

St. Gilbert Religious Education Program
Parent Letter #4
October 30, 2022

Dear Parents,
November 1 is the celebration of All Saint's Day. In the classes the students will be talking about saints. A saint is recognized by the church as a person who lived for others. Many of them died for their faith. We are all saints in the making. So don't be surprised if you see the younger students wearing a crown as they leave class.



Wednesday, November 2, we remember our loved ones who have passed away. There is a Mass at 7:00 pm where the names of the people who were buried from our Church are read and a candle is lit before Mass in his/her honor. All other families are invited also to light a candle for their family members who have died. This is a special way we can honor family members and friends who are no longer with us.



The Pre-School and Kindergarten classes are having their Thanksgiving Feast on Sunday, **November 20** at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. The catechists and students will celebrate Thanksgiving by sharing songs, prayers, and goodies. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us.

A reminder for **Grade 2 parents**...Remember to prepare the sheep banner and complete the activity packet given to you at the parent meeting. **These items need to be turned in at the First Reconciliation Celebration.** The dates for First Reconciliation are:

Friday, November 18, 6:00 pm in the Church
Saturday, November 19, 10:00 am in the Church



Let us remember these students and their families in our prayers.

OPEN HOUSE

Grade 1 students will participate in an Open House for Parents on Sunday, November 13 at 9:30 am in the Chapel. The students will sing songs, say their prayers and talk about their lessons.

Grade 4 parents are asked to set aside Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 9:00 am – noon. The 4th grade students and their parents are invited to participate in a mini retreat on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be skits, a game, a Gospel story, and the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mark your calendar now.

Just a reminder that when you received the Parent Handbook at Open House or through class **there was a Marketing Permission Slip to be filled out and handed into the Office.** We do not have some of these forms! We need your support at home so that together we can make a difference in the life of the students. If you did not receive a Parent Handbook, please stop by the office and pick one up.

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 TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Thank you for your generosity!

REJOICE IN GOD

On November 6, the parents meet in the Multi-Purpose Room at 9:00 am and the family session begins at 10:15 am in the same room.



The Women's Club is also having a **Coat Drive** in the near future. Winter coats, gloves, and scarfs, may be dropped off in the Church narthex. These items will benefit the children at our sister parish in Chicago, St. Benedict the African.

Thanks to all of you who supported the Fannie May Fundraiser! Product will be delivered to St. Gilbert the week of November 13. You will be called and asked to pick up the items you sold to the proper participants.

Thanks to all who attended the International Fest last weekend. The food was delicious, and the entertainment was marvelous. A good time was had by all.

In Christ,
Sister Donna



PRAYER FOR CARVINIG A PUMPKIN

Response: Thank you, Lord

For making me open to your love... (remove top)

For protecting me from all that keeps me away from you... (remove mash and seeds)

For giving me eyes to see the beauty of your world...(remove eyes)

For my nose which can smell the wonders of creation...(remove nose)

For the mouth which helps me to speak words of kindness and love...(remove mouth)

For making me a light to shine with your love for all... (light candle)

Dear Jesus, thank you for making me wonderful. May I always share your love and light with all I meet. I ask this in your name. Amen.