



# SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

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FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22,  
2026

*Today's readings:*  
*Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*  
*Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17*  
*Romans 5:12-19*  
*Matthew 4:1-11*

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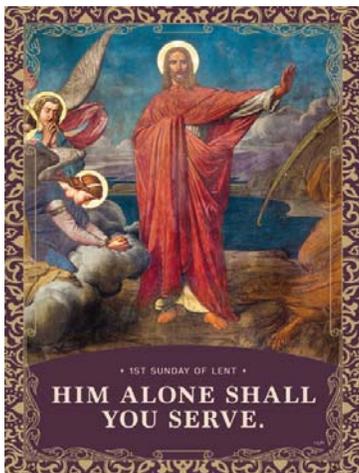


## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

### Mass Intentions & Observances:

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY;

ST POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

For Rosemary Wagner (101st Birthday);

†Lorraine Kowalek

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Josephine Wallock; †Rachael Genelin

†Antonio Marchese & †Victoria J. Marchese

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00a (CHURCH\*) Mass — Intention:

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#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Burnett Family; †Martin McGreal



#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY;

ST GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Kathleen Leffler; †Shirley Globis

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026, LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

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5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Paul Steffan; †Martin McGreal; †Ann M. Ehlen

†Carmela Alberotanza

← NOTE: Mass in Church due to Marian Exhibition in Chapel.

=== Virtual Second Collection — Saint Gilbert School & Educational Ministries Offering ===



#### MARCH 1, 2026, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Ken Neuser; †Dan & †Frank Ptasienski

9:00a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Raymond A. Powroznik, Sr; †Lorraine Kawalek;

†James “Jimmy” Suchinski

11:00a Mass (Contemporary Music) — Intention:

†Stanley Duran; †George Webber; †Jerry Salemi

5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

Living & †Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish

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### Facility Calendar:

#### Monday, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

7:00p Lenten Bible Study

7:00p SA Troops 96 & 1996

#### Tuesday, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

6:30p SA Troop 96

5:00p SPRED Adult Session A

7:00p Men’s Bible Study

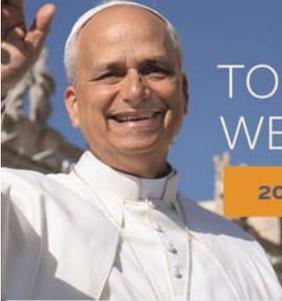
#### Wednesday, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

 9:00a-9:00p (Chapel) Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (see pg 8)

2:00p Children’s Choir Practice

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

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#### Thursday, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

8:30a Breaking Open the Word (see pg 9)

6:30p Youth Ministry Prayer Experience (see pg 9)

8:00p Penitent Soldiers of Mary Adoration Liturgy (see pg 9)

9:00p Men’s Basketball

#### Friday, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

5:00p-8:00p KofC Fish Fryday (see pg 10)

7:00p Stations of the Cross — in Church

#### Saturday, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

**Marian Exhibition in Chapel & Chapel Hall (see pg 5)**

9:30a SPRED Session A

REP Grade 7to9 Mass Class

Cub Scout Pack 96 Blue & Gold Dinner

4:00p Confession

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#### Sunday, MARCH 1, 2026

**Marian Exhibition in Chapel & Chapel Hall (see pg 5)**

8:55a REP & Rejoice in God Sessions

Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 9a and 11a Masses

9:00a OCIA

12:00p Bayanihan Ministry

6:00p Confirmation Session

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Wednesday, February 18th through  
Sunday, March 29th  
40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and  
fasting for an end to abortion.

If you’d like more information –  
and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help,  
please contact Leslie at [hazfam6@comcast.net](mailto:hazfam6@comcast.net) OR  
visit [www.40daysforlife.com/waukegan](http://www.40daysforlife.com/waukegan)





## Share Your Voice—Support Your Parish

Saint Gilbert Parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Saint Gilbert.

**Take the DMI survey today! You may use the link below**

<https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/p515ap>

**or scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera or app.**



- > Your input helps strengthen our parish.
- > Results help leadership prepare for the future.
- > A report of the findings will be shared when they become available.

This short, 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through **Sunday, March 29th, 2026**. Information and survey link are also available through our parish website at <http://www.stgilbert.org/dmisurvey>.

For those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online, there are opportunities for completing a paper copy — after daily Mass from the Chapel Meeting Room; after Sunday Mass at the Information Desk in the narthex; or as necessary from the Parish Office. An envelope for returning completed surveys will be available at each location.

