or simply stop in for a visit, Jesus will be there with you.

Please join us on **most Wednesdays from 9:00am to 9:00pm** in the St. Gilbert Chapel.

**NOTE: We are seeking a regular Adorer for the 12:00 pm hour!**

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



## Ash Wednesday is February 18th!

Mark the dates for these Lenten opportunities at Saint Gilbert:

### • ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES\* WITH ASH DISTRIBUTION:

6:30 AM Mass (Chapel), 8 AM Mass, 12 Noon Prayer Service, 4 PM Prayer Service, 7 PM Mass.

\*All Liturgies in Church except where noted.

### • SIX-WEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Mondays of Lent beginning February 23rd. See page 3 for signup information.

### • FRYDAY NIGHT FISH FRYS: February 27th and March 13th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Saint Gilbert Parish Center Gym. Dine-in only.



Tickets available for purchase after masses or online through [https://www.givecentral.org/location/378-St\\_Gilbert\\_Church](https://www.givecentral.org/location/378-St_Gilbert_Church) (search 'FRYDAY'). Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

### • TAIZE PRAYER: Wednesday, March 18th, 6:30 PM in the Church.



### • STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays of Lent, 7:00 PM in the Church.

**READING 1      ZEPHANIAH 2:3; 3:12-13**

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth,  
who have observed his law;  
seek justice, seek humility;  
perhaps you may be sheltered  
on the day of the LORD's anger.

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst  
a people humble and lowly,  
who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD:  
the remnant of Israel.  
They shall do no wrong  
and speak no lies;  
nor shall there be found in their mouths  
a deceitful tongue;  
they shall pasture and couch their flocks  
with none to disturb them.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

***Blessed are the poor in spirit; the  
kingdom of heaven is theirs!***

**READING 2      1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31**

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters.  
Not many of you were wise by human standards,  
not many were powerful,  
not many were of noble birth.  
Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to  
shame the wise,  
and God chose the weak of the world to shame  
the strong,  
and God chose the lowly and despised of the  
world,  
those who count for nothing,  
to reduce to nothing those who are something,  
so that no human being might boast before God.  
It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus,  
who became for us wisdom from God,  
as well as righteousness, sanctification, and  
redemption,  
so that, as it is written,  
"Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

**GOSPEL      MATTHEW 5:1-12A**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the  
mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came  
to him.

He began to teach them, saying:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the  
sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they insult you and  
persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely  
because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven."



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## 1st Reading

Zephaniah speaks of a “remnant” of Israel who will live humbly and seek justice. *Are there people in your life who live this way?*

## 2nd Reading

Paul describes members of the Corinthian church as foolish, weak and despised. *How would you characterize your faith community?*



## Gospel:

Jesus begins his “Sermon on the Mount” with the many ways that people are blessed. *What do you consider your biggest blessing?*

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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 MEMORY OF:

**† Bob Podgorski**

*May perpetual light shine upon him.*

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.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” — Mt 5:10-12a

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**ETERNAL REST**  
*Grant To:*

— Robert Kula  
— Victims of Ukraine Conflict &  
War in Israel/Gaza

## First Communion Closet



Rest in His Arms (RiHA), is offering pre-loved First Communion dresses in exchange for a small monetary donation. Families may choose a dress from RiHA's First Communion Closet, 325 N. Milwaukee Ave., Suite J, Wheeling, Illinois (in the rear of the building) on these dates:

Saturdays, February 7, 21 and March 14  
11 AM - 1 PM

Donations of pre-loved First Communion dresses may be left in the drop box at the address above. Dresses and veils must be clean, in good condition and no more than 20 years old.

For more information about donating a First Communion dress or how you can help, email [riha2005@icloud.com](mailto:riha2005@icloud.com) with "Communion Closet" in the subject line. For information about Rest in His Arms, see [www.angelgowns.us](http://www.angelgowns.us).

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## The Vicar for Deacons

Have you ever considered the call to be a Deacon of the Catholic Church?

Join us at 7 p.m. on

**February 19**

St. Francis de Sales  
135 Buesching Rd.  
Lake Zurich



We will provide an overview of the **Deacon Formation Program, the application**

**process** and **information on the ministry of a deacon**. Men, single or married, are invited to attend. Wives are strongly encouraged to accompany their husbands. For more information and to register for this session, contact the Office of the Diaconate at **708.366.8900**.

**"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? 'Here I am, send me!'" –Isaiah 6:8**



Check Out Our New Website  
[www.stgilbert.org/psom](http://www.stgilbert.org/psom)

## JOIN US IN FIGHTING FOR THE HEALING & LIBERATION OF SOULS

The Penitent Soldiers of Mary is a lay apostolate devoted to the interior life and committed to praying for the healing and liberation of souls. As darkness pervades our world, the faithful must band together to "resist the devil". Will you consider joining us in this holy mission?

