



# SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

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THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT

MARCH 8,  
2026

*Today's readings:*

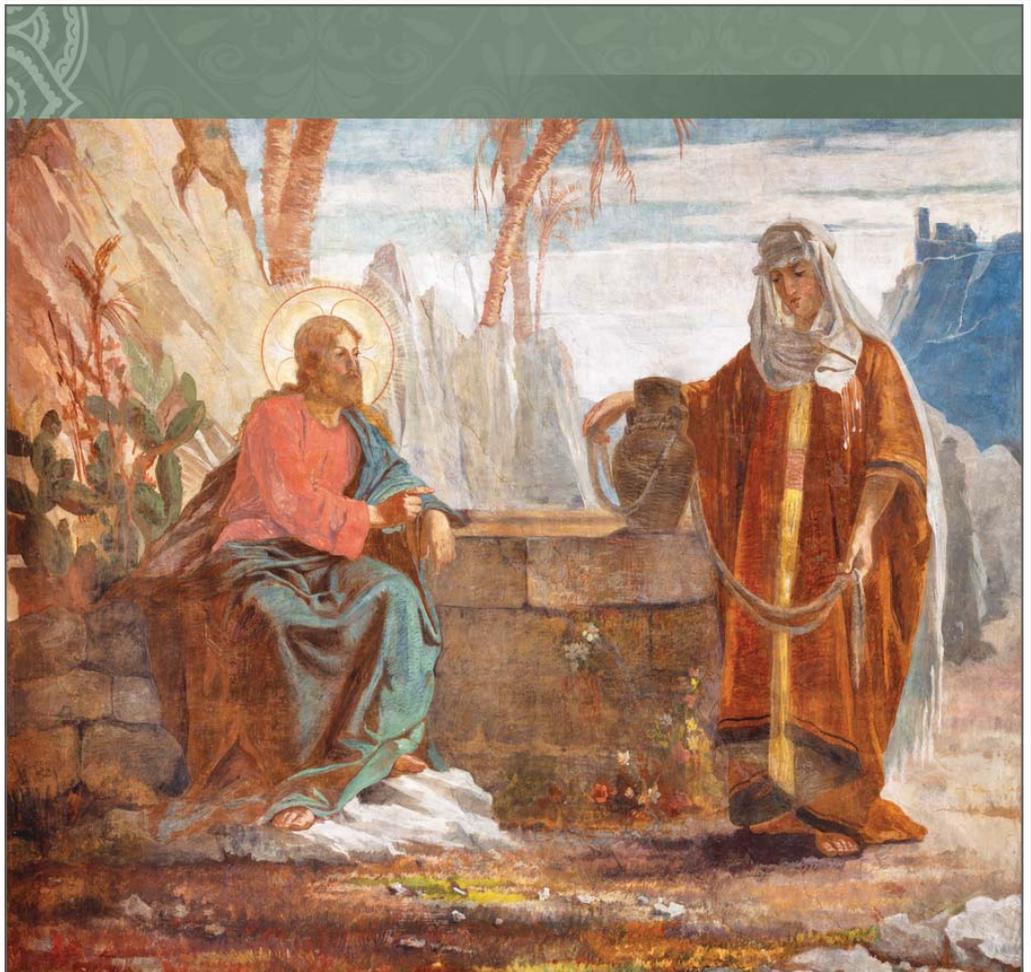
*Exodus 17:3-7*

*Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9*

*Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*

*John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,  
19b-26, 39a, 40-42*

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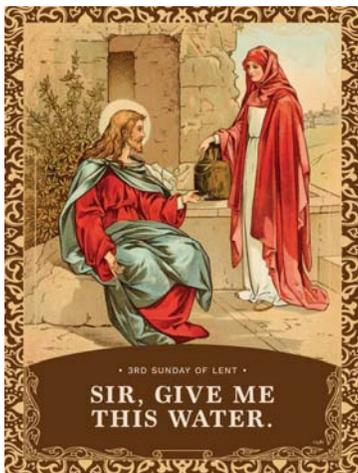


## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

O F L E N T

"A woman of Samaria came to draw water.  
Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'"

Jn 4:7-8



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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

### Mass Intentions & Observances:

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY;**  
**ST FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS**

