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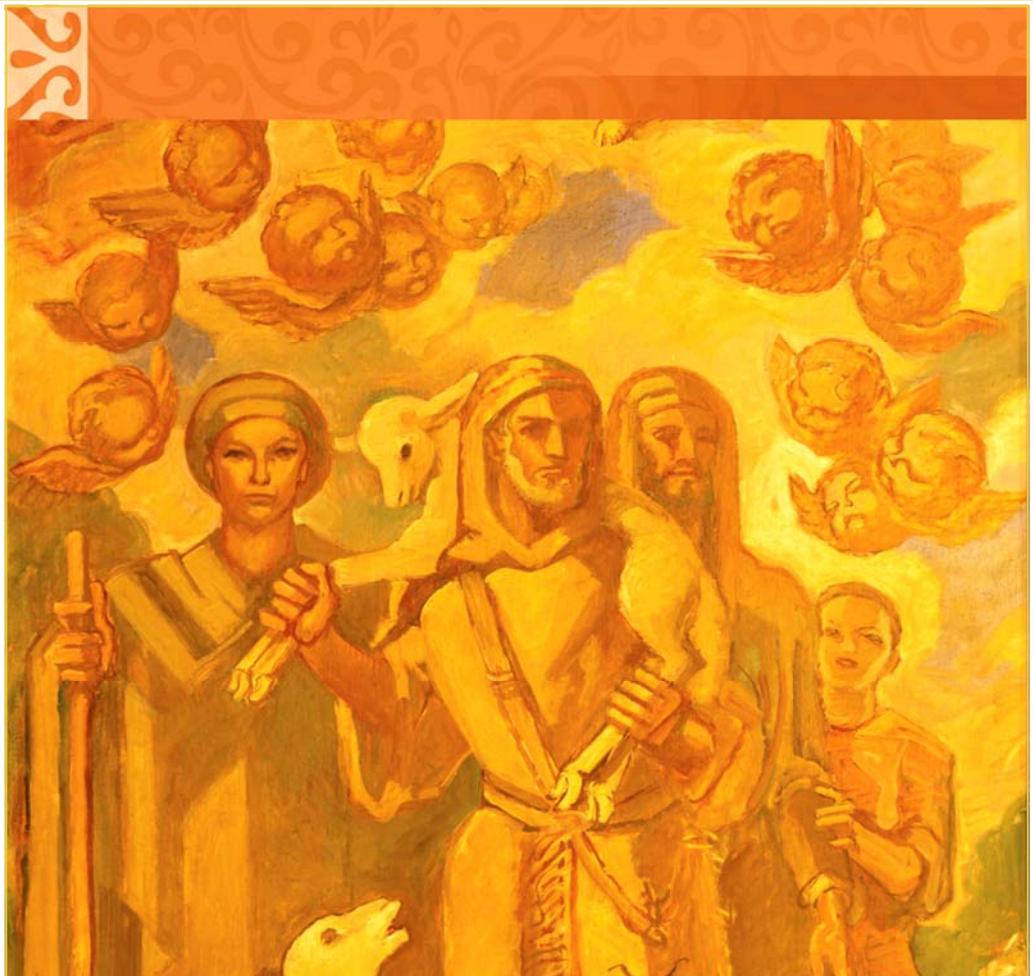
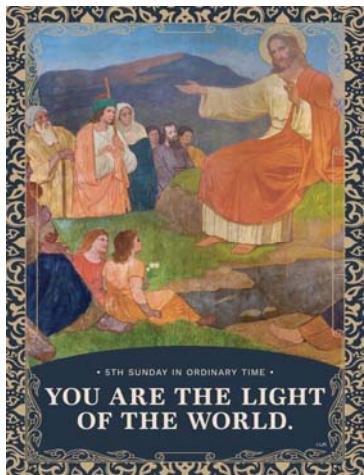
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FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME —
FEBRUARY 8,
2026

Today's readings:

Isaiah 58:7-10
Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

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Readings Text.



