

SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT —DECEMBER 24, 2023

Gathering: #414
THE KING SHALL COME
WHEN MORNING DAWNS

Responsorial:

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Presentation: #887 AVE MARIA Communion:

RORATE CAELI

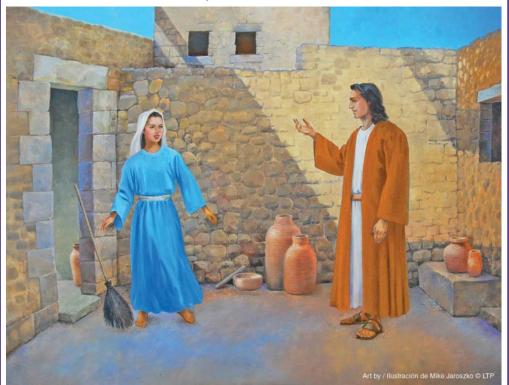
Sending Forth: #395 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



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.

Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25–27; Luke 1:26–38



Attend to God's Time

This year we dwell in the last week of Advent for only hours. Today's Scriptures put an exclamation mark on all the prophetic promises we recalled with the "O" Antiphons. As foretold in the Old Testament, and echoed in the words of the angel Gabriel, the savior will come through the line of King David and thus his house and kingdom shall endure forever.

For most households, these abbreviated final hours of Advent will be consumed with hurried preparations for Christmas. Even so, attend to God's time. Remember to light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, adorn the household nativity scene, and listen to your Advent playlist once more while cleaning, baking, or traveling. Our Advent texts, songs, and traditions are ripe with promise. Christ is coming. A savior will be born. The light will overcome the darkness. God's faithfulness will endure forever

Today we turn the page from hopeful waiting to joyful fulfillment. Breathe in the miracle of God's love. Exhale a prayer of gratitude for all that is to come

—Lisa M. Orchen. © 2023 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved.

—Daily and Sunday Mass are available live-streamed, with attendees present, on the Saint Gilbert YouTube Channel: https://youtube.com/channel/UCMP0PFhS_wyXxgsTzbPEEyw AND Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/StGilbertChurch/

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023, NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Parish Offices Closed

9:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

†Terry Marusich; †Lorraine Matelski; †Janet Hannan; †Treasa Joy Lyman

11:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

†Dorothy Bamber; Living & †Deceased Members of Riesselmann, Lyman, Smith & Kearney Families; †Chuck Zapf; †Jim & Mary Brodrick; †Ray Shoemaker; †Gloria Novack

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023, ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Parish Offices Closed

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Lorraine Arendt

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023, ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Earl Porten; †Mary Jayne Pikula

NO Adoration Today (returns next Wednesday)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023, THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Margrett Witkowski †Anna March

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023, FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP & MARTYR

Parish Office Hours 8a—12p

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Poor Souls of the Faithful Departed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023, SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

For the Rottman Family

5:00p Mass — Intention:

†Martin McGreal; †Kozumplik Family †Marvin Raczek

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023, HOLY FAMILIY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

7:30a Mass — Intention:

People of Saint Gilbert Parish

NO REP Sessions / NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00a *Mass with Traditional Choral — Intention:

People of Saint Gilbert Parish

11:00a Mass with Traditional Music — Intention:

†Jack Nierhoff

*Incense may be used at the Mass.



And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

— Lk I:35



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24th *3:00pm Church & Chapel *10:00pm Church—Carols begin at 9:45pm

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th 9:00am & 11:00am Church

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th—5:00pm Sunday, December 31st — 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

> New Year's Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31st — no 5:00pm Mass Monday, January 1st — *9:00am Church

*live stream available



SAINT GILBERT CHURCH

WISHING YOU A BLESSED ADVENT

As we approach this Advent season preparing for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, our hearts overflow

with gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us in the past year. During this time, we also unite as a parish community to reflect on the importance of our faith and gratitude. —Please consider supporting Saint Gilbert Parish with a special contribution to our offertory this Christmas, so that we may continue furthering the mission of our parish. You can make your gift at Give Central:

https://www.givecentral.org/location/378 OR Text: CHRISTMAS to 1-224-219-0357

OR WeShare: https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20000018?tab=home





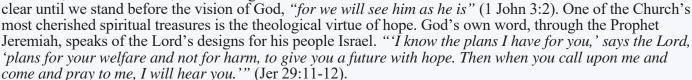
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Each year at Christmas Mass the First Reading, proclaimed from the ninth chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, begins with these words: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land

of gloom a light has shone." So much in the news lately we've seen, to our shock and dismay, the incredible suffering of people in Israel and Gaza, an area revered for ages by Christians as the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection, treasured by Jews as the Promised Land, and esteemed by Muslims as well.

