

St. Gilbert Religious Education Program  
Parent Letter #4  
November 19, 2023



Dear Parents,  
What a wonderful time of year. We have so much to be thankful for!

The most recent parent letters are available online at [www.stgilbert.org](http://www.stgilbert.org). Just click on Ministries and then Religious Education. If you don't receive a letter, your child is absent, or you just need to check something, the information is at your fingertips. As always, please feel free to call the office as well.



Grade 2 students received or will receive First Reconciliation on Friday November 10 and 17. Special thanks to the Catechists for their assistance.

Grade 4 parents are asked to set aside Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 9:00 am – noon. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents are invited to participate in a mini-retreat on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

#### FANNIE MAY FUNDRAISER

Delivery is during the week of November 13! A special thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser especially those who asked their relatives and neighbors to participate. ***The Religious Education Program made a profit of \$1,200.00!!! God bless! The money will be used for special student activities including scholarships.*** The products will be delivered to the classroom for those who participated in the fundraiser. Thanks for your cooperation.

#### ***THANKSGIVING FEAST – November 19***

It will be a wonderful celebration of what it means to be thankful. Thank you to the Catechists: Beth Wagner, Ann Czyzewski, Kelly Schlebecker, Sarah Decker, and Norma Prenta for their dedication to our youngest students. Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us at 9:15 am in the Multi-Purpose Room.



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 TUTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Thank you for your generosity!

Looking ahead – the Third Grade Students will present the Christmas Story for students on Sunday, December 17 at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. All parents are invited.

When you call in to report absences please give the grade and room number.

The Parish is holding a Christmas Raffle; information is attached to this bulletin.

Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to be truly grateful for all that we have. God bless and Happy Thanksgiving! Sister Donna



## **A PARENT'S THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

*For sticky jelly fingers and chocolate-smearing cheeks, we thank you, Lord.  
Wads of gum we snip from hair, petrified graham crackers we find under cushions of  
the couch, remind us that our children have more than enough to eat.*

*For crayon scribbles on hardwood floors and beds stripped bare for pillow forts,  
we thank you, Lord.*

*Little dinner mints of toothpaste that dot the bathroom sink,  
Legos that cut into the bottoms of bare feet,  
Remind us that our children have the luxury of a place to rest and play.*

*For these kids you've given us, O Lord, and the ones you haven't,  
for the ones who know plenty and the ones who haven't much,  
we thank you, Lord, and ask for your divine protection.  
Hold them always in your love.  
(written by Mary Lynn Kendrickson)*

*If the only prayer you say in your whole  
Life is "thank you," that would suffice.  
Meister Eckhart*





**ST. GILBERT PARISH PRESENTS**  
*Christmas Cash Raffle*  
**12 Days of Winning!**

There are no limits to how many tickets you may purchase! Every one ticket purchased is ELIGIBLE TO WIN one cash prize & the GRAND PRIZE of \$5,000. Once a ticket is drawn for the cash prize, it will be held and **re-entered** on the final day of the drawing for the Grand Prize of \$5,000.

Tickets may be purchased online and a ticket will be prepared for you.  
 Winners announced on St. Gilbert Church Facebook Live on the day of drawing.

**Tickets available NOW through December 20, 2023**

**Ticket Prices:**

1 ticket for \$10 • 7 tickets for \$50 • 15 tickets for \$100

**Purchase Online:**

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/6f74ff70-239e-4654-9d0b-97956e0929a0>

**Early Bird Drawing:**

**November 24, 2023 - \$1,000 Prize**

December 2023						
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	\$200 Prize	\$300 Prize	\$400 Prize	\$500 Prize	\$600 Prize	\$700 Prize
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
\$800 Prize	\$900 Prize	\$1,000 Prize	\$2,500 Prize	\$5,000 Prize		
24	25					
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day					

Please consider participating in this fundraiser for our parish. We are asking all Parish Families to BUY or SELL at least 7 raffle tickets. Our journey as a church continues and we are thankful to be on that journey with you. We thank God for you. Funds gained from this raffle will be used to update facilities as we strive to keep our buildings in good repair. This Christmas we want to again bow before Him with you, happy and confident that in Him all things turn out for our good and His glory.

The light we long for is the Light we have been given. To receive Him is to be warmed by that Light and shown a new way through the trials and sorrows and even joys that we have on our journey. "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

This is our gift. This is our Christmas. This is our hope for every New Year.

Good luck and God's blessing to you and your families!



**Scan now to purchase tickets!**

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