



SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

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SECOND
SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

DECEMBER 7,
2025

Today's readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10

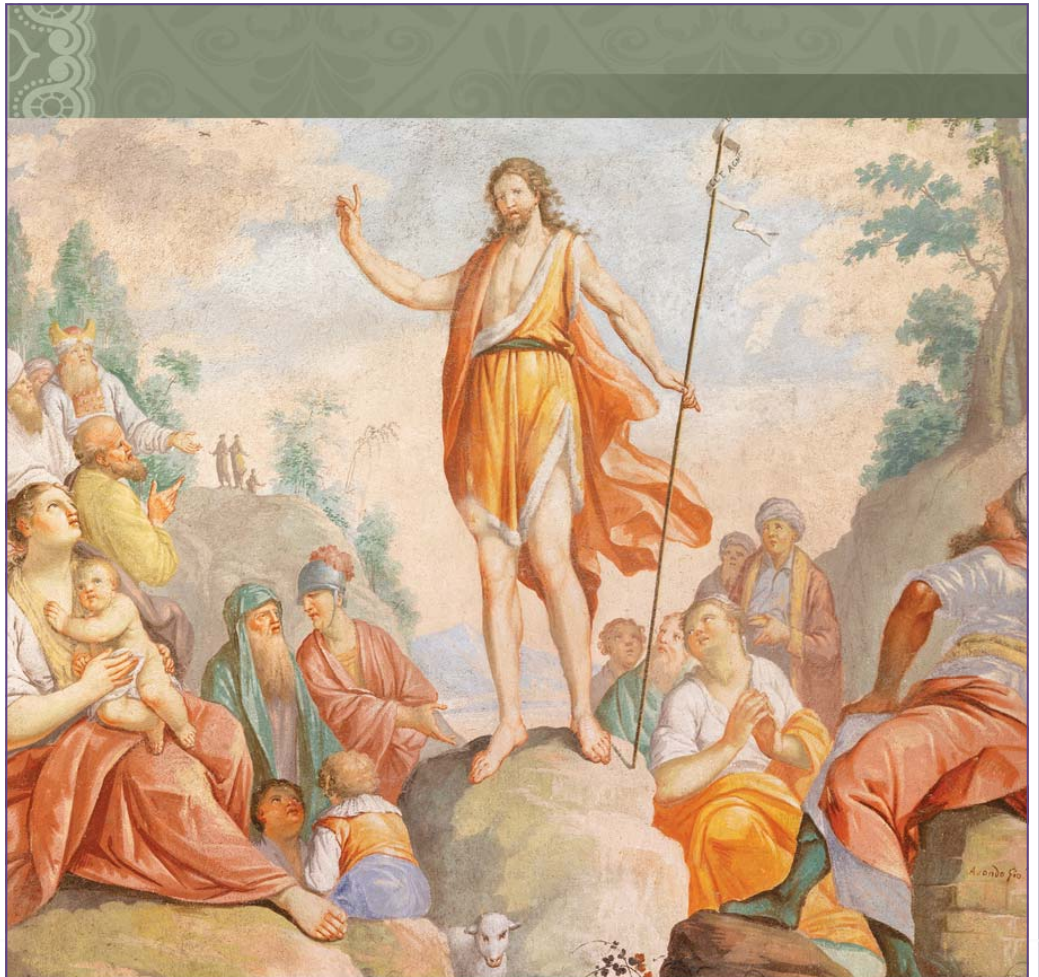
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,

17 (see 7)

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" - Mt 3:1

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

Mass Intentions & Observances:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SEE PG 7)

6:30a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

8:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

For Mike & Crystal Kasper

†Robert Higgins, Sr.; †Mary Jermalowicz

7:00p (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

†Poor Souls of the Faithful Departed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025, ADVENT WEEKDAY; ST JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOTZIN

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Vivian M. Noonan †Beemsterboer Family;

†Lorraine Witek

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025, ADVENT WEEKDAY; OUR LADY OF LORETO

8:00a (CHAPEL) Mass — Intention:

†Sheila Finley; †John Dooley

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025, ADVENT WEEKDAY; ST DAMASUS I, POPE

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Dan Ptasienski; †Jean Marie Davito



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Happy Birthday Fr. Mario!