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
 †Jimmy McNeely; †Timothy G. Kilduff;  
 †Roger Wywialowski

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
 †Sheila Finley

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:  
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
 †Steffan Family; †Dolores Morgan

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY**

 8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
 FOR William Hartwig; †Poor Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY**

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
 †Dolores Morgan  
 5:00p Mass (Cantor—2nd Scrutiny) — Intention:  
 †Paul Steffan; †Martin McGreal; †Billy Wielgos

=== Virtual Second Collection — Building & Grounds Offering;  
 In Narthex: SVdP Lenten Coin Collection ===

**MARCH 15, 2026, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT;**  
**LAETARE SUNDAY**

7:30a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:  
 †Dan & †Frank Ptasienski;  
 †Wallock Family;  
 †Ralph & †Virginia Diebold  
 9:00a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:  
 Living & †Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish  
 11:00a Mass (Children's Choir—Family Mass) — Intention:  
 †Martin Pruneau; †Ricky Osborne; †George Webber  
 5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:  
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### Facility Calendar:

**Monday, MARCH 9, 2026**  
 7:00p Lenten Bible Study  
 7:00p Open Mic with Deacon Plaiss (see pg 9)  
 7:00p SA Troops 96 & 1996  
**Tuesday, MARCH 10, 2026**  
 7:00p Holy Face Devotion (see pg 9)

**Wednesday, MARCH 11, 2026**

 9:00a-9:00p (Chapel) Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (see pg 8)  
 10:00a SPRED Adult Session B&C  
 2:00p Children's Choir Practice  
 5:00p Liturgy Committee  
 6:00p-8:00p (Chapel) Confessions  
 6:00p SPRED Adult Session B&C  
 6:30p Baptism Preparation Session—Virtual  
 6:30p Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00p Youth Ministry Prayer Experience

**Thursday, MARCH 12, 2026**

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

**Friday, MARCH 13, 2026**

4:00p Girl Scouts  
 5:00p-8:00p KofC Fish Fryday (see pg 8)  
 6:00p (CHURCH) Confessions  
 7:00p (CHURCH) Stations of the Cross



**Saturday, MARCH 14, 2026**

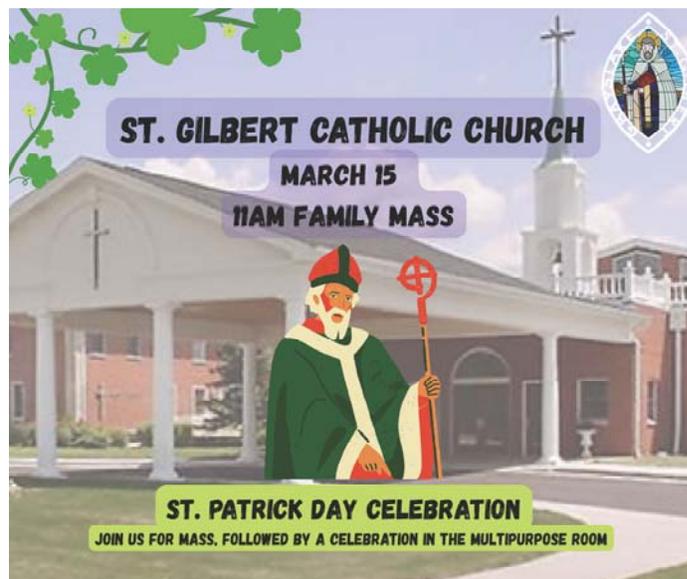
Holy Hour for Life (in Waukegan) after 8am Mass  
 9:30a SPRED Group B  
 12:00p SPRED Group C  
 4:00p (CHURCH) Confessions

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**Sunday, MARCH 15, 2026**

8:55a REP Sessions  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9a and 11a Masses  
 12:00p St. Patrick Celebration after 11a Mass (see pg 2)  
 1:00p Baptism Preparation Session — In Person  
 2:00p SGS Daddy/Daughter Dance  
 6:00p Confirmation Session

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On the third, fourth and fifth week of Lent, our Elect participate in a rite known as the **SCRUTINIES**.