5th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house." Mt 5:14-16

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—Daily and Sunday Mass are available live-streamed, with attendees present, on the Saint Gilbert YouTube Channel: https://youtube.com/channel/UCMP0PFhS_wyXgsTzbPEEyw AND Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/StGilbertChurch/>

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

Mass Intentions & Observances:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026, WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:
†Powroznik Family; †Timothy G. Kilduff

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026, ST SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:
†Meyer Family; †Sheila Finley; †Diana Arcena;
†Schneberger Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026, WEEKDAY; OUR LADY OF LOURDES; (WORLD DAY OF THE SICK)

8:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:
†Michael & †Elizabeth Velten

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026, WEEKDAY; (LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY)

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:
†Lucresia Tarpey; †Shirley Metz

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026, WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:
†Irene Kachmar; †Poor Souls in Purgatory;
†Joseph Salemi; †Kathy Kato

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026, STS CYRIL, MONK, & METHODIUS, BISHOP

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:
†Dr. Gilberto Formigoni; †Lou Andre
5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:
†Paul Steffan; †Martin McGreal

==== Virtual 2nd Collection —
Building & Grounds Offering ===



FEBRUARY 15, 2026, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:
†Dan & †Frank Ptasienski; †Marylyn Varitek
9:00a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:
†Tom Ferguson; †Carmela Alberotanza
11:00a Mass (Children's Choir/Family Mass) — Intention:
†Martin Pruneau; †Ricky Osborne; †George Webber
5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:
Living & †Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish

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Facility Calendar:

Monday, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

7:00p SGS FSA Meeting
7:00p SA Troops 96 & 1996

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

5:00p SPRED Adult Session A



Baptism Preparation at Saint Gilbert

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



Resources for a Happy and Holy Marriage
can be found at <https://pvm.archchicago.org/lifelong-formation/marriage/strengthening-your-marriage>.

WorldWide Marriage Encounter

Live out God's call to love one another and enrich your marriage by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend.

Visit <https://wwme-chicagoland.org>



Retrouvaille...A Lifeline for Marriages

This program helps couples heal and renew their marriages and offers tools needed to *rediscover* a loving marriage relationship. It will give you the opportunity to *rediscover* each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Visit <https://retrouvaille.org> to find resources near you.

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 11, 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 Baptism Preparation Session—Virtual

Thursday, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

8:00p Penitent Soldiers of Mary Adoration Liturgy (see pg 8)

9:00p Men's Basketball

Friday, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

No scheduled ministry activities

Saturday, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

9:00a REP Jesus Day

9:30a SPRED Session A

4:00p Confession

==== Annual Catholic Appeal — Commitment Weekend ===

Sunday, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

8:55a REP Sessions

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9a and 11a Masses

9:00a OCIA

1:00p Baptism Preparation Session—In-Person

1:00p Group Baptism Service

6:30p Youth Ministry / TGIF Night

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TOGETHER WE BRING LIGHT

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

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Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your generous contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself and for your loved ones.

To make a gift by phone: 312.534.7959

To mail: 835 North Rush Street
Chicago, IL 60611

To give online:
annualcatholicappeal.com



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

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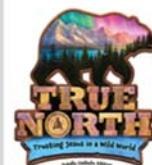
One prayer intention every month.

St. Gilbert Youth Ministry



Sunday, February 15, 2026
6:00-8:00pm *In the teen center

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!



SAVE THE DATE!

**2026 ST. GILBERT
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

MONDAY, JUNE 8 - FRIDAY, JUNE 12
9:00AM-12:00PM

REGISTRATION BEGINS IN MARCH!

TRADITIONAL VBS. 4 YEARS OLD
TO ENTERING 4TH GRADE

VBS CAMP WITH ART OR SPORTS.
5TH-7TH GRADE

KIDS WILL GO ON A WILD
ADVENTURE IN THE ALASKAN
WILDERNESS, WHERE THEY WILL
DISCOVER THEY CAN ALWAYS
TRUST JESUS!

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 or can be purchased through Amazon.

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

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 in January. Call the office for info. Some students will participate in a Retreat on Sunday, February 15th beginning at 1:00 pm entitled 'Meeting Jesus in a Real Way.'

 **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.*

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

God Bless You!

For basic essentials of living assistance inquiries, contact the St. Vincent DePaul Society at **224.360.9161 OR SVDPGGrayslake@yahoo.com**



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GOSPEL

Look around you at night in the dark. You can not see much. Then turn on a flashlight. Now you can tell where to walk without bumping into things. God wants you to be a ray of light. He wants you to show others his goodness and healing power. God wants you to warn others about evil. God wants you to lead others to heaven by your words and actions.



PRAYER

Lord, let me be a light that teaches others about your goodness and mercy.

LeP BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

SGS ROCKS PRESENTS

REBEL BINGO

MARCH 7TH FROM 6PM TO 9PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN TWIST ON TRADITIONAL BINGO

DRINKS, BYOFOOD, RAFFLES, COOKIE PULL, MUSIC, TABLE DECORATING CONTEST AND MORE!

