



Dear Parents,

Greetings and welcome to another year of faith-filled moments. Welcome to all the new families. If you have any questions, please stop by the office or give us a call. We are delighted to have the opportunity to share the faith with your sons and daughters. May God bless all of us as we begin the year.

If you did not attend the parent meeting today, you will receive a copy of the Parent Handbook, a Student Form (white) and a Marketing Permission Slip. A Parent Letter will be put in the folder for the youngest or only child which will keep you up to date on what is happening in RE classes. On the last two pages of the handbook there are activities for specific grade levels that the students are invited to attend. Some of the events welcome parents also. We will send reminders as each event approaches. Remember to turn in the Student Form and the Marketing Permission Slip to your child's Catechist or to the office.

I want to thank the volunteers for offering to assist in the REP office with collating papers, preparing mailings, substitute teaching, etc.

Just a reminder that Sunday classes begin at 8:55 am. As you have noticed when you came into the parking lot, there are volunteers to assist in the safety of students. If you are dropping off a student, go to the West parking lot and proceed half way down until you get to the school entrance (Door # 1), drop off your student(s) and then proceed out the south exit. You are asked not to drop the students off at any other entrance. The one exception is for students in Grades 7-9. They are always to use the entrance in the Junior High Building (Door # 13). Please come early because parking can be a challenge. Thanks to Gary and Joe who work in the parking lot to keep the students safe. The Catechists must begin classes on time in order to complete all the material in their lessons each week. There is a class schedule on the inside of the folder that each student receives.



The bell will ring over the PA system at dismissal time. Students from Pre-School through Grade 2 are asked to remain in the classroom until a parent or an older brother or sister come to pick them up.

Grade 2 parents will receive a separate letter inviting you to a Parent Meeting later this month in preparation for your son or daughter receiving First Reconciliation. The meeting will be held:

Thursday, September 26, 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. All parents are asked to attend the meeting.

A Parent Letter will come home every other week with your youngest or only child. Look in your child's folder for your copy. It will keep you aware of what is happening in the program and the parish. Extra copies are available in the office or you may view the letter online at www.stgilbert.org.



As you know, there is a tuition charged for the Religious Education Program. Some families have asked for a payment plan. If your tuition is not paid in full by September 22 we will put you on a payment plan. The payment plan divides your tuition into six payments. The youngest or only child will receive an envelope with your name and the amount due. Please return the envelope with your payment to your

child's Catechist at the next class. The envelope will be returned to you for the next installment. Again, this is for those who have not paid their fees by September 22. If you have any questions, please call the office.

It took weeks and weeks of work but the first day of classes is here and almost over. The students are eager, the Catechists are prepared, and most families were able to find their way around the building easily. Thank you to everyone who made it successful. God bless you and your families.

Students in Grades 5 and up are invited to be trained for the Ministry of Server at St. Gilbert. If your son or daughter wishes to become a server, stop at the office and pick up a form.



The Religious Education Program sponsors a Fundraiser – Fannie May Candy. You will receive the forms this month. All the proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the students in the program. Everyone needs a little chocolate!

It's a great time of the year to reflect on the beauties of creation. The leaves on the trees will be turning soon, pumpkins have already arrived for sale at the stores, and it is time to wear a jacket. As a family, take some time to appreciate the beauties of fall.

Blessed by the Lord be the land,
With the precious gifts of heaven,
With the dew, and the deep that lies beneath,
With the precious fruits
 Brought forth by the sun
And the riches
 Brought forth by the moon,
With greatness of the ancient mountains,
With the abundance of the everlasting hills,
And with all the treasures of the earth
 In its perfection. Deuteronomy 33: 13-16



God bless you!
Sister Donna