- The first scrutiny will be held on Sunday, March 8th at the 9 am Mass. They will see Christ as living water as they hear the Gospel story of Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at a well (*John 4:5-42*).
- The second scrutiny is on Saturday, March 14th at the 5 PM Mass. They will see Christ as the light of the world through the Gospel story of Jesus healing a man who was born blind (*John 9:1-41*).
- The third scrutiny is on Sunday, March 22nd at the 11 AM Mass. The Elect will see Jesus as the resurrection and the life through the Gospel story of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus back to life. (*John 11:1-45*). This is an opportunity for our Elect to look within themselves to find anything that keeps them from Christ. Then they look to Christ to heal those weaknesses and strengthen them when they face temptation.

The RCIA team invites you to join us for each of these significant milestones in our Elects' Faith journey. *Please continue to keep our Elect in your daily prayers.*

### *Eucharistic Adoration...*

This Lent, deepen your faith by joining in Eucharistic Adoration, a time to slow down, rest, and surrender to God's presence. Whether you stay for a few minutes or a full Holy Hour, Jesus is 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.

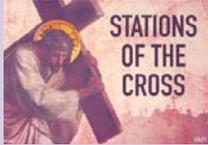
### **Lenten Resources and Guidelines for 2026:**

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website:  
<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/len>  
OR

Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Parish Vitality & Mission website:  
<https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/len>

## **Lenten opportunities at Saint Gilbert:**

- **FRYDAY NIGHT FISH FRY:** March 13th, 5-8 PM in the Saint Gilbert Parish Center Gym.   
Purchase tickets 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.

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

- **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION DURING LENT: Wednesdays during Eucharistic Adoration, 6-8 PM in Chapel; Fridays before Stations of the Cross, 6-7 PM and Saturdays, 4-5 PM in Church.** (No confessions on Saturday, April 4th)

- **PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Monday, March 23rd at 7:45 PM during the Parish Lenten Mission.**

- **TAIZE PRAYER: Wednesday, March 18th, 6:30 PM in the Church.**

- **PARISH LENTEN MISSION: March 21st thru March 24th led by Fr. Paul Komperda**

- **LENTEN ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITY:**



The Saint Gilbert Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) offers a Lenten Almsgiving opportunity through a Coin Collection Program.

Collection containers are available in the Narthex that you may take home and fill up with your loose change. *This collection concludes on the weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th.* The generous support of our parishioners enables us to continue our ministry to our local community: providing assistance to individuals who are in need of the basic essentials of living such as food, housing and payment of utilities. **START SAVING YOUR COINS for this Lenten Almsgiving program!**

# 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>.*



## GRADES 7-9...



The syllabus was emailed to registered students. Call the office for information.

## JESUS DAY

**RETREAT...** Thank you to the Catechists/Teachers who assisted with the retreat!

## HOLY SEASON OF

**LENT...** During this holy season, the Church asks us to Pray, Fast, and Give Alms. The students in the Sunday Religious Education Program and the Family Program are asked to donate to the Sister Water Project (sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters in Dubuque, Iowa). This project provides clean water for the children and their families in Tanzania and Honduras. *Please give the donations to Sr. Donna.*

**THE SEDER...** Sixth Grade Students and Parents are invited to participate in the SEDER (the Jewish Passover Meal) on **Sunday, March 15th beginning at 9am in the Multi-Purpose Room.** Prayers are read in Hebrew and English.

## 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.* Several students are being prepared to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. *Please keep them in your prayers.*



*Pictures are from the Jesus Day Retreat.*

# ENROLL NOW

## PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE



# CALL 847-223-8600

*Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.*

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## GOSPEL

Jesus told the Samaritan woman that when people drink his water they will never be thirsty again. When you are very hot, you would like this kind of water. The water that Jesus gives us to drink is his word which will last forever. It will help us get to heaven. Jesus said that he was the Messiah sent to explain everything. When you want to know the way, Jesus helps you. When you do not understand, Jesus explains it to you.



## PRAYER

Lord, give me your water to drink.



**We want to hear from our parishioners!  
Take the DMI survey today!**

Visit [www.stgilbert.org/dmisurvey](http://www.stgilbert.org/dmisurvey) for more information and the survey link



or scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera or app direct to the survey.

**Share your perspective now to help strengthen Saint Gilbert Parish and better prepare us for the future!**

**SHARE YOUR VOICE  
SUPPORT OUR PARISH**

[DMI Survey closes on March 29th!]