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



The St. Gilbert Community Children's Choir is welcoming new members!

Children will sing at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass and learn music in a fun, faith-filled environment. No prior choir experience needed.

Rehearsal begins at 10:00 AM on upcoming Sundays: February 15, March 15, May 17

If your child loves to sing (or you'd like them to try!), we'd love to have them join us.

Questions or to sign up:

music.director@stgilbertschool.org

Come grow in faith, confidence, and community through music!

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 FRY'S:**

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 (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 ISAIAH 58:7-10

Thus says the LORD:

Share your bread with the hungry,
shelter the oppressed and the homeless;
clothe the naked when you see them,
and do not turn your back on your own.
Then your light shall break forth like the
dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed;
your vindication shall go before you,
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear
guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will
answer,
you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I
am!
If you remove from your midst
oppression, false accusation and malicious
speech;
if you bestow your bread on the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted;
then light shall rise for you in the darkness,
and the gloom shall become for you like
midday.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*The just man is a light in darkness to
the upright.*

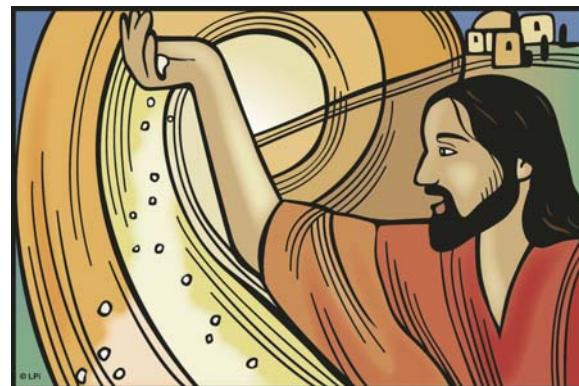
READING 2 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of
wisdom.
For I resolved to know nothing while I was
with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
I came to you in weakness and fear and much
trembling,
and my message and my proclamation
were not with persuasive words of wisdom,
but with a demonstration of Spirit and power,
so that your faith might rest not on human

wisdom
but on the power of God.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples:
"You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be
seasoned?
It is no longer good for anything
but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a
bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand,
where it gives light to all in the house.
Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father."



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*Salt without flavor is no longer salt. Light that
illuminates nothing is no longer light. As Christians,
we must be what we have been made to be. So think
about it, carefully: what stands between you and being
who you were made to be?*

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1st Reading

We hear from Isaiah that the Lord expects us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and avoid false accusations and hateful speech. *Which of these virtues could you practice this week?*

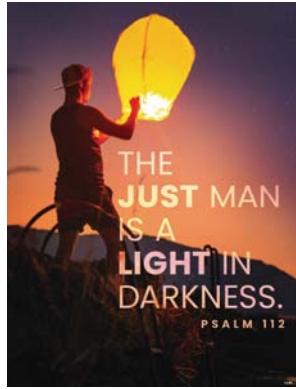
2nd Reading

Paul encourages the Corinthians to ground their faith in the power of God and not in human wisdom. *How can you make this a regular habit?*

Gospel:

Jesus challenges his disciples to have a positive influence in the world. *Who do you know makes the world a better place?*

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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.



ETERNAL REST
Grant to:

— Bernadine Marie Gawron

— Fr. Edwin D. Pacocha

— Kazimiera Szafran

— Dianne M. Schroeder

— Victims of Ukraine Conflict & War in Israel/Gaza

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:

† Vivian & † Frederick Duffell

May perpetual light shine upon them.

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37



“Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” — Mt 5:15-16

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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 with "Communion Closet" in the subject line. For information about Rest in His Arms, see www.angelgowns.us.

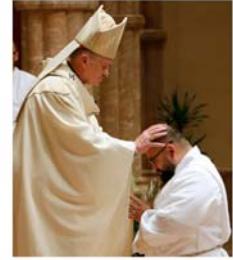
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The Vicar for Deacons

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

The Appeals of Our Lady

If you are a devotee of Our Blessed Mother, or you pray the Rosary faithfully or maybe you don't pray the rosary as often as you want because life's demands seem to get in your way. **You will want to see what is coming to St. Gilbert Parish Chapel on February 28th & March 1st and be here to see it.**

Through the centuries an angel, saints and many popes have talked about devotion to the Mother of God, and not too long ago a young 15 yr old teen, Carlo Acutis who was recently canonized a Saint, because he catalogued the Appeals of Our Lady - *Apparitions and Marian Shrines of the World*. (He also designed another exhibition, *The Eucharistic Miracles of the World*.)