While we continue urgently praying for peace in the Holy Land and an end to war and violence there and in other war-weary parts of the world, we might wonder how peace itself can be so fragile, and how such a sacred place can be seemingly so vulnerable to suddenly-erupting violence. When will the "great light" of God's own justice and lasting peace finally settle upon that troubled region?

As Christians we're aware of the fallen, passing nature of this temporal world and of the mysteries, many glorious but also many sorrowful, that surround us, the meaning of which won't become



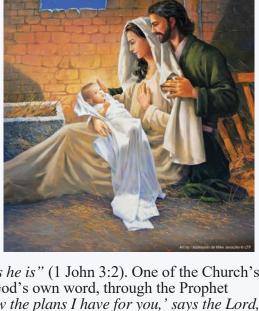
Even in the most trying times, we must remain people of hope, because hope itself comes from God. This Christmas gives us cause for rejoicing, even in darkness and gloom, because God sends us a sign that his divine hope for humanity is fulfilled. The sign is not some startling wonder of the natural world, but a child, born of a humble virgin and her awe-struck husband, Joseph, in a cattle shed at Bethlehem of Judea. The angel in the Christmas Gospel passage reveals the birth of Christ with this declaration: "'I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born

for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:10-12).

This Christmas let's renew together our commitment to being people of hope, reminding the world that Christ, in the mystery of his Incarnation, is the source and promise of true and abiding peace. Merry and blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones.

— Fr John





Christmas Flower Memorials

The following parishioners have made a Christmas Flower donation in memory of their family and friends. Please include them in your prayers this season:

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Mrs Elaine Hutten... Ms Loretta Lehner... Mrs. Patricia Ryann... M/M Frank Wermerskirchen... M/M Edward Banas... M/M Keith Halvorsen... Mrs Josephine Janowski... M/M Dennis Owczarski... Mrs Carrie Kreplin for deceased members of Kreplin & Christensen Familes... M/M Thomas Wonsil... M/M John Schuster... Ms Sandra Axtell... Mrs Darlene Dorfler for Frank Dorfler... Shawn Vogel... Ms Joan Keane... Mr Francis Curin for Frank & Margueriette Curin, Steve & Anna Sandor, Wyoma Nester... M/M Bohdan Chalus... Mr Kevin Krempely... Mr Howard Siedlecki... Mr James Watters... M/M James Menoni... Ms Aida Ansaldo... M/M Michael Lyons for Lyons & Stefani Families... M/M Raul Habon... M/M Anthony Cornelio... M/M Daniel Bakota... M/M David Meyer... Mrs Judith Ferguson for Tom Ferguson & Herb & Rose Steele... M/M Robert Constantino... M/M Steven A Thomas... M/M James O'Connor... M/M Kim Kobernick for Kobernick, Hertel & Luby Family Members... Ms Maureen Morris for Morris Family... M/M Brian Murphy... M/M Gavin Roszkowiak for Gerald Roszkowiak & Diana Roszkowiak... Nick & Joeelyn... M/M Brian & Angie Fisher... Donald Hannan for Janet Hannan... M/M Daniel Clancy for Katherine Bystricky & Elizabeth Clancy... M/M Frederick & Linda Treven... Elizabeth Fellin for Piela & Fellin Families... M/M Ron & Marjorie Matthews for Genevieve Foley... M/M Mart & Pamala Zuske... M/M Earl Amburgey... M/M Nathaniel Nunez... Mrs. Judy Marusich for Terry Marusich... M/M Joseph Rzymowski... Ms. Ingeborg Gartner... M/M Larry Starzec for Melissa Starzec... M/M Michael Stark... M/M Gregory Gumbinger for Pinelli & Gumbinger Families... Ms. Clare O'Connor... M/M Dennis Jermolowicz... Ms. Virginia Gray for Florence & Elmer Gray, Linda & James Gray, Rose & Frank Tasharski, Charles Tasharski & Loretta Dwyer...

Religious Education News. . .



THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **OFFICE IS OPEN** 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM, MON-FRI

The REGISTRATION FORM... for the 2023

-2024 vear is available at www.stgilbert.org/religiouseducation-program, at the entrances to the Church, and from the Religious Education Office.



If you have any questions, please call the RE Office, 847-223-3071.

CHRISTMAS EVE

MASS... Students in Grades 1 and 2 are invited to dramatize the story of Joseph and Mary traveling to Bethlehem and finding a place to stay, at the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Call the RE Office for additional information!



GRADES 7-9 SESSION... The next syllabus will be

sent to registered students in early January. Call the office for information.

SPRED – Religious **Education for** Children with Special Needs...

This program serves 25 students, ranging in age from 6 to 16, from St. Gilbert and









Pictures are from the visit of St. Nicholas to the students in the Religious Education Program.

neighboring parishes. If you have any questions about the program or to volunteer, email or call Sr. Donna.





MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE A **BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**



Ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for your child? Call the Parish Office to register for a Baptism Preparation Session: 847-223-4731



In the spirit of keeping the season, a weekly handout of quick THIS WEEK AT HOME DAILY ADVENT/CHRISTMAS IDEAS is being made available on our parish website at https://www.stgilbert.org/home



GOSPEL

With God's helping hands, you can do unbelievable things. You can write books. You can be the President. You can clean up your bedroom. You can climb monkey bars. You can give food and drink to the hungry. When you are feeling weak, sit down and pray. Ask God to help you. Nothing is impossible for him. Just like Mary, you have to believe that you can do anything with God's help.





Lord, give me wisdom to ask you for your help.





GOT DIAPERS?

Donate your New or open packages any size from newborn to size six. Bigger Sizes like 3,4,5,6 are the greatest need.

Drop-off location: Designated bin in Saint Gilbert Narthex OR to Catholic Charities 101 N. Cedar Lake Rd Round Lake II 60073



An adequate supply of diapers is essential to a baby's health. Lacking an adequate supply of diapers can cause undue stress on both baby and parent. The lack of a sufficient supply of disposable diapers for a baby to remain clean, dry, and healthy can affect the short-term health of a child and impact long-term health and development.

All diapers collected will be distributed to families in need.

Here at Catholic Charities. We appreciate your generous donation.

NEW MINISTERS READY

The Minister of **Care Ministry**

TO SERVE... (MOC) has been

blessed with the recent addition of five, newly-trained parishioners who are very much looking forward to serving our fellow St. Gilbert members with the gift of Holy Communion. Please know if you or your relative or neighbor is housebound 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 shortly. Advent Blessings to all!

Men's Breakfast with BISHOP GROB... Catholic

Men of Lake County are invited to Mass and breakfast on Saturday, January 13th, 2024, Church of St. Marv. 175 E. Illinois Rd. Lake Forest. Mass is at 7:30 AM. After Mass is a continental breakfast and a talk by Bishop Jeffrey Grob, **Issues** Facing Catholic Men in 2024, in the Parish Center, 201 E. Illinois Rd. The event is sponsored by the Faith and Fellowship Men's Club of the Church of St. Mary and the Knights of Columbus #1268. Required advance registration, capped at 75 registrants, will close on January 10. Register at: https://forms.gle/ nMfU2rMystrBUtdX6, or contact Joe Zaccari: 847.997.0490, mensclub@churchofstmary.org

ARE YOU BAFFLED... by

some teaching of the Catholic Church? Does the phrase Paschal Mystery mystify you? Unclear as to just what a Cardinal is and does? Well, you're in luck! Because on Tuesday evening, January 16th, 2024 from 7:00 -

8:00pm. Deacon Mark and Deacon-To-Be Jeff Ptacek will field any and all questions you have about the Catholic faith... and try to answer them as well! Hope to see you there!

WEDNESDAY

ADORATION... The Saint Gilbert Chapel is open for Adoration most Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

(Note—There will be NO Adoration on Wednesday, 12/27. Adoration returns with the New Year on Wednesday. 1/3/2024.)

Come to the Chapel and pray with Jesus truly present in the tabernacle.

Would you

please consider committing to a weekly hour or as a substitute adorer? Both are essential to the continuance of the gift of His presence being made available to us. Call/text Crystal Sullivan at 847.507.7486 or email

crystalnkevin28@gmail.com.

Crisis Support Services:

Basic essentials of living inquiries:

St. Vincent de Paul Society thru Saint Gilbert: 224-360-9161

Clergy sexual abuse healing & reconciliation:

heal.archchicago.org

Counseling:

Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

Domestic violence:

A Safe Place hotline: 847-249-4450 Emotional support after abortion: Project Rachel: 800-5WE-CARE

Emergency shelter: PADS: 847-689-4357

Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

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: 847-347-0832

Pregnancy support:

Aid for Women Northern Lake Cty:

847-249-2700 Aid for Women:

312-621-1100

Suicide prevention:

Emergency 911 or 800-411-0103 or 440-953-8255



— Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert - Joseph O'Donnell, Jr. — Joan Severns — Victims of the Ukraine Conflict & the War in Israel/Gaza

Please keep in your prayers. . .

Kai Bowes; Neil Cloe; Jim DeLaCruz; Pauline Fern; Rachael Genelin; Gisele Hortense; Joanna Jablonski; Joanna Jorstadt; Mia Grace Keller; Marsha McDaniel; John Pedigo; Andree Porcheron-Hicks; Jean Lou Porcheron; Kelli Sirratt; Grace Vogt; people of Ukraine & Israel/Gaza; all affected by COVID19; the needs & intentions inscribed in our parish Books of Intercession

Please notify the rectory to add a name to the prayer list for up to 4 weeks. There is a Book of Intercessory Prayer available in both the Church and Chapel to which you may add specific or longer term prayer requests. Please know these intentions are prayed for daily.

