

St. Gilbert Religious Education Program  
Parent Letter #5  
November 21, 2021



Dear Parents,  
What a wonderful time of year. We have so much to be thankful for!

The most recent parent letters are available online at [www.stgilbert.org](http://www.stgilbert.org). Just click on Ministries and then Religious Education. If you don't receive a letter, your child is absent, or you just need to check something, the information is at your fingertips. As always, please feel free to call the office as well.



 Grade 2 students received First Reconciliation these last two weekends. Thank you parents for helping to prepare your son or daughter for the Sacrament. Thank you to the Catechists/Teachers for their assistance.

Grade 4 parents are asked to set aside Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 9:00 am – noon. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents are invited to participate in a mini-retreat on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

When you received the Parent Handbook at Open House or through class, there was an information sheet on the students that needed to be completed and given to the Catechist. If you did not receive a Parent Handbook, please stop by the office and pick one up. There was also a sheet about photographs that we also need returned. If you haven't already returned the material, please do so at your earliest opportunity.

#### FANNIE MAY FUNDRAISER

A special thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser especially those who asked their relatives and neighbors to participate.. ***The Religious Education Program made a profit of over \$1,000.00!!! God bless! The money will be used for special student activities.*** The products will be delivered to St. Gilbert and after we have them sorted, we will contact you and make arrangements for pick up. Thanks for your cooperation.



#### ***THANKSGIVING FEAST – November 21***

It will be a wonderful celebration of what it means to be thankful. Thank you to the Catechists:



Beth Wagner, Ann Czyzewski, Teresa Czyzewski, Kelly Schlebecker, and Sarah Decker for their dedication to our youngest students. Parents and Grandparents were invited to join us at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Some of our families are having a difficult time with finances. If anyone would like to donate \$10 or \$20 to help them out please put the money in a separate envelope and address it to REP TUTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Thank you for your generosity!

When you call in to report absences, please give the grade and room number. Watch the schedule for classes!

Please make sure that you purchase the Christmas raffle tickets from the office on Sunday! November 27 begins the cash drawings. The parish appreciates your support.

Parents are invited to the dramatization of the Christmas Story and singing Christmas Carols on Sunday, December 19 at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. The third grade students will dramatize the story of Christmas. Come and celebrate the season with us.

Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to be truly grateful for all that we have. God bless and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sister Donna



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### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

- 1. Make a Thanksgiving tree with apples and leaves. On each apple or leaf put something you are thankful for.*
- 2. As a family write a Prayer to be said on Thanksgiving Day before the meal.*

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### **A PARENT'S THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

*For sticky jelly fingers and chocolate-smearred cheeks, we thank you, Lord.  
Wads of gum we snip from hair, petrified graham crackers we find under cushions of the couch,  
remind us that our children have more than enough to eat.*

*For crayon scribbles on hardwood floors and beds stripped bare for pillow forts,  
we thank you, Lord.*

*Little dinner mints of toothpaste that dot the bathroom sink,  
Legos that cut into the bottoms of bare feet,  
Remind us that our children have the luxury of a place to rest and play.*

*For these kids you've given us, O Lord, and the ones you haven't,  
for the ones who know plenty and the ones who haven't much,  
we thank you, Lord, and ask for your divine protection.  
Hold them always in your love.*

*(written by Mary Lynn Kendrickson)*

*If the only prayer you say in your whole  
Life is "thank you," that would suffice.*

**Meister Eckhart**