At the Appeals of Our Lady exhibition, you'll see beautiful art, read wonderful stories, and see Carlo Acutis' personal illustrations, photos, and pictures. People are saying this is the Best Marian exhibition they have ever seen. You are the judge. On Mother's Day 2025, The Mater Christi Rosary Guild, Knights of Columbus rolled out this exhibition. We invite you to see for yourself.

So now you have a written invitation and over the next couple of weeks you'll see more information about details of this exhibition and hear from Father who will extend another invitation on the weekend of the Exhibition. Please come. Bring your children, your parents, your extended family especially those that are handicapped. OH! It's FREE Admission. But if you want to help cover expenses, free will donation containers are available.

We look forward to seeing you and your family.



The Exhibition will be shown in the St. Gilbert Chapel, on both levels at 301 E. Belvidere Rd, Grayslake. One hour before and one hour after all the weekend Masses.

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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD... This group meets on a Thursday after the 8am Mass in Chapel Hall. Our time

SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB

55+ Active Singles - A new way to meet friends or partners!



Celebrate the Lunar New Year with the Single Seniors Social Club. Enjoy an evening of traditional Lunar New Year-inspired refreshments, activities, and cultural traditions that honor new beginnings, good fortune, and meaningful connections - without pressure or expectations.

Saturday, February 21st @ 6:00pm \$20pp

St. Paul the Apostle Church - Lower Level
Register by 2/18 @ saintpaultheapostle.church;
Select Single Senior Social Club; Lunar New Year

Questions? Please call or email:
Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary_ross@comcast.net



Save the Date!
Bring a Friend!

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 18, 2026
9:00 a.m. - Noon

*** Live Music ***

Location: St. Mary Catholic Church
Parish Hall
10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL

For More Information:
use the QR Code or go to
<https://Magnificat-Ministry.net/chapters/il-mchenry/>



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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:
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

together is spent in reflecting on the Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, and prayer. *Next Sessions are February 19th & 26th.*



MORNING AT MARYTOWN: ... Saturday, February 21,

2026. "Lent 2026: A fresh look at the 3 traditional practices."; An invitation for men from the Church of St. Mary's Faith & Fellowship Men's Ministry. Presented by Fr. James Kubicki, SJ, Marytown Chapel, 1600 W. Park Ave., Libertyville. Program begins with 8:00 am Mass (2nd floor chapel); 9:15 am Continental Breakfast (Founders Hall); 9:30 -11:00 am Presentation. Registration deadline is February 17th. \$20.00 per person.



Mark the Date and join us for

OPEN MIC WITH DEACON PLAISS

Monday, March 9th, 7pm-8pm in Church!



Rob Longo
Co-Founder & Chief
Evangelization Officer
Live Vertical



**Luke
LeTourneau**
Co-Founder and Chief
Fellowship Officer
Live Vertical



Jim O'Day
Executive Director
Integrity Restored



**Dr. Mark
Kwaku Nimo**
St. Moses the Black
Parish



Fr. Noonan
Pastor, Mary, Mother
of Divine Grace

MANFULLY ALIVE

Men's Catholic Day of Renewal

2026

February 21, 2026
St. Pius X Church Hall
4300 Oak Park Ave
Stickney, IL 60402
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Questions: 708-935-8570
manfullyalive2026@gmail.com

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
Early Bird: \$40.00
After February 7th: \$50.00
Under 21 Years Old: \$15.00
Deacons: \$10.00
Priests and Religious: Free



Celebrating Scouting Sunday

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.

Weekly Collections Thank You!

January 17th, 2025 — January 23rd, 2026

Electronic:	\$ 6,883.06	Weekly Total:	\$14,806.06
Mail-In:	\$ 3,190.00	Weekly Budg:	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
Weekend Mass:	<u>\$ 4,733.00</u>	Deficit:	<u>-\$ 2,193.94</u>

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?

Sharing with St. Benedict the African Offering:
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8770>

*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!

Upcoming Deadline:

Thursday, February 12th for February 22nd Bulletin

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

What's the Buzz?

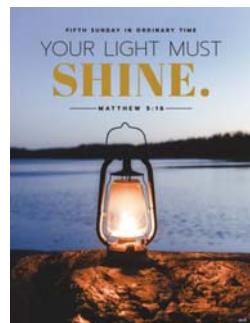
When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place.

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage?

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz.

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