



# SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

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SECOND  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME —  
JANUARY 18,  
2026

*Today's readings:*

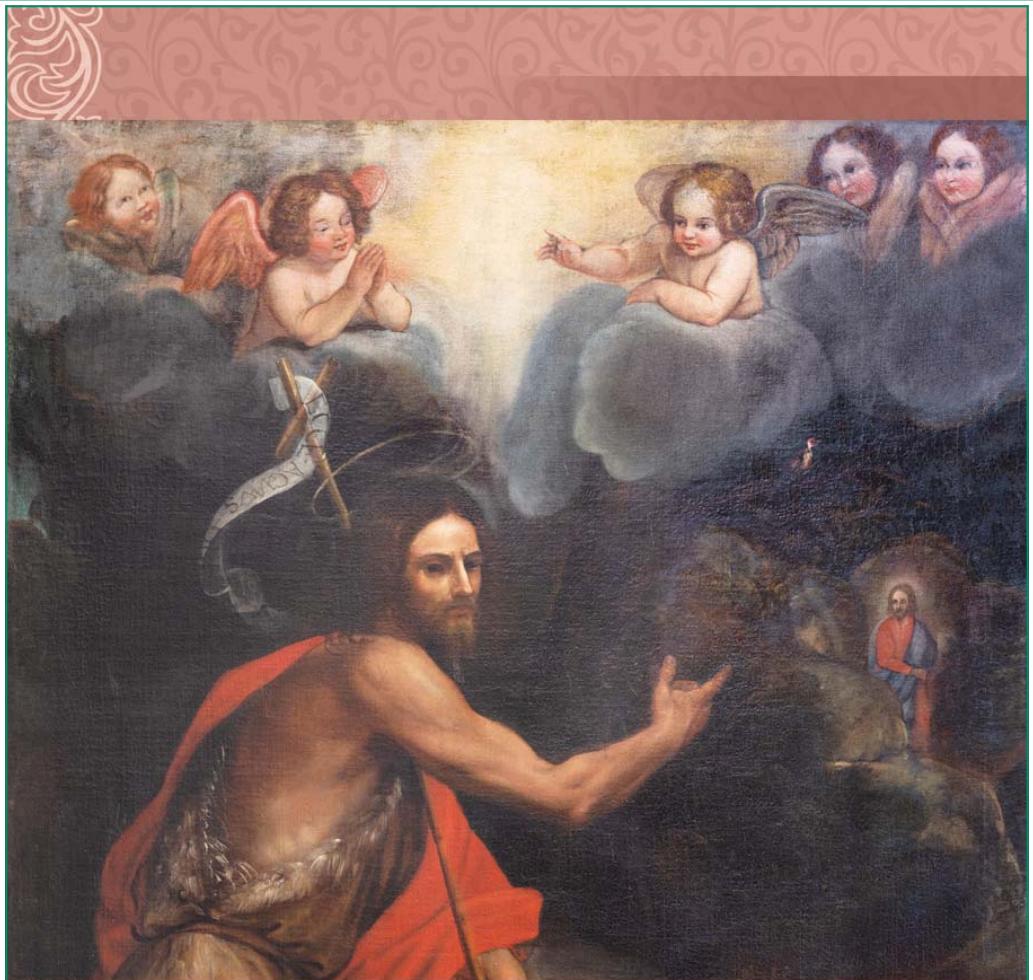
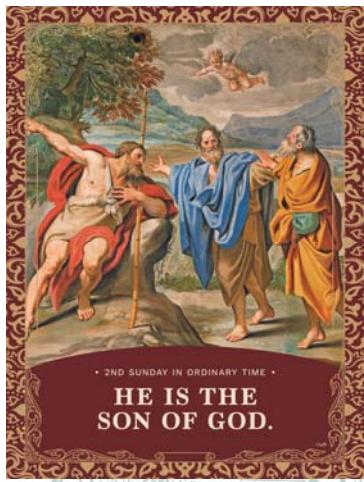
*Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

*Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10*

*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

*John 1:29-34*

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for the Sunday  
Readings Text.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" Jn 1:29