Weekly Collections Thank You!

December 2nd — December 8th, 2023

Electronic: \$13,036.04 Weekly Total: \$20,093.04 Mail-In: \$875.00 Weekly Budg: \$17,000.00 Surplus: \$3,093.04

Please consider these alternate safe, convenient methods to make a muchneeded gift at any time:



WeShare—https://stgilbert.churchgiving.com



GiveCentral—

https://www.givecentral.org/location/378

Text2Give—

Text DONATE or CHRISTMAS to 1-224-219-0357

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

Christmas Offering:

https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8795

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

Saint Gilbert Parish Bulletin:

Send articles for consideration in an electronic file to: bulletin@stgilbert.org Thank you! Next Due:

Thursday, January 4th for January 14th Bulletin

THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus at Saint Gilbert for sponsoring new albs & crosses for our Altar Servers.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Tuesday**: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

EFATURING:

In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr. Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given—the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to appreciate better the immensity of God's love for us as His children.







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name and email
address and hit "Sign
Up" and you are all
set!





10th Annual

Cabin Fever Burger Bash







January 27th

6pm - 8pm

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6pm - 8pm

Celebrating:

Catholic Schools Week

St. Gilbert

Groundhog Day

Tickets: Order on links below or call

J.R. Fraher 847-609-1880 to order and pay when picking up

\$10 - Burger/Cheese + Fries + Cookie

https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/29116

\$5 - Hog Dog + Fries + Cookie

https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/29117



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Christmas 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also celebrate the birth of our hope. When he came nong us as one like us in all things but sin, he lifted us up to new and transformed life. In fact, he opened for us the way to share in the very life of God. One of the prayers of the Mass gives us these words: "...may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

The struggles that we face in our personal lives and in our wounded world do not have the last word. We are meant for more. We are meant for full and eternal life. I pray that our celebration of the Lord's birth will remind us of the glory that will carry us beyond the challenges, sometimes truly significant challenges that mark our lives and our world.

We must also remember that the Lord did not just come among us once and long ago. He continues to walk with us as we walk with each other. Our celebrations of the Eucharist remind of that. And he will never abandon his people. He is now and always Emmanuel, our God with us. Our journey is his journey. And this year, having celebrated the first of two synods of the Church, we are especially aware that he accompanies us as we accompany one

In this holy season, I invite you to pray. Take time, create a quiet space, look on the creche, read the gospels, and allow yourself to know that he is near and that he walks with you. If you do so, I can assure you that you will know his peace. Then, take what you learn from him to your family, to your workplace, to your community, and to entire world. The gift of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, is not something we can hold for ourselves. We are called and destined to share it with others.

As I celebrate the Eucharist, I will remember you and pray that you will have a living sense of the Lord among u the one who walks with us and draws us forward into the fullness of his life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Marc Card. Cayail Archbishop of Chicago

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Saint Gilbert Catholic Church Mission Statement

The Catholic family of St. Gilbert Is a faith-filled community Living out our Baptismal call. Empowered by the Gospel message, We celebrate the sacraments, Share in fellowship, And reach out to serve all.

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PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. John Chrzan - Pastor

Rev. Eugene Nowak - Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Pawel Adamus - Associate Pastor

Rev. August Belauskas - Associate

Senior Deacon Richard Globis

Deacon Mark Plaiss

Deacon Tom Biegel

Deacon Brian Fisher

Mrs. Kristine Buckley - Principal

Sr. Donna Schmitt, OSF - Director,

Religious Education

Mrs. Sandra Garrity - Business Manager

Mr. Cameron Normand - Music

Director (Phone: 225.328.0501

stgilbertmusic.blogspot.com) Ms. Kathleen Karrigan - Youth Minister

(Phone: 847.223.5875

email: youthmin@stgilbertschool.org)

MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday thru Saturday — 8:00am

Saturday Vigil—5:00pm

Sunday—7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Holydays—6:30am, 8:00am, 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday—4:00pm to 4:45pm

BAPTISM: At Masses or Services on select Saturdays and Sundays.

Arrangements made after one-hour

Baptismal Preparation Session. Call the Rectory to register.

MARRIAGE: A minimum of 9 months is necessary for preparation.

Schedule an appointment with a priest as soon as possible before making other marriage plans.

(www.stgilbert.org/marriage-ministry)

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

For Adults—call Fr. John at the Rectory. For Children—call Sr. Donna at the Religious Education Office.

Parish Membership: Please call the Rectory to register at Saint Gilbert or notify us of a change of address.

Hearing Loop installed Switch Hearing Aid to T-Coil

