

**St. Gilbert Religious Education
Parent Letter #7
February 11, 2024**



Dear Parents,

We have a break in our winter. I am sure that we have snow and cold sometime in the future. If there is a time when we would need to cancel classes because of weather, the Catechists will call the youngest or only students from their classroom. Otherwise, please use your own judgment whether it is safe to bring your child or not to class.

Grade 6 students and parents will have an opportunity to experience a Seder, the Jewish Passover meal, on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 9:00 am. Sunday students and those in the Family Program are invited to participate. The Seder is studied as part of the course material for the sixth graders. Mark your calendar now!

GRADE 2

The JESUS DAY RETREAT is scheduled for February 10, 1:00 – 4:00 pm or February 17, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. It is for the Grade 2 parents and students preparing for First Communion. If you have any questions call the office.



As we enter into the middle of February, I need to ask those of you who have not paid any part of this year's tuition to make an effort to make a payment. The \$30 Book Fee is for textbooks and supplies which have already been spent. Tuition envelopes are sent home with those families who pay their tuition over five months. Thank you to all those families who have used the payment program faithfully. Email or write a note if you have any questions or concerns or are finding it difficult to make the payments.

Thank you to those who have sent in money for the Tuition Assistance Program. It is a wonderful way to assist families who cannot pay all the tuition.

Ash Wednesday is celebrated on February 14 of this year. It marks the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. There is a Mass on Ash Wednesday at 4:00 pm that should fit into most schedules. There are Lenten projects for each grade level that will assist the students in their Lenten Resolutions – Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Again this year we will collect for clean water to the families of Honduras and Tanzania. This is done in connection with the Sisters of St. Francis who work in these areas. The box is due at Easter or after.



There is a lot going on at this time of the year. Hopefully, you have some time to spend as a family to enjoy and appreciate one another. May God grant you blessings of peace, joy, and happiness.

In Christ,
Sister Donna



Blessing written by Teresa of Avila, Spain (1515 – 1582)

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for not abandoning me when I abandoned you.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for offering your hand of love in my darkest, most, lonely moment.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for putting up with me.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for loving me more than I love myself.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for continuing to pour out your blessings upon me, even though I respond so poorly.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for drawing out the goodness in all people, even including me.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for repaying our sin with your love.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for your countless blessings on me and on all your creatures.