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**KofC Blood Drive —**  
**THIS Sunday, January 18th**  
**8:00am—12:30pm — Chapel Hall**

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

### Mass Intentions & Observances:



**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026, WEEKDAY;**  
**(MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY); PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**  
8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
**†Lillian Berry**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026, WEEKDAY;**  
**ST FABIAN, POPE & MARTYR; ST SEBASTIAN, MARTYR**  
8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
**†Meyer Family; †Franciszek & †Waleria Berent;**  
**†Joseph Nowakowski; †Leonard Sosinski**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026, ST AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR**  
8:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:  
**†**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026, DAY OF PRAYER**  
**FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN**  
**CHILDREN**

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
**†Sheila Finley; †Timothy G. Kilduff**

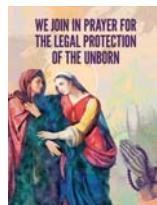
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026, WEEKDAY;**  
**ST VINCENT, DEACON & MARTYR; ST MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN**  
8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
**†Sandy Kramer**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026, ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP &**  
**DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:  
**†Amanda Dimasuay; †Christine Dehnert;**  
**†Vivian & †Frederick DeFall**  
5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:  
**†Paul Stefan; †Martin McGreal**

**JANUARY 25, 2026, THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;**  
**(WORD OF GOD SUNDAY; NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS)**

7:30a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:  
**†Andrew Mackow**  
9:00a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:  
**†Carmela Alberotanza; †Terry Marusich**  
11:00a Mass (Contemp. Music; CSW Family Mass) — Intention:  
**Living & †Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish**  
5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:  
**†Irene Winksi**



**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, January 22nd for February 1st Bulletin

## Facility Calendar:

**Monday, JANUARY 19, 2026**

7:00p SA Troops 96 & 1996

**Tuesday, JANUARY 20, 2026**

6:30p SA Troop 96

7:00p SVdP Ministry

**Wednesday, JANUARY 21, 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

5:15p Cub Scout Pack 96

6:00p SPRED Adult Session B&C

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

7:00p KofC Officers' Meeting

**Thursday, JANUARY 22, 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, JANUARY 23, 2026**

4:00p Girl Scouts

**Saturday, JANUARY 24, 2026**

9:30a SPRED Session B

12:00p SPRED Session C

4:00p Confession

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**Sunday, JANUARY 25, 2026**

Catholic Schools Week Open House (see pg 5)

NO REP Sessions

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9a and 11a Masses

9:00a OCIA

6:00p Confirmation Session

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



**NEXT DATE:**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 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!**

**Vicariate I Ministry Commission****Formation and Training for  
NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****Presenter: Fr. Robert Ryan****When:** Saturday, January 31, 2026**Where:** St. Theresa Parish  
455 N. Benton St., Palatine, IL 60067**Time:** Check in at 8:30 a.m.  
Training 9 – Noon**Register at:** [forms.office.com/r/HLx59MtwEc](https://forms.office.com/r/HLx59MtwEc)

A follow up session will take place in your parish that will include any particular practices for your parish.

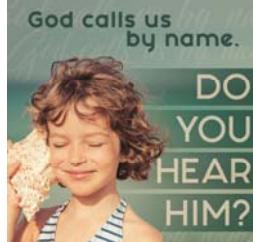
**This training meets the archdiocesan requirements  
for mandation and remandation.**Questions? Contact Marie Paul at  
[mariep@sttheresachurch.org](mailto:mariep@sttheresachurch.org).

As of mid-December, A T-COIL HEARING LOOP SYSTEM, already available in the Church, is now installed in the Chapel. Thanks to an endowment from the late Kathy Sweeney, we were able to have our chapel set up for hearing impaired people that can use the "T coil" option on their hearing aids and cell phones, just as we've been able to provide in the church for the past 13 years.



