

SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH — DECEMBER 31, 2023

Gathering: #455
ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S
CITY

Responsorial:
He, the Lord, is our
God. He remembers
His covenant
forever.

Presentation: #446
O LITTLE TOWN OF
BETHLEHEM

Communion:
LAUDA JERUSALEM
DOMINUM

Sending Forth: #437
JOY TO THE WORLD



Today's readings: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40



Bless Family Life

On the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church honors Jesus' earthly family, offering encouragement and a model to all families. By sending Jesus to enter the world through a human family, God takes on all the messiness that comes with family life. God shows us tangibly that God desires to be close to us in our everyday living, in our closest relationships, and in the life in our homes. Families are called the hearth of the domestic church because it is within our families that we are first formed in faith and nurtured in love. In both the trials and joys of family life, we learn how to strive for holiness.

Today marks the exact midpoint in the Christmas season. We continue to recall what befell the holy family as they welcomed the infant Jesus during their stay in overcrowded Bethlehem; they were visited by the most unexpected guests and went to great extremes to protect their newborn child.

The Feast of the Holy Family offers us an opportunity to reflect upon the holiness in our primary relationships. Today's second reading from the Letter to the Colossians gives us a blueprint for household living. Read it with loved ones and together prayerfully discern some resolutions for the new year.

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—Daily and Sunday Mass are available live-streamed, with attendees present, on the Saint Gilbert YouTube Channel: https://youtube.com/channel/UCMP0PFhS wyXxgsTzbPEEyw AND Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/StGilbertChurch/

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT



MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024, OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER** OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY; WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE)

Parish Offices Closed

9:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

†Martin McGreal; †Lambert Schommer

OF PEACE TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024, STS BASIL THE GREAT & **GREGORY NAZIANZEN. BISHOPS & DOCTORS**

Parish Offices Closed

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Elizabeth Wywialowski; †Joseph Morris;

†John & Margaret Bowes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024, CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY; **MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

Parishioners of Saint Gilbert Parish

9:00a-9:00p (Chapel) Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

6:00p Music Rehearsal

7:00p KofC Monthly Meeting



THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024, SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, **RELIGIOUS**

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Lambert Schommer

8:30a Breaking Open the Word (see pg 5)

9:00p Men's Basketball

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024, ST JOHN NEUMANN, **BISHOP**

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

TRay Powroznik, Jr

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024, CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY; ST ANDRE BESSETTE, RELIGOUS

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

For The Bowes Family

5:00p Mass — Intention:

†Donna Freiburger & Helen Hall; †Mieczslaw Nitka;

†Marvin Raczek; †Martin M McGreal

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30a Mass — Intention: **†Frank Ptasienski**

8:55a REP & Rejoice in God Sessions

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9a & 11a Masses

9:00a *Mass with Traditional Choral — Intention:

†Nancy Fraher

9:00a RCIA

11:00a Mass with Traditional Music — Intention:

†Chris Lechowicz

*Incense may be used at the Mass.



For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." - Lk 2:30-32



2023 WINNER LIST:

November 24 - Laura H. December 16 - Jocelyn S. December 11 - Kate M. December 17 - Walter G. December 12 - Susan R. December 18 - Melissa S. December 13 - Mario C. December 19 - Michael N. December 14 - Jae S. December 20- Kathleen K. December 15 - Hope L. December 21 - Dave R.

> Thank you for your continued support of Saint Gilbert Parish. Wishing all a **Blessed Christmas Season!**



PRAYER FOR THE **FAMILY**

Dear Lord,

We lift our families to you in prayer — every generation! Bind our wounds, forgive our debts, show your mercy!

Lead us to deeper communion with each other and You.

Help us, too, to be a holy family. Amen.

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PRAYING FOR PEACE...

Let us pray for our communities, our cities



and the world, especially Eastern Europe, İsrael & 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.



Question: What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

Answer: The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile. Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.

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Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois. The Joyful Again! Program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women When: April 13 & 14, Sept. 20 & 21, 2024 (2-day program-overnight encouraged)
Where: St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois 60439 (Commute or stay overnight.)

For further information, 2011, 708, 354, 7211

For further information, call: 708-354-7211. e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com website: www.joyfulagain.org

Christmas Flower Memorials

The following parishioners have made a Christmas Flower donation in memory of their family and friends. Please include them in your prayers this season:

... Anita McGreal for Martin McGreal...

Donna Worthey... M/M Elieser Salunga for Paz M.
Pangalilinga, Roque/Aurora Mangio, Fred Mangio...

Mrs. Susan Revelle for Lenny Revelle & Wozniczka
Family: John, Clara, Patrick, Nancy & Michael...

M/M Tony Skillen... M/M Ryszard Luncenko...

Mrs. Patricia Weiss for Leonard Weiss...

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Religious Education News. . .



THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS OPEN 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM, MON-FRI

The REGISTRATION FORM... is available

at www.stgilbert.org/religious-education-program, at the entrances to the Church, and from the Religious Education Office. If you have any questions, please call the RE Office, 847-223-3071.



