SHARE IN THE POWER

This Sunday is two weeks before Pentecost, but already the readings prepare us for that feast. The first reading from Acts shows us the conversion of the Samaritans, thanks to Philip's preaching and curing the sick. He did this through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit makes Jesus present today, not just in the sacraments, but through us, his disciples.

Jesus knew that after his Resurrection appearances, he would not be visible as a man. Instead, he would live in all of his followers through the power of the Holy Spirit. That's why he tells the disciples that the Spirit will be with them and in them. So confirmation, the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17), reminds us that when God lives in us, we share in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, Peter gives us practical advice. First, he tells us to be ready to explain our hope in the Lord. That hope comes from our faith in the Resurrection. When you hear that people saw and talked to Jesus after he rose from the dead, then hear that anyone who follows Jesus will share in that resurrection, you begin to have real hope. Next, Peter tells us to avoid sin, not because we won't be forgiven again, but to show that we can live a life free from sin, selfishness, and hatred. Freedom from sin allows us to give a good example of how to live. Abandoning selfishness allows us to love others without counting the cost. When we are free from hatred, we are able to forgive others as we have been forgiven. As we live in Jesus and he in us, our happiness will attract people to God.

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ST. GILBERT MINISTRY FAIR — June 3 and 4

As we conclude our Easter season, please join us for our Ministry Fair which will take place on the weekend of Pentecost, June 3 and 4, commonly known as the "Birthday of the Church." Representatives from our Parish Ministries will be available to provide information about the work their ministry performs. These ministers are living proof of our parish mission “to live out our Baptismal call, to share in fellowship and to reach out to serve all.” Please let your heart respond to the Spirit as it calls you to serve in one of the many ministries our parish offers as we make a difference in the world as disciples of Christ. As we lead up to our Ministry Fair, Parish Council would like to highlight the ministries that focus on the Mass and on Social Justice.

These ministries facilitate a devout celebration of the Mass:
- Altar Linens
- Altar Servers (REP)
- Altar Servers (SGS)
- Breaking Open the Word
- Christ Renews His Parish (men)
- Christ Renews His Parish (women)
- Environment Committee
- Eucharistic Bread Bakers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Greeters
- Liturgy Committee
- Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Mass Coordinators
- Ministers of Care
- Ministers of the Word
- Music Ministers
- Petition Writers
- Ushers
- Wedding Coordinators

These ministries respond to the Church’s teaching of Social Justice:
- Bereavement
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Giving Tree
- Helping Hands
- Knights of Columbus
- PADS
- Respect Life
- Sharing Parish Ministry
- St. Vincent de Paul

Think about each of these ministries.
Let your heart respond to the call. Just say YES!

ARE YOU OFFICIALLY A REGISTERED MEMBER OF SAINT GILBERT?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. To so clearly state your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings you advantages, recognition and responsibilities of many kinds. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor.

We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is registered, active and contributing member in our parish. How do you know if you are already registered? A registered parishioner receives all parish mailings.

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So, are you a registered parishioner? If not, please consider registering. You can do so on the third weekend each month (this weekend!) after Masses in the narthex. Or you may stop in the parish offices Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm. It only takes a few minutes.

We look forward to meeting you and serving with you in Saint Gilbert Parish!
Since September, six delightful RCIA inquirers, Kraig, Diane, Colleen, Miguel, Sam and Jeremy have explored our Catholic faith. They have participated in Scripture reflection, presentations on our various beliefs and practices, and prayer with Father John, Father Jose and the RCIA team. This next Faith Journey article is by Miguel Ocampo.

FAITH JOURNEY
(RCIA Reflection)

My journey with the RCIA program has been filled with rewarding experiences and it was also a little bit challenging. While attending the RCIA program I had the opportunity to learn and understand more about the Bible and become closer to the church. By coming to class and discussing a weekly topic, I gained more knowledge.

Another wonderful experience I had from attending the RCIA program was to be presented at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago and be greeted by Cardinal Cupich; it was a great experience that I will treasure forever. Not many have an honor like the RCIA group and myself did.

In my case, the program was a little challenging due to my language barrier. But, thanks to all the help from my group and my family’s support, I overcame this challenge. At this time, I would like to thank everyone in my group who has helped through this journey.

Lastly, the best thing that happened was to receive my sacraments during the Easter Vigil Mass along with my two wonderful children.

The RCIA is a great and wonderful program. In my opinion, it would be wonderful to have this program in Spanish and/or other languages so it is more accessible for those individuals and/or families with language barriers.

Thank you RCIA for a wonderful Journey!!

— Miguel Ocampo

If you sense a stronger relationship with God is needed in your life; and you have not been Baptized, or you have been Baptized in another faith tradition or have not completed your Catholic initiation with Confirmation and Eucharist, then you should inquire into the RCIA process. Contact Ray Henderson at 847-986-6659 or hendersr22@att.net OR Fr. John Chrzan at pastor@stgilbert.org OR call the Parish Office at 847-223-4731.

MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 29TH... The Parish Offices are closed for the holiday. All are welcome to join us for 8am Mass in the Chapel as we remember those who have died in service to our country.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD... This group meets after 8a Mass in Chapel Hall. Our time is spent reflecting on the Sunday Gospel, sharing that reflection, and prayer. The group meets next on May 25th. All are welcome!

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS... Sunday, September 17th, 2017, Holy Name Cathedral. Couples married in 1967 interested in attending this celebration should contact Saint Gilbert Parish Office (847-223-4731) to register.

EUCHARISTICADORATION WEDNESDAYS... 6p-9p, Chapel. You are invited to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during our weekly adoration. Silent prayer is encouraged – time to speak from your hearts to God and for God to speak to your hearts!

Confessions available most Wednesdays.

The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring the 15th Annual Aid for Women Baby Shower. Baby bottles and unwrapped gifts for the Aid for Women baby shower are due back THIS SUNDAY by the 12:15p Mass.

Thank you for your generosity!

SAINT GILBERT PARISH BULLETIN DEADLINES
Send articles for consideration in an electronic file to bulletin@stgilbert.org. Thank you! Now due: Thursday, May 18th for May 28th bulletin.
OFFICE HOURS: 9:00am—3:00pm  (Monday-Friday)  847-223-3071

Registration forms for 2017-18 are available on the stgilbert.org website, from the Religious Education Office, and at the entrances to the Church.

SESSION A:  Sunday mornings 8:55 - 10:10am
Pre-school (ages 3 and 4) and Kindergarten - Grade 6  
Classes begin in September.

SESSION B:  Monday evenings 6:00 - 7:15pm
Grades 1-6  
Classes begin in September.

SESSION C:  Summer Session Wednesday, June 14 through Friday, June 30
Grades 1-6  
Registration is in process.  See above.

SESSION D:  Grades 7 - 9  The summer syllabus will be available at the end of May.  The Students who are registered will receive the syllabus.

FAMILY PROGRAM:  There will be a NEW program offered beginning in September 2017.  The families with children from Grade 1-6 who choose this Religious Education Program will be scheduled to be at St. Gilbert one Sunday a month, 10:15 – 11:30 am for a session.  During the rest of the month the families will receive material to cover.  Note the information on the registration form or call the office if you have questions.

SPRED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The SPRED Program is a Religious Education Program from the Archdiocese for children and adults with special needs.  Saint Gilbert has one group for children ages 6 - 10 and two groups of students ages 11 - 16.  If you know of someone that needs our services please call the Religious Education Office 847-223-3071.

Ms. Dana Bishop, a 3rd grade teacher at Saint Gilbert Catholic School was recently awarded a $100 Grant from the Meemic Foundation. The Meemic Foundation funds curriculum-enhancing ideas submitted by educators through grants. Ms. Bishop’s grant will help fund her classroom garden.

Ms. Bishop started the garden project to teach students in third grade they can help give back to the community. The class grows plants from seed, watches them grow, and then harvests the produce. The food that is grown is donated to the P.L.A.N. Food Pantry in Round Lake. Last year her classroom donated over 150 pounds of zucchini, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers and peppers. The student’s excitement and passion inspire her to continue the project.

You can watch and follow Ms. Bishop’s classroom garden on her classroom website at: https://goo.gl/JLcESp

www.stgilbertschool.org
In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us:
“If you love me, you will keep my commandments...Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.

Have you checked out FORMED?

FORMED is an exciting gateway to the best Catholic teaching videos, books, and audio talks to deepen your relationship with Christ and his Church. All in once place.

Though the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima took place almost a hundred years ago, Our Lady's call to prayer and penance for the salvation of souls and peace in the world is as relevant now as when first delivered to three Portuguese peasant children in 1917.

At the peak of the First World War, Our Lady warned of another worldwide conflict, the rise and spread of Communism, and a terrible persecution of the Church unless people repented of their sins and returned to God. She also requested devotion to her Immaculate Heart and a special consecration of Russia.

Much of what Our Lady of Fatima said was revealed soon after her appearances, but the third and final “secret”, which was not a message but a prophetic vision seen by the children, was not unveiled by the Vatican until 2000. Pope John Paul II, who read the third secret while recovering from the attempt upon his life in 1981, believed the vision signified the sufferings the Church had endured in the twentieth century.

How to access FORMED... Go to formed.org and enter our Parish access code: N89PP8 (case sensitive) and start exploring right in your own home...and it’s free for you!

Questions? Contact Kathleen Faurbo at 847.223.5875 or youthmin@stgilbertschool.org

Crisis Support Services:

Local food pantries:
Avon Township: 847-546-1446
Catholic Charities: 847-782-4166

Pregnancy support:
Warren Township: 847-347-0832

Emotional support after abortion:
SVDP