Reflecting on your own spiritual growth, the survey enables you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. *All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.*

At Saint Gilbert we are blessed in so many ways. Together, we will identify our strengths and opportunities in greater detail as we strive to grow in missionary discipleship.



***Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.***



# 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>.



## GRADES 7-9...

The syllabus was emailed to registered students. Call the office for info. Several students will participate in a session on the Mass on **Sunday, February 28th in the Multipurpose Room**, including attendance at the 5pm Parish Mass.



## HOLY SEASON OF LENT...

During this holy season, the Church asks us to Pray, Fast, and Give Alms. The students in the Sunday Religious Education Program and the Family Program are asked to donate to the Sister Water Project (operated by the Franciscan Sisters in Dubuque, Iowa). This project provides clean water for the children and their families in Tanzania and Honduras. Please give the donations to Sr. Donna.



## 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. Several students are being prepared to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers.



Pictures are from the February Family Program Session. A bookmark was made as a symbol of thanking God for one's talents.

**JOIN US FOR A FUN TWIST ON TRADITIONAL BINGO**

**DRINKS, BYOFOOD, RAFFLES, COOKIE PULL, MUSIC, TABLE DECORATING CONTEST AND MORE!**

**Adults only- bring your friends!**

**More info to come!**  
If you would like to take part in planning this event please email [fsa@stgilbertschool.org](mailto:fsa@stgilbertschool.org)

**GOSPEL**

Three times the devil tempted Jesus. Three times Jesus said, "No." When you are tempted to say, "Yes," to something you know is wrong, ask God to give you the power to say, "No." Imagine an angel sitting on your shoulder chanting: Say, "No." Just say, "No. No. No." There are many more good ways to get something than there are bad ways. Ask God to show you the good way.

**PRAYER**

Lord, help me say "No" to evil and "Yes" to your loving ways.

**THE APPEALS  
OF OUR LADY  
APPARITIONS  
AND  
MARIAN SHRINES  
IN THE WORLD**

Imagined and  
implemented by  
Servant of God  
**CARLO ACUTIS**



Servant of God **Carlo Acutis**, as an expert catechist, had continually sought to find increasingly new ways to help others reinforce their faith. For this reason he bequeathed to us as an inheritance his Exhibitions, among which is the very notable one on **Eucharistic Miracles**. It was precisely in 2002, while visiting the expositions of the Meeting of Rimini, that Carlo had decided to organize an exhibition on the Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Church. A demanding commitment in which even his family members were involved for nearly two and a half years. The spiritual effects being brought about by this Exhibition were unpredictable on the eve of the project. To this day we can affirm that the Exhibition has been hosted in all 5 Continents thanks to the generous contribution of several very special people, among whom stand out the members of the *Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association* who assisted so very much in this undertaking.

Finally in 2014 we have succeeded in bringing also to completion this exhibition, dedicated to the **Virgin Mary**, which Carlo had initiated in 2006 but was unable to finish due to the sudden onset of a fulminating leukemia that brought him to Heaven within a few days. The young Servant of God Carlo Acutis was profoundly marked in his spiritual journey by the Virgin Mary, *"humble and high beyond any creature"* (Dante Alighieri), and he established from the inception the objective of imitating her in all of her virtues. The Virgin Mary was for him the highest example of purity and of unconditional love for God. Mary Most Holy revealed to mankind the image of that which the Church, a wanderer upon the earth, will be one day – at the end of this world. We know that for each Christian, holiness is achieved only through an intense life of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Of all three of these theological virtues, Carlo wrote that Mary **"is an exemplary model and**

**her example of faith, supported by her perfect charity, must encourage us to continue in our journey toward holiness regardless of our fragility."**

Because of this, the motive is well understood that drove Carlo to be continually interested in all of the manifestations of the Virgin Mary which, for more than two millennia, like very bright stars, have illuminated the path for multitudes of people. "Surely", Carlo said, **"the miracles accomplished by the Virgin Mary during her apparitions on earth can be of a great help to increase the Faith of many people... How can they be ignored"**, he often asked, **"the appeals that Our Lady gave us? And yet"**, he said, **"knowing our little Faith, in her maternal goodness, the Blessed Mother wanted to work countless numbers of miracles precisely to help us to believe, yet despite these amazing signs many, still today, remain so indifferent!"** Carlo used to say that **"many people seek signs from Heaven to reinforce their Faith, but there are also many who unfortunately do not even seek them and if by chance they find them, intentionally ignore them because they are too preoccupied with worldly things."**

However, he never lost spirit, because he nourished in his heart the ever lively hope that, sooner or later, the Guardian Angels would have created favorable circumstances in order to sensitize souls that were distant from God to embark upon a life more consistent with His Laws. Our wish, like Carlo's, is that through this exhibition many will rediscover the path which leads to God and that they, too, are able to become bearers of light to all those who are still in darkness.