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Arnold Busch; †Poor Souls

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025, ST LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

For Gail Therese Doscher (Birthday);

†Ricky Bosner; †Daniel Lotz; †Patrick Leffler;

†Dorothy Witek; †Cezar Lopez

5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Martin McGreal; †Giernoth Family; †Kelly MacDonald

=== Virtual 2nd Collection:
 Retirement Fund for Religious Offering ===

DECEMBER 14, 2025, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDATE SUNDAY); HANUKKAH BEGINS

7:30a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Daniel Lotz; †Rose Bender; †Irene Kachmar

9:00a Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Clara Wozniczka; †Deceased members of Siedlecki Family: Eugene, Betty, Christopher, Marty, Nicole, Nancy & Grandson Bryce; †Carry Witt

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

Living & †Deceased Members of Saint Gilbert Parish

5:00p Mass (Cantor) — Intention:

†Robert Blasius

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Facility Calendar:

Monday, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Parish Office Closed for the Holy Day

7:00p SA Troops 96 & 1996



Tuesday, DECEMBER 9, 2025

No scheduled activities

Wednesday, DECEMBER 10, 2025



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

2:00p Children's Choir Practice

5:00p Liturgy Committee

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

6:30p Baptism Preparation Session (Virtual)

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

Thursday, DECEMBER 11, 2025

8:00a Breaking Open the Word (see pg 9)

5:30p SGS Grade 1-5 Christmas Program

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

9:00p Men's Basketball

Friday, DECEMBER 12, 2025

4:00p Girl Scouts

Saturday, DECEMBER 13, 2025

11:00a SPRED Christmas Pageant

4:00p Confession

=== In Narthex: SG Christmas Celebration Tickets ===

Sunday, DECEMBER 14, 2025

8:55a REP Sessions & Christmas Caroling

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

1:00p Group Baptism Service

1:00p Baptism Preparation Session (In-Person)

6:00p Confirmation Session

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IN-PEW WEEKEND

Today, all parish families are invited to participate in the Generation to Generation campaign In-Pew Event. Our parish community is preparing for the next generation of Catholics at St. Gilbert and across Cook and Lake Counties. Please join with all families at Mass today in support of the campaign.

Recognizing all we have and all we are is a manifestation of God's love, we are called to return gifts in thanksgiving for God's generosity and goodness to us.

Total Gift*	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
\$18,000	\$300	\$69	\$10
\$12,000	\$200	\$46	\$7
\$9,000	\$150	\$35	\$5
\$6,000	\$100	\$23	\$3
\$4,800	\$80	\$18	\$3
\$3,600	\$60	\$14	\$2
\$2,400	\$40	\$9	\$1

* Gifts have been rounded to the nearest dollar

OUR PRIORITIES

- Enhancing our Faith Formation Programs
- Renovating our Parish Chapel
- Campus Facilities Upgrades

ST. GILBERTS'S CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Parish Goal: \$1,175,000

Dollars raised: \$1,092,150

% of goal: 93%

Number of gifts: 135

Average gift: \$8,090

.....GENERATION
TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL.....

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>. Registrations are still being accepted!



GRADES 7-9... The next syllabus will come out in early January for students in Grades 7-9 that are registered.



SACRAMENT CLASSES... If you are interested in preparing your son/daughter to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, call

the office for information at 847.223.3071.



SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES...

On **Sunday, December 14th**, the Grade 3 students dramatize the Christmas Story for the students and parents. We will also sing Christmas Carols and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus! The celebration **begins at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room**. Parents and Grandparents, come and join us!



ST. NICHOLAS VISITS THE CLASSROOMS...

St. Nick will visit Grade 1-4 classrooms today. The students will learn about his life and dedication to Christ.

Pictures are from the Open House with Grade 1 students.

FANNIE MAY CANDY SALE...

Thank you for your support!

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.*

Christmas Pageant for SPRED families... Saturday, December 13th, beginning at 11am in the Church.



LITTLEST ROARING REBELS TERRIFIC TWOS PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM



**NOW
REGISTERING
FOR DECEMBER -
FEBRUARY**

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS FOR OUR
TERRIFIC TWOS PROGRAM!



**Growing. Playing.
Discovering Together.**

**Call 847-223-8600
to reserve your spot today!**



GOSPEL

Today you are with John the Baptist. He is wearing a camel skin coat and has a leather strap around his waist. He shares two grasshoppers and a little wild honey with you. He says, "Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will be here soon." You tell John, "I am very sorry for my sins. I am now obeying God's laws." Then John baptizes you in the Jordan River to make you ready for the kingdom of heaven.



PRAYER

Lord, teach me to be truly sorry when I do something wrong.