### ATTEND OUR THURSDAY NIGHT ADORATION LITURGIES

St Gilbert Parish Chapel: 8:00-9:00 PM  
Come in person or simply adore and pray alongside us via livestream. All are welcome to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
ONLINE FAMILY ROSARY...** hosted by the  
Knights of Columbus at 6:30p. **Next date:**  
**February 4th!** 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 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 February 5th, 19th & 26th.*



**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](http://penitentsoldiersofmary.org).

Join us — **OPEN MIC WITH DEACON PLAISS**  
Monday, February 9th, 7pm-8pm in Church!

## STREET SCENES 2026 FEBRUARY 6 & 7 6 P.M. - 12 A.M.

ENJOY LIVE MUSIC, VARIETY SHOWS, GREAT FOOD & DRINK  
**CARMEL CATHOLIC IS THE PLACE TO BE!**



## Christopher Leadership Weekend!

**March 13-15, 2026**

University of St. Mary of the Lake/  
Mundelein Seminary

**A God-Centered  
Leadership Program to...**

- Grow in Confidence
- Improve Communication Skills
- Learn "People" Skills that Work
- Put More Purpose in Your Life!

Limited Seating  
Registration Closes February 17, 2026  
[www.christophers.org/leadership](http://www.christophers.org/leadership)



For information and registration  
contact Class Coordinator, Pam Hammond  
845-661-5159, Cell/Text; [phammond@hvc.rr.com](mailto:phammond@hvc.rr.com)

*"Love of people for the love of God is an  
essential quality of a true leader."*

Father James Keller, M.M. 1900-1977, Founder of The Christophers



## AI AND THE THINGS THAT MATTER. HOW TO THINK ABOUT AI (WITHOUT FREAKING OUT)

First Session: January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7 P.M.  
How does AI Work? (A Simple Explainer)

We invite you to register for AI and the Things  
That Matter, a new series hosted by Carmel  
Catholic High School. This series is designed  
for parents, educators, professionals,  
students, and community members who  
want to understand artificial intelligence  
clearly, thoughtfully, and without fear.



**SESSIONS WILL BE  
PRESENTED BY GREG KOZAK.**



Following Sessions:

- Thursday, February 19: What Is a Human Worth When Machines Get Smart?
- Thursday, March 19: What Will Give Life Meaning If Work Changes?
- Thursday, April 23: What Must We Protect as AI Advances?
- Thursday, May 14: What Future Are We Choosing With AI?

Visit [carmelhs.org](http://carmelhs.org) and navigate to events to register!

### Crisis Support Services:

*Basic essentials of living inquiries:*

St. Vincent de Paul Society thru Saint  
Gilbert: 224-360-9161 OR  
[SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com](mailto: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

Donation TAX STATEMENTS for any parishioner that donated \$500.00 or greater during 2025 have been mailed. Please be sure to keep this receipt in a safe place so it is accessible when preparing your 2025 taxes.

**Saint Gilbert Parish Bulletin:** Send articles for consideration in an electronic file to:  
**bulletin@stgilbert.org** Thank you!  
**Upcoming Deadline:**  
**Thursday, February 5th** for February 15th Bulletin

## Weekly Collections **Thank You!**

*January 10th, 2025 — January 16th, 2026*

Electronic:	\$ 6,453.85	Weekly Total:	\$12,450.85
Mail-In:	\$ 1,285.00	Weekly Budg:	\$17,000.00
Weekend Mass:	\$ 4,712.00	<b>Deficit:</b>	<b>-\$ 4,549.15</b>

*January 3rd, 2025 — January 9th, 2026*

Electronic:	\$10,214.70	Weekly Total:	\$23,990.70
Mail-In:	\$ 7,800.00	Weekly Budg:	\$17,000.00
Weekend Mass:	\$ 5,976.00	<b>Surplus:</b>	<b>\$ 6,990.70</b>

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** to 1-224-219-0357

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

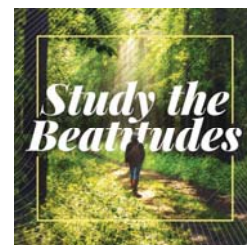
Saint Gilbert School & Educational Ministries Offering:  
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8729>

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

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Countercultural Then and Now

Sometimes I wonder what this world will look like when my children get to be my age. Everything seems to be changing so rapidly and much of that change doesn't seem to be for the good. I do think in some ways the Church is experiencing resurgence and a strengthening, but it will have to be in the face of an increasing culture of atheism and selfishness.



Of course, I bet my parents wondered the same thing when I was a child. As much as things change, they remain the same. When Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, I would guess some parents there were having the same kind of worries. But Jesus proposed a way of life in the beatitudes that was countercultural then and is countercultural now.

In his book, *Life of Christ*, Fulton Sheen said this: *"The Sermon on the Mount is so much at variance with all that our world holds dear that the world will crucify anyone who tries to live up to its values."* Living a stewardship way of life means bringing the beatitudes into our daily lives in a profound way. However, it also means living in a way that others may not understand or they may even turn away from us because of it. But with the reward in the end being the kingdom of heaven, the choice is really a matter of life and death, eternally speaking.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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## FEATURING:

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher Q Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work *The Introduction to the Devout Life*, and the character of a christian revealed through his life's witness and writings. We hope you enjoy this new series on an incredible counter-reformation saint who truly is a gift of God to the universal Church and from whom we can learn much today.



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