In addition, Thunder Hearing and Sound installed new audio hearing transmitters in the chapel, and the main church, using the new Auracast Bluetooth 5.2 format which was just developed last March. This will accommodate future hearing aid users that have the Auracast option available on their hearing aids, cell phones and Auracast receivers. Getting a little technical here, the signal is transmitted in the 2.4 GHz band used in Bluetooth. Our sound system project coordinator, Mark Meyer, shared, "As a user myself, believe me, it makes a big difference!"

If you have any questions on the use of the system in either space, please contact the parish office.

**St Gilbert Community Childrens Choir**

Sunday

**11:00 AM Mass**

Rehearsal begins at 9:00 AM

January 25  
February 15  
March 15  
May 17

Contact [music.director@stgilbertschool.org](mailto:music.director@stgilbertschool.org) for more information**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: January 25, 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](mailto:music.director@stgilbertschool.org)**

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

"My beloved sons will introduce the FLAME OF LOVE of MY HEART in a procession, so that, in such fashion, it becomes a living fire in the hearts, in the souls. Everything must be prepared in such a way that it spreads like wildfire."

From The Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann

*Come and Celebrate....***Bishop O'Malley & Father Koeune****WHAT: THE FEAST OF THE FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE**

- THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
- THE FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF MARY
- CANDLEMAS DAY

Celebration includes Mass, Flame of Love Rosary & Passing of the Flame of Love.  
(light refreshments afterwards)

# 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 information.  
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.

*Pictures are from the  
Christmas Celebrations  
in the SPRED Program,  
RE Program, and the Family  
Program.*



 **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.*

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to reserve your  
spot today!



## GOSPEL

John the Baptist told everyone that Jesus was the Son of God. He told them the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus and remained on him as the Scriptures said. Jesus taught his disciples and others. He healed people to show his power as the Son of God. God wants you to be his disciple. He wants you to be a good example of a loving child of God.



## PRAYER

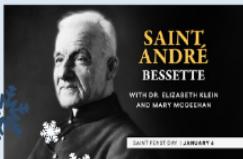
Lord, I will be a good disciple by learning and sharing your words.

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# FEATURING:

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St. André Bessette, devoted to St. Joseph and emulator of his humility, served as a brother in the Congregation of Holy Cross in Montreal. Serving as a college porter, André welcomed daily visitors and the sick. Dr. Elizabeth Klein shares about the thousands of miracles associated with the intercession of this saint and reminds us about the prevalence of miracles, even today!



Sign up for formed!

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

## 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.



**OPEN House JANUARY 25TH**

**NEW FAMILIES: 9AM-11AM**

**CURRENT FAMILIES: FAMILY MASS 11AM  
CLASSROOM VISIT  
10:30-11AM & 12PM-12:30PM**

**OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE**



**BOOK YOUR TOUR TODAY!**

**CALL 847-223-8600**

**ST. GILBERT SCHOOL**  
**TWO YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**NEW FAMILIES  
MUST SCHEDULE  
A TOUR.**

## READING 1      ISAIAH 49: 3, 5-6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*

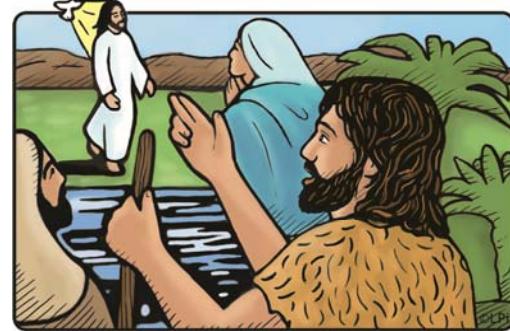
## READING 2      1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL      JOHN 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said,

‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.” John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”



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*Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: “He is the Son of God.” Always and everywhere, let us do the same.*

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## 1st Reading

Isaiah teaches that God chose Israel to reveal His glory and bring salvation to the world. *Why do you think God uses people to do His will?*

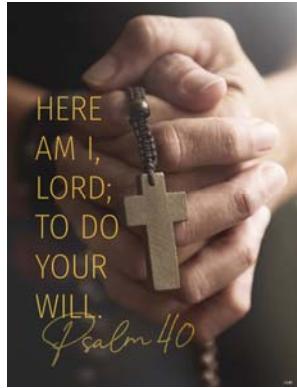
## 2nd Reading

Paul opens his letter to the Corinthians with a plea for unity and holiness of all believers. *Where do you see your faith community unified and holy?*