## St. Gilbert Parish – Listening & Feedback

The Disciple Maker Index survey is an important opportunity for our parish to reflect on spiritual growth and parish life. We strongly encourage every parishioner to complete the DMI.

In addition, we have created a brief **St. Gilbert Listening Form**. While the DMI gathers measurable data, this short form allows you to share in your own words what you appreciate about our parish, where you hope to see growth, and anything you would like parish leadership to hear.

The two together provide a fuller picture as we look toward the future of St. Gilbert Parish.

This form takes less than three minutes and responses are anonymous.

Scan the QR code or visit:

<https://forms.gle/pd2hy6MgPiC64jg26>

Open through March 29th.



**ST. GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**11AM**

**FAMILY MASS**

**MARCH 15. MARCH 29. APRIL 19. MAY 17**



**Wednesday, February 18th through  
Sunday, March 29th  
40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and  
fasting for an end to abortion.**

If you'd like more information –  
and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help,  
please contact Leslie at [hazfam6@comcast.net](mailto:hazfam6@comcast.net) OR  
visit [www.40daysforlife.com/waukegan](http://www.40daysforlife.com/waukegan)

## ST. GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH Taize Prayer Service



**MARCH 18, 2026 6:30PM**

**301 E. BELVIDERE ROAD, GRAYSLAKE, ILLINOIS**



**Easter Flowers** play a significant and symbolic role in the celebration of Easter, the holiest of Christian holidays that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter flowers are used to decorate our Church as well as your homes, and also are given as memorial gifts.

Think of donating through your Easter Flower envelope or signing onto Give Central to donate an Easter Flower in memory of a loved one. Sign in at: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8788> to make your donation and have a Blessed Easter Season.

## READING I EXODUS 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!” The LORD answered Moses, “Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

## READING II ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters:  
Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.  
And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.  
For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.  
But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

## GOSPEL JOHN 4:5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’

you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.” Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.” Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘In four months the harvest will be here’? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.” Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him

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because of the word of the woman who testified,  
"He told me everything I have done."  
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they invited him to stay with them;  
and he stayed there two days.  
Many more began to believe in him because of his word,  
and they said to the woman,  
"We no longer believe because of your word;  
for we have heard for ourselves,  
and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

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### 1st Reading

God answers Moses' prayer of petition to give the Israelites water to drink before they die of thirst in the desert. *What would you like to ask from the Lord in the upcoming week?*

### 2nd Reading

Paul tells the Romans to have hope because the Holy Spirit pours the love of God into our hearts. *What are you hoping for this Lent?*



### Gospel:

The Samaritan woman eventually comes to believe in Jesus as the Messiah and savior of the world. *What convinces you that Jesus is your Lord and Savior?*

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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.*



— Victims of Ukraine Conflict & Wars/Conflicts in Middle East

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:

**† Dolores Morgan**

*May perpetual light shine upon her.*

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 & the Middle East; 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:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/ Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/ Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

— Jn 4:9a, 10

## Workshops of Hope

Mental Health Wellness Series

### NAMI Family & Friends

National Alliance on Mental Illness

**NAMI Family & Friends** is a seminar that informs and supports people who have loved ones or friends with a mental health condition. Participants learn about diagnoses, treatment, recovery, communication strategies, crisis preparation and NAMI resources. Seminar leaders have personal experience with mental health conditions in their families.

NAMI Northwest Suburbs Chicago, the local organization of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will offer a NAMI Family & Friends seminar:

**Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
**Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-12:00pm**



#### Audience Perspectives

"The real-life examples that the co-teachers shared were helpful in realizing we are not the only ones going through this and it gave us all some hope for better days for us and our loved ones."

"Programs like this really reduce the stigma and fear surrounding talking about mental health conditions. I felt supported and understood."

NAMI Family & Friends



Use Registration QR code  
or see website  
[www.stfrancislzparish.org](http://www.stfrancislzparish.org)

St Francis de Sales  
Ministry Center  
135 S Buesching Rd,  
Lake Zurich 847-438-6622



## The Knights of Columbus

Proudly Announces the 2026

### Saint Gilbert Parish Fryday Night Fish Fry's

**February 27<sup>th</sup> (advanced tickets by 02/25/26)**

**March 13<sup>th</sup> (advanced tickets by 03/11/26)**

**5:00PM – 8:00PM**

**St. Gilbert Parish Center Gym**

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**One price fish dinner for all: \$11 / (\$13 at the door)**

**One price mac/cheese dinner (kids only): \$5**

Visit the St. Gilbert website ([www.stgilbert.org](http://www.stgilbert.org)) for Give Central ticket link, or purchase after Masses in the narthex.