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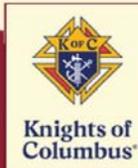
**The Appeals of Our Lady – Apparitions and Marian Shrines in the World**

The Exhibition will be held in the St. Gilbert Parish Chapel & Chapel Hall\*

Exposition Dates: **Saturday, February 28th and Sunday, March 1st**

\* FREE ADMISSION, one hour before and after each Mass.

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Visit the United States Conference  
of Catholic Bishops website for  
Lenten Resources and Guidelines  
for 2026:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent>

**PADS Ministry Needs:** Please join the continued efforts of United Protestant Church (UPC) and St. Gilbert Parish in their service for the homeless of Lake County by purchasing an item from this list and placing it in the container outside UPC main entrance:

..... *basic cleaning supplies (wipes, PineSol, etc) ... mouse traps (glue or stick, must not contain poison) ... Microwavable lunch & dinner items*

Thank you for the continued support!

**READING 1                      GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east,

and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow

that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made.

The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'"

But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die!

No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil."

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom.

So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

**READING 2                      ROMANS 5:12-19 OR 5:12, 17-19**

Brothers and sisters:  
Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought

condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

**GOSPEL                      MATTHEW 4:1-11**

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply,

"It is written:  
One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down.

For it is written:  
He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written,

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence,

and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!

It is written:  
The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.



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### 1st Reading

Genesis reveals that from the beginning the serpent (the devil) desires to lure and trap us into disobeying God.

*Can you think of some lies the serpent is telling people today?*

### 2nd Reading

Paul argues that Jesus' obedience to God brought us the gift of freedom and life. *How do you see yourself obeying God?*



### Gospel:

The season of Lent begins each year with the story of the devil tempting Jesus in the desert. *As we begin the 40 days of Lent, what temptations are you willing to confront?*

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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.*



— Fr. James W. Kinn  
— Dolores J. Morgan  
— 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:

**† Parrish & Capasso Families**

*May perpetual light shine upon them.*

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:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/ Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



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— Mt 4:3-4

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**OUR JOURNEY TO THE  
EASTER VIGIL**  
**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF  
ADULTS (formerly RCIA):**

Our parish will gather today on the First Sunday of Lent, **February 22, 2026** at the 9 AM Mass to joyfully celebrate the **Rite of Sending** for those in the OCIA process—our catechumens (*unbaptized*) and candidates (*already baptized in another Christian tradition*). In this rite, the parish affirms their readiness and formally sends them to the bishop for the **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**.

Following this Mass, they will be presented to Archbishop Blase Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago at 2:30 pm for the **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**. There, our catechumens will join others within the archdiocese to be called by name and numbered among the “Elect,” preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Our candidates will continue their heartfelt preparation to be fully united with the Catholic Church.

*Parishioners are encouraged to pray...*

*...for our Elect...*

**McKenna Denz, Amy Mackey, Alyssa Culver**

*...and our Candidates...*

**Stacey Cirelli, Alex Galan, Andy Galan, Tony Galan,  
Beth Moore, Kathy Weber-Petrof, Dominick Cirelli,  
Alesandra Garcia, Erik Murillo**

*...as they take this significant step in their journey of faith.*

***Eucharistic Adoration...***

This Lent, deepen your faith by joining in Eucharistic Adoration, a time to slow down, rest, and surrender to God's presence. Whether you stay for a few minutes or a full Holy Hour, Jesus is 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.



Lent is a call to “*give alms for the poor.*” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor. God Bless You!**

For basic essentials of living assistance inquiries, contact the St. Vincent DePaul Society at **224.360.9161 OR [SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com](mailto:SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com)**



**Lenten opportunities at Saint Gilbert:**

- **FRYDAY NIGHT FISH FRYS:** February 27th & March 13th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Saint Gilbert Parish Center Gym.  Tickets available for purchase after masses or online through [https://www.givecentral.org/location/378-St\\_Gilbert\\_Church](https://www.givecentral.org/location/378-St_Gilbert_Church) (search 'FRYDAY'). Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**  Fridays of Lent, 7:00 PM in the Church.
- **LENTEN CONFESSIONS:** Wednesdays during Eucharistic Adoration Feb 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; 6:00 PM-8:00 PM in Chapel. Saturdays, 4 PM –4:45 PM in Church. (No confessions on Saturday, April 4th)
- **TAIZE PRAYER:** Wednesday, March 18th, 6:30 PM in the Church.
- **PARISH LENTEN MISSION:** March 21st thru March 24th led by Fr. Paul Komperda
- **LENTEN ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITY:** The Saint Gilbert Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) will offer a Lenten Almsgiving opportunity through a Coin Collection Program. Collection containers will be available in the Narthex that you may take home and fill up with your loose change. This collection will conclude on the weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th. More information to come next weekend.