## Gospel:

John the Baptist testifies to others that Jesus is the Son of God who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. *With whom do you talk about Jesus?*

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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:*

— 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:

**† Timothy G. Kilduff**

*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:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/  
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and  
23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/  
Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-  
10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-  
11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/  
Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday:** Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,  
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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**January 31st**

**6pm - 8pm**

Celebrating:  
Catholic Schools Week

St. Gilbert

Groundhog Day

**January 31st**

**6pm - 8pm**

Tickets: Order on links below or call

Mike Hoffman 847.772.5085 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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## 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 Session is January 22nd.*



## CONFIRMATION FOR BAPTIZED

**VICARIATE I ADULTS...** Register by February 27th, 2026 for weekly Adult

Confirmation Formation Sessions that begin **Monday, March 16, 2026, 7p-9p** at St. Edna Parish (Door #2) Arlington Hts.

*The date of the Confirmation for Vicariate I adults has been changed from May 13, 2026 to May 20, 2026, 7pm at St. Edna Parish. For information and registration, contact Lorie Crepeau, [lcrepeau@stedna.org](mailto:lcrepeau@stedna.org) OR 847.398.3362x325.*



**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.christopers.org/leadership](http://www.christopers.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

## 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).

## 9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA ... Join Catholics

across the country in praying for the end to all abortion during the "9 Days for Life" novena from January 16th-24th. Visit <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>



## Baptism Preparation at Saint Gilbert

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



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## MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATOR TRAINING

**Saturday, February 7, 2026 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Cardinal Meyer Center

3525 South Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60653

Join us for PreCana Marriage Preparation Facilitator Training/Refresher. All current PreCana facilitators and any married couples feeling called to marriage ministry and interested in facilitating PreCana sessions to inspire engaged couples in the vocation and mission of marriage are invited to this upcoming training.

This training is FREE.

To register, please click [here](#) or by scanning the **QR Code**.

For more information, please contact Jacqueline Veasey at 312.534.8351 or [jveasey@archchicago.org](mailto:jveasey@archchicago.org).



### Crisis Support Services:

#### Basic essentials of living inquiries:

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



In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him."

**As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering. God Bless You!**

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

## Weekly Collections Thank You!

*December 13th, 2025 — December 19th, 2025*

Electronic:	\$ 8,473.30	Weekly Total:	\$13,195.30
Mail-In:	\$ 625.00	Weekly Budg:	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
Weekend Mass:	<u>\$ 4,097.00</u>	<i>Deficit:</i>	<u>-\$ 3,804.70</u>

*December 6th, 2025 — December 12th, 2025*

Electronic:	\$ 10,704.48	Weekly Total:	\$18,468.48
Mail-In:	\$ 2,810.00	Weekly Budg:	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
Weekend Mass:	<u>\$ 4,954.00</u>	<i>Surplus:</i>	<u>\$ 1,468.48</u>

*November 29th, 2025 — December 5th, 2025*

Electronic:	\$ 9,387.09	Weekly Total:	\$13,720.09
Mail-In:	\$ 1,030.00	Weekly Budg:	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
Weekend Mass:	<u>\$ 3,303.00</u>	<i>Deficit:</i>	<u>-\$ 3,279.91</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](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?*

Building & Grounds Offering:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8771>

**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

### Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

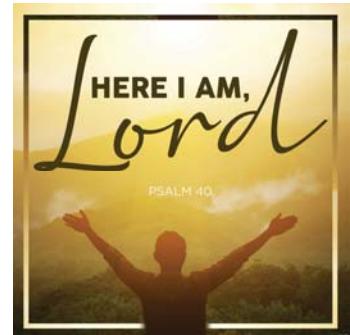
"Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go.

Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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### Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,  
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Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.

Amen.

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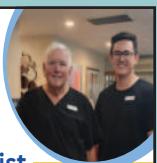
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