CHRISTMAS EVE

MASS... Thank you to the Grade 2 students who dramatized Joseph and Mary finding a place to stay at the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. It was a joy to be reminded of the First Christmas. Thanks also for all the students who joined together to form the choir and lead the songs!



GRADES 7-9 SESSION... The next syllabus will be

sent to registered students in early January. *Call the office for information*.



SPRED – Religious Education for

Children with Special

Needs... This program serves 25 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.



MAY YOUR YEAR, 2024, BE FILLED WITH PEACE, JOY, AND HAPPINESS.



Ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for your child? Call the Parish Office to register for a Baptism Preparation Session: 847-223-4731



In the spirit of keeping the season, a weekly handout of quick THIS WEEK AT HOME **DAILY CHRISTMAS IDEAS** is being made available on our parish website at

https://www.stgilbert.org/home



GOSPEL

Mary and Joseph went to the temple and presented the baby Jesus to God. Two older people recognized that Jesus was the Messiah. They gave him special blessings. They thanked God for this child. Just like Mary and Joseph, your parents gave thanks to God when you were born. They were very happy God gave you to them. They had you baptized in church, and presented you as a gift to God, too.





Lord, thank you for bringing the baby Jesus into my life.

*In the teen center

Bring a friend and join us for snack, games and faith discussion - ALL are welcome!



IRA DISTRIBUTIONS - Gift to St. Gilbert Parish

Did you know? Funds must transfer directly from your IRA custodian to the "Archdiocese of Chicago, 835 North Street, Chicago, IL 60611" in order to avoid a taxable event. You may designate your gift to St. Gilbert Parish or School, the Annual Catholic Appeal, or another ministry.

It is important to notify us (St. GILBERT) if you have requested a charitable distribution to St. Gilbert Parish or School. Please let us know the following information:

- Name & contact information of IRA Plan Administrator
- 2) Dollar (\$) amount of transfer
- 3) Where you would like your gift directed (for example, scholarship/endowment support or a specific ministry)

A RECAP OF THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER RULES:

- *If you are $70\frac{1}{2}$ or older, you may give up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to charities such as the Archdiocese.
- *This opportunity applies to both Traditional and ROTH IRAs; charitable donations from 403(b) plans, 401(k) plans, pension plans, and other retirement plans are ineligible.
- *You must distribute the gift amount directly from your IRA. It is important that you do not withdraw the funds prior to making your gift.
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BREAKING OPEN
THE WORD... This
group meets after the
8am Mass in Chapel

Hall. Our time together is spent in reflecting on the Sunday's Gospel, sharing our thoughts, and prayer. *The next sessions are on January 4th and 18th.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST WITH BISHOP GROB...

Catholic Men of Lake County are invited to Mass and breakfast on **Saturday, January 13th, 2024, Church of St. Mary**, 175 E. Illinois Rd, Lake Forest. Mass is at 7:30 AM. After Mass is a

continental breakfast and a talk by Bishop Jeffrey Grob, **Issues Facing Catholic Men in 2024**, in the Parish Center, 201 E. Illinois Rd.

The event is sponsored by the Faith and Fellowship Men's Club of the Church of St. Mary and the Knights of Columbus #1268. Required advance registration, capped at 75 registrants, will close on January 10. Register at: https://forms.gle/nMfU2rMystrBUtdX6, or contact Joe Zaccari: 847.997.0490, mensclub@churchofstmary.org

ARE YOU BAFFLED... by some teaching of the Catholic Church? Does the phrase Paschal Mystery mystify you? Unclear as to just what a Cardinal is and does?

Well, you're in luck! Because on **Tuesday evening, January 16th, 2024 from 7:00 - 8:00pm**, Deacon Mark and Deacon-To-Be Jeff Ptacek will field any and all questions you have about the Catholic faith... and try to answer them as well! Hope to see you there!

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of



St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families and providing in food, gifts, utility & rent bills. Thanks!

For basic essentials of living assistance inquiries: 224-360-9161.

Support Group for Separated and Recently Divorced

Divorce is full of hurts, disappointments, losses and changes. We can become wounded and sometimes feel broken. When this happens, there may be feelings of hurt, rejection, failure, guilt, a sense of being punished by others, an increase in the constant irritations in life or a loss of self-esteem.

Why a Support Group For Separated and Divorced?

- · It takes time to heal.
- There are several stages that occur.
- · Support and understanding come from others who have "been there".
- There is comfort in meeting people who have experienced the same type of loss.
- These gatherings offer a safe place to process the trauma of the separation or divorce.
- Often the group becomes the safest and only place for participants to share their feelings.
- · People recognize the love of Christ through one another.

The non-denominational support group for separated and divorced will meet on Tuesdays from 7:00pm-8:15pm at Prince of Peace beginning January 9 2024 and continuing through March. Contact Norb Pozen at 815-245-7415 or the parish office at 847-356-7915 or for more information.

WEDNESDAY

ADORATION... The Saint Gilbert Chapel is open for Adoration most Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Come to the Chapel and pray with Jesus truly present in the tabernacle.