A few thoughts from the Pastor...

As we move through this holy **season of Advent**, we are invited to stay awake and vigilant for the second coming of our Lord! The Word of God reminds us about the necessity to cling to God with our hearts and minds open to His grace so that we may be ultimately transformed. During this joyful time of preparation for the upcoming celebration of Christmas, we are encouraged to make an effort to set our hearts on Christ.

Let us, therefore, set a time for prayer and some spiritual reflection these days so that we may be well prepared internally for the upcoming festivities. May the already ever present Christmas commercial atmosphere not take away from us the need for the deeper spiritual preparation during this Advent so that we may truly embrace the meaning of Christmas in its most profound Christian sense. And so, I would like to invite all of you to make an effort to prepare spiritually for Christmas. A good way to do so, is to join us for the **Parish Advent Reconciliation** that will take place on **Tuesday, December 16th at 7pm.**



The new **Parish Book of Prayer and Intentions** is available in the narthex of the church. Please, feel free to use it for any intentions you would like our parish community to pray for during the celebration of Mass.

The Tabernacle red light, lit perpetually, reminds us of Christ's real presence in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Beginning this Advent, you may request a special prayer in memory of deceased loved ones by making an offering (\$20) for the Tabernacle candle and thus participate in keeping the Tabernacle light perpetually lit. Such offering will be made for one week as the candle is replaced on a weekly basis. The name(s) of your loved ones will be printed in the parish bulletin. The requests may be arranged with Jeanne at the parish office, Tuesday-Friday.



ST. GILBERT PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Join us for a joyful evening of food, fellowship, and faith!

When: Saturday, December 20 at 6:30pm

Where: St. Gilbert Parish Center

Adults \$25

Children \$10

Enjoy a hot Christmas dinner, music, and community celebration.

**We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season together!
Questions? Contact Deacon Brian Fisher or the Parish Office.**



READING 1 ISAIAH 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,
and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.
Not by appearance shall he judge,
nor by hearsay shall he decide,
but he shall judge the poor with justice,
and decide aright for the land's afflicted.
He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.
Justice shall be the band around his waist,
and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.
Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the young lion shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them.
The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,
together their young shall rest;
the lion shall eat hay like the ox.
The baby shall play by the cobra's den,
and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.
There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.
On that day, the root of Jesse,
set up as a signal for the nations,
the Gentiles shall seek out,
for his dwelling shall be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness
of peace for ever.*

READING 2 ROMANS 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters:
Whatever was written previously was written for our
instruction,
that by endurance and by the encouragement of the
Scriptures
we might have hope.
May the God of endurance and encouragement
grant you to think in harmony with one another,
in keeping with Christ Jesus,
that with one accord you may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,

for the glory of God.
For I say that Christ became a minister of the
circumcised
to show God's truthfulness,
to confirm the promises to the patriarchs,
but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.
As it is written:
*Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles
and sing praises to your name.*

GOSPEL MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of
Judea
and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at
hand!"
It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he
said:
A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.
John wore clothing made of camel's hair
and had a leather belt around his waist.
His food was locusts and wild honey.
At that time Jerusalem, all Judea,
and the whole region around the Jordan
were going out to him
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees
coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of
vipers!
Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.
And do not presume to say to yourselves,
'We have Abraham as our father.'
For I tell you,
God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.
Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees.
Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit
will be cut down and thrown into the fire.
I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,
but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.
I am not worthy to carry his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing fan is in his hand.
He will clear his threshing floor
and gather his wheat into his barn,
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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1st Reading

Isaiah foresaw God's future when the world will be ruled by a new and ideal 'King David' ("a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse") and the earth will be filled with knowledge of the Lord. *What do you hope for in your future?*

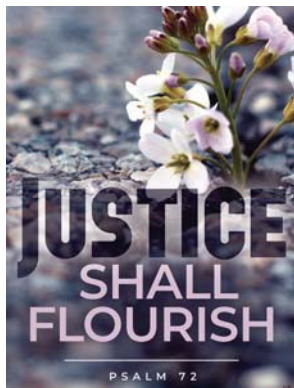
2nd Reading

Paul encouraged the community of believers in Rome to be in harmony with each other in thought and mind. *Are there relationships in your life you consider to be harmonious?*

Gospel:

John the Baptist taught the people to prepare for the kingdom of heaven by repenting of sins and producing "good fruit." *What could you do this second week of Advent to make a positive impact?*

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SAINT GILBERT CHURCH

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OH MARY,
CONCEIVED
WITHOUT SIN,
PRAY FOR US
WHO HAVE
RECOURSE
TO THEE.