**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 February 26th. The group meets every week during Lent.**

**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).

Mark the date and join us for  
**OPEN MIC WITH DEACON PLAISS**  
Monday, March 9th, 7pm-8pm in Church!



**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 is 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.

**MID-LIFE SINGLES (MID-30S TO 50S)...** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, in Darien, IL (in the southwestern suburbs), **on April 17-19, 2026.** Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com), or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

**ST. GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Taize Prayer Service**



**MARCH 18, 2026 6:30PM**  
301 E. BELVIDERE ROAD, GRAYSLAKE, ILLINOIS



Last month, these Confirmation students volunteered at the Northern IL Food Bank for their service project. They checked and packaged apples into 5 lbs. bags.



**NEIGHBORS. EMPOWERED.**

Together, we are solving hunger.  
Volunteer. Donate. Get Involved!  
[www.northernillfoodbank.org](http://www.northernillfoodbank.org)

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK**  
NEIGHBORS. EMPOWERED.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
1 Peter 4:10

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:**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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!**

**Crisis Support Services:**

**Basic essentials of living inquiries:**  
St. Vincent de Paul Society thru Saint Gilbert: 224-360-9161 OR [SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com](mailto:SVDPGrayslake@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  
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**Suicide prevention:**

Emergency: 911  
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**Local food pantries:**

**Avon Cares: 847-912-9278**  
Catholic Charities: 847-782-4166  
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Warren Township: 847-244-1101

Parish Lenten Mission, "Jesus, Make Me Fully Alive—Awaken My Soul" at St. Athanasius Church, 1615 Lincoln St, Evanston, IL 60201, **March 3rd & 4th—6:30p-8p.** Fr. Tim Anastos is leading the 2-night mission. This Lent, don't just go through the motions—let Christ awaken your soul.  
<https://www.newmanparish.com/>

Retreat "Contemplating the Mystery of the Eucharist" at Marytown, 1600 W Park Ave, Libertyville, **March 10th-12th—starts 4p.** Overnight and commuter rates. Registration Required. Led by Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv. An examination of the Marytown Eucharistic Themes

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<https://kolbeshrine.org/mystery-of-the-eucharist-retreat>

BE MORE Parish Mission 2026, Holy Family Catholic Community, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness, **March 16th, 17th & 18th, 7:00pm.** Presenter: Valimar Jansen.  
<https://www.holyfamilyparish.org/lent/>

"Wrapped in Love: The Three-Fold Embrace of Christ", St. Joseph The Worker Parish, 181 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, **March 20th at 6:00 pm / March 21st at 10:00 am / March 22nd at 9:15 am.** Lenten Mission in English led by Fr. Jorge Zetino, SVD. Phone: 847.537.2740

## Weekly Collections Thank You!

January 24th, 2025 — January 30th, 2026

Electronic:	\$ 8,904.54	Weekly Total:	\$12,588.54
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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, February 26th for March 8th Bulletin





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## Saint Gilbert Parish Fryday Night Fish Fry's

**February 27th** (advanced tickets by 02/25/26)  
**March 13th** (advanced tickets by 03/11/26)

**5:00PM – 8:00PM**

**St. Gilbert Parish Center Gym**

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**One price fish dinner for all: \$11 / (\$13 at the door)**  
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Visit the St. Gilbert website ([www.stgilbert.org](http://www.stgilbert.org)) for Give Central ticket link, or purchase after Masses in the narthex.

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### 2026 ST. GILBERT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**MONDAY, JUNE 8 - FRIDAY, JUNE 12**  
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<p><b>TRADITIONAL VBS. 4 YEARS OLD TO ENTERING 4TH GRADE</b></p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p><b>VBS CAMP WITH ART OR SPORTS. 5TH-7TH GRADE</b></p>	<p><b>KIDS WILL GO ON A WILD ADVENTURE IN THE ALASKAN WILDERNESS, WHERE THEY WILL DISCOVER THEY CAN ALWAYS TRUST JESUS!</b></p>
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5:00pm  
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**SACRAMENTS:**

**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday—4:00pm to 4:45pm  
**BAPTISM:** At Masses or Services on  
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Arrangements made after one-hour  
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Call the Rectory to register.

**MARRIAGE:** A minimum of 9 months  
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