Would you please consider committing to a weekly hour or as a substitute adorer? Both are essential to the continuance of the gift of His presence being made available to us. Call/text Crystal Sullivan at 847.507.7486 or email crystalnkevin28@gmail.com.

Crisis Support Services:

Basic essentials of living inquiries:

St. Vincent de Paul Society thru Saint Gilbert: 224-360-9161

Clergy sexual abuse healing & reconciliation:

heal.archchicago.org

Counseling:

Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

Domestic violence:

A Safe Place hotline: 847-249-4450

Emotional support after abortion:

Project Rachel: 800-5WE-CARE

Emergency shelter: PADS: 847-689-4357

Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

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: 847-347-0832

Pregnancy support:

Aid for Women Northern Lake Cty:

847-249-2700 Aid for Women :

242 624 4400

312-621-1100 Suicide prevention:

Emergency 911 or 800-411-0103

or 440-953-8255



Please keep in your prayers. . .

Kai Bowes; Jim DeLaCruz; Pauline Fern; Regan French & French Family; Rachael Genelin; Ken Grosvenor; Gisele Hortense; Robert Irvine; Joanna Jablonski; Joanna Jorstadt; Mia Grace Keller; Marsha McDaniel; John Pedigo; Sharon Petree; Andree Porcheron-Hicks; Jean Lou Porcheron; Kelli Sirratt; Grace Vogt; people of Ukraine & Israel/Gaza; all affected by COVID19; the needs & intentions inscribed in our parish Books of Intercession

Please notify the rectory to add a name to the prayer list for up to 4 weeks. There is a Book of Intercessory Prayer available in both the Church and Chapel to which you may add specific or longer term prayer requests. Please know these intentions are prayed for daily.

Weekly Collections Thank You!

December 9th — December 15th, 2023

Electronic: \$ 6,873.76 Weekly Total: \$11,672.76 Mail-In: \$ 405.00 Weekly Budg: \$17,000.00 Weekly Mass: \$ 4,394.00 Deficit: -\$ 5,327.24

Please consider these alternate safe, convenient methods to make a muchneeded gift at any time:



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However you give, THANK YOU for your generosity to Saint Gilbert Parish and the Ministries that reach out to the community with servant hearts!

Saint Gilbert Parish Bulletin:

Send articles for consideration in an electronic file to:
bulletin@stgilbert.org Thank you!
Next Due:

Thursday, January 11th for January 21st Bulletin

FEATURING:

People everywhere try to change their lives with New Year's resolutions. Maybe you've made some yourself. The problem? Real change is hard. Like, REALLY hard. Which is why most New Year's resolutions fail by February. But if you've failed at your resolutions, it doesn't make you bad or lazy. It just makes you human.

Fortunately, change is really nossible! So in this enjoyde.

Fortunately, change is really possible! So in this episode I'll tell you:

- Why most New Year's resolutions fail (and how you can prevent it).
 - Which key steps will enact real change in your life.
 What to do when you fall back on old habits.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 **Monday**: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk

2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42 **Friday**: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-

11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph

3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



SAINT GILBERT PARISH OFFERING COLLECTION

Sunday & Holy Days

 NOVEMBER
 Actual
 Budget

 Regular Offering :
 \$ 24,275.00
 \$ 30,000.00

 Electronic:
 \$ 35,162.15
 \$ 38,000.00

 TOTAL:
 \$ 59,437.15
 \$ 68,000.00

Collection deficit: -\$ 8,562.85

YTD (Jul-Nov) Budget: \$340,000.00 YTD (Jul-Nov) Actual: \$311,139.83 Fiscal Year-to-date Deficit: -\$ 28,860.17

Parishioner support in helping keep the parish operating and helping reduce our parish operating deficit is appreciated beyond words — Thank You! May we continue to be blessed as the ministry of Saint Gilbert continues, reaching out in prayer, learning and service.



10th Annual

Cabin Fever Burger Bash







January 27th

January 27th

6pm - 8pm

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Saint Gilbert Catholic Church Mission Statement

The Catholic family of St. Gilbert Is a faith-filled community Living out our Baptismal call. Empowered by the Gospel message, We celebrate the sacraments, Share in fellowship, And reach out to serve all.

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Director (Phone: 225.328.0501

stgilbertmusic.blogspot.com) Ms. Kathleen Karrigan - Youth Minister

(Phone: 847.223.5875

email: youthmin@stgilbertschool.org)

MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday thru Saturday — 8:00am

Saturday Vigil—5:00pm

Sunday—7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Holydays—6:30am, 8:00am, 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday—4:00pm to 4:45pm **BAPTISM:** At Masses or Services on

select Saturdays and Sundays.

Arrangements made after one-hour Baptismal Preparation Session.

Call the Rectory to register.

MARRIAGE: A minimum of 9 months is necessary for preparation.

Schedule an appointment with a priest as soon as possible before making other marriage plans.

(www.stgilbert.org/marriage-ministry)







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INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? For Adults—call Fr. John at the Rectory. For Children—call Sr. Donna at the Religious Education Office.

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