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

Monday, December 8th

MASS TIMES: 6:30am (CHAPEL)
8:00am & 7:00pm (CHURCH)

Join us in this Advent Season as we celebrate the official dogma of our Church, defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, that Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception.

**Catholic Charities Gifts are due
by noon THIS SUNDAY (Dec 7) !**

Place the gift, with the ornament securely attached, under the tree. Gift bags preferred.

Please keep in your prayers...

Kai Bowes; Neil Cloe; Pauline Fearn;
Carter Halloran; Mia Grace Keller;
Jackie McDonal; Erin Moran; Ethan Nguyen;
Andree Porcheron-Hicks; Remig Raffanti;
Jim Tomas; Dorothy Ward; people of Ukraine &
Israel/Gaza; 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.*



— Victims of Ukraine Conflict &
War in Israel/Gaza

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-
6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18
-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is
35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



WEEK 2
Advent ©LPi



SIMBANG GABI (FILIPINO "MASS AT NIGHT")... Sunday, December 21st, 5:00p in the main Church. We invite you to celebrate the Seventh Night of the Nine day novena of night masses.

We will have the traditional reception following Mass this year (in the Parish Center Gym) and look forward to this cherished parish tradition of Simbang Gabi, hosted by the Bayanihan Ministry. Come and join us!

To find out more about this spiritual devotion in preparation for Christmas, visit <https://www.stgilbert.org/explore-ministries> and select Bayanihan Ministry. You can access the full schedule of Simbang Gabi in the Archdiocese at <https://aci.archchicago.org/events/simbang-gabi>.



Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses
Wednesday, December 24th:
*3:00pm, 5:00pm & *10:00pm
(Carols begin at 9:30pm)

Christmas Day Masses
Thursday, December 25th:
9:00am & 11:00am

New Year's Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31st — 5:00pm
Thursday, January 1st — *9:00am & 11:00am
(NOTE: All Mass Times are in the main Church.)

**live stream available*

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.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Please join us in welcoming into our Parish Family those newly baptized during November:

James Timothy Garrity, son of Rory & Paige
Araceli Lily Aldape, daughter of Aurelio & Jocelyne
Aurelio Aldape, Jr. son of Aurelio & Jocelyne
Nayeli Rose Aldape, daughter of Aurelio & Jocelyne
Maiah Isabella Martinez, daughter of Juan & Claudia
Ameera Jasmine Ruiz, daughter of Luis & Melissa
Amaya Mia Ruiz, daughter of Luis & Melissa
Arianna Carlene Danek, daughter of Tyler & Katelyn
Leila Kate Danek, daughter of Tyler & Katelyn
Isla Raine Danek, daughter of Tyler & Katelyn
Cameron Scott Danek, son of Tyler & Katelyn
Emirey Corinne Peralta Alfonso, daughter of Corey & Marfina
Charles August Clancy, son of John & Celia
Lyla Jill Clancy, daughter of Bryan & Madison



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

JOIN US FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & MARKET

Come Join us for a Winter Wonderland of Gently Used Christmas Decoration, Crafts, Sweet Treats, and Christmas Cheer!

DECEMBER

SATURDAY 6TH 9am -3PM

SUNDAY 7TH 9am -1PM

Free Admission *

*THIS FUNDRAISER WILL BENEFIT THE SGS TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM! MOST ITEMS AT THE BAZAAR WILL BE FREE BUT, ANY CONTRIBUTION TO OUR TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS BIG OR SMALL CAN HELP A FAMILY IN NEED AFFORD THEIR TUITION.

LOCATED IN THE ST. GILBERT SCHOOL GYM





Annual Knights of Columbus
CHRISTMAS TREE
LOT OPERATING HOURS
(while supply lasts!)

Mon-Fri 4p-8p—Sat/Sun 9a-8p

Please come out and support your parish with a purchase of a beautiful Christmas tree!



For a recent service project, Confirmation students helped St. Vincent de Paul pack and hand out Thanksgiving food baskets to those in need



Thank you to these teens for helping and for putting smiles on their faces!



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:
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2025

6:30-8:00pm ~ meet in the teen center
 Please let us know if you are coming by emailing Kathleen at youthmin@stgilbertschool.org or calling 847.223.5875

All 7th-12th graders are invited to come!