Breaded Alaskan Whitefish prepared by your Knights of Columbus Council #9689.

Fish dinners come with tartar sauce, French fries, coleslaw and dessert. Mac/cheese dinners come with French fries and dessert.

*Proceeds benefit St. Gilbert Parish, School and our community.*

For more information, call Dave Rennolds: 847.548.2707

## FEATURING:

Fr. John Burns invites you on a pilgrimage this Lent using Return. Fr. John will guide you through the most difficult season of the Church, yet also the most transformative. Are you ready to enter the desert and experience the richness of the Paschal Mystery?



## formed

Sign up for formed!

- \*Visit [formed.org](http://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!



# BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



## Saint Gilbert Catholic Church Blood Drive



Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus #9689

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Chapel Hall Basement**

To schedule an appointment, call Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit [Vitalant.org](http://Vitalant.org) and use Blood Drive Code: **ORD0GL02** or scan the QR code.

Donate March 1-April 5 to help patients in need and you'll be entered for a chance to win a \$10,000 gift card from Vitalant!

Prepare. Eat well. Hydrate, and bring photo ID. Appointments encouraged. Walk-ins welcomed.

SCAN HERE TO SCHEDULE



vitalant  
Blood Donation

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."



Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box. **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)



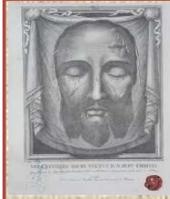
All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us at the next Teen Ministry Night for snacks, games & faith discussion with other teens! Bring a friend or 2!

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

**6:00-8:00pm** † \*In the teen center

**St. Gilbert Youth Ministry**

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



**Devotion to the Holy Face**  
**Holy Hour of Prayer**  
**Saint Gilbert Chapel**  
**Tuesday, March 10th, 7:00pm**

Every month the Teen Ministry program offers a different prayer experience where teens can come and enrich their personal relationship with Christ.



**NEXT DATE:**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026**

\*6:30-8:00pm ~ meet in the teen center\*

Please let us know if you are coming by emailing Kathleen at [youthmin@stgilbertschool.org](mailto:youthmin@stgilbertschool.org) or calling 847.223.5875

All 7th-12th graders are invited to come!

**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 March 12th, 19th, and 26th. The group meets every week during Lent.*



**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).

**THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY WILL HOST A HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE...** on Saturday, March 21st, immediately following the 8 AM mass at the Waukegan Planned Parenthood. We plan to meet after mass in the east parking lot and drive over to Planned Parenthood. *Please join us in praying for the unborn and promoting a culture of life.*

**MID-LIFE SINGLES (MID-30S TO 50S)...** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, in Darien, IL (in the southwestern suburbs), **on April 17-19, 2026.** Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com), or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

At a recent Confirmation service project, students volunteered at Bernie's Book Bank



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*Basic essentials of living inquiries:*

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*Pregnancy support:*

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*Suicide prevention:*

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*Local food pantries:*

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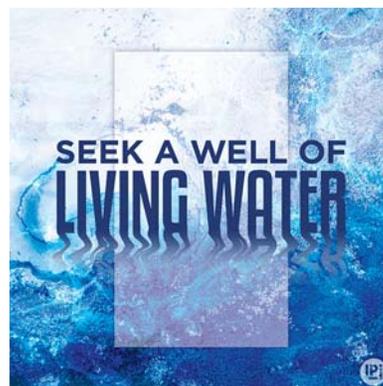
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Saint Gilbert Parish Bulletin: Send articles for consideration in an electronic file to: [bulletin@stgilbert.org](mailto:bulletin@stgilbert.org)  
Thank you! Upcoming Deadline:  
Thursday, March 12th for March 22nd Bulletin

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever.

The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.



I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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**BAPTISM:** At Masses or Services on  
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Call the Rectory to register.

**MARRIAGE:** A minimum of 9 months  
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Schedule an appointment with a priest  
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