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 Sessions are December 11th & 18th.*

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES... Yes, Christmas season is a busy time of the year BUT Advent is also a time of prayer and reflection. You may want to check out books from our parish library (located at the main entrance to the church.) Some suggestions:

The Love Dare: Kendrick: Sect: Marriage // Catholic Teen Guide to Tough Stuff: Auer: Sect: Teenagers // The Healing of Families: Sect: Parenting // The Soul At Rest: Sect: Prayer

Saint Gilbert Giving Tree — Opportunities Reminder



St. Vincent de Paul,
 St. Benedict the African & P.A.D.S.
 gift cards & unwrapped food items
 accepted through December 14th.

—Please place check or cash in envelope provided. Drop envelope into the collection basket or return it to the Giving Tree table. Please place food items, unwrapped, under the Giving Tree.

—Online giving available via the church website by selecting Giving/ GiveCentral/GivingTree, or directly via Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/35416> OR TEXT the word GIVINGTREE to 1.224.219.0357 and receive a text back with a link to Give Central.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Shrofe at 920.216.9342. Visit stgilbert.org/organizations for the PADS Wish List.



THANK YOU for your generosity this year and for these 52 years and God bless you!!

INTERNATIONAL FEST XIX

Our hearts filled with gratitude to all the ethnic cooks and bakers that provided us with delicious food, to those who entertain, and all the helpers that made this FEST such a success! May God bless you and your families.

—Sr. Donna and Fest Committee

Crisis Support Services:

Basic essentials of living inquiries:

St. Vincent de Paul Society thru Saint Gilbert: 224-360-9161 OR 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
 Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

Pregnancy support:

Aid for Women Northern Lake Cty: 847-249-2700

Suicide prevention:

Emergency: 911
 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 988

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: 847-244-1101

FEATURING:

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These Advent reflections by the abbess of a Poor Clare monastery, an accomplished spiritual writer, focus our attention on the coming of Jesus into our lives. There is a double movement to this coming: both our active preparation to be ready for him and our patient waiting for the Lord to arrive in his own good time. There is also an art to this simultaneous preparation and waiting, and no one knows better than the beloved Mother Mary Francis how to encourage us in our attempts to master this art.



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 *then "CONTINUE TO SIGNUP/LOGIN"
 *Type in "St. Gilbert"
 *select "St. Gilbert" from the drop down list
 *then SUBMIT
 *Enter your name and email address and select "Sign up" and You are all set!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

My youngest child is going through Confirmation preparation this year. It is always quite a challenge to get through to a teenager about the importance of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit. You can't see and touch these things, but they are more valuable than most tangible gifts we can receive.

Isaiah 11 features the list of the traditional gifts of the Spirit that we speak about in the context of the sacrament: wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are freely given to us to assist us in our daily walk with God. Discipleship and stewardship are hard enough in this world without the help from God's Spirit.

During this Advent season, we think quite a bit about gifts and gift giving. What is the perfect gift for that special someone? What can you give that will have an impact and the person will remember for years to come? Over two thousand years ago, a gift was given to us in a manger that really made a lasting impact. That gift remains with us in a profound way through the sacraments. While we are busy trying to get gifts for others, let us be mindful of the gifts we have already received by the best gift giver the world has ever seen. — Tracy Earl Welliver

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Weekly Collections Thank You!

November 8th, 2025 — November 14th, 2025

Electronic:	\$ 6,377.88	Weekly Total:	\$11,483.88
Mail-In:	\$ 655.00	Weekly Budge:	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
Weekend Mass:	\$ 4,451.00	Deficit:	-\$ 5,516.12

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



WeShare—<https://stgilbert.churchgiving.com>



GiveCentral—

SUNDAY: <https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/378-St-Gilbert-Church>

Text2Give—

Text **DONATE** to 1-224-219-0357

Don't have an envelope or wish to try online giving for secondary envelope/collection gifting?

Saint Gilbert Conference St. Vincent de Paul Offering:
<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/378/event/9507>

*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!

Upcoming **EARLY** Deadlines:

Tuesday, December 9th for December 21st Bulletin
Tuesday, December 16th for December 28th Bulletin
Thursday, December 18th for January 4th Bulletin



Christmas Flower Memorials

Online donations towards Christmas Flowers at Saint Gilbert, in memory of your loved ones, can be made at

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8794>

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.



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 to celebrate Christmas. God Bless You!

For basic essentials of living assistance inquiries, contact the St. Vincent DePaul Society at 224.360.9161 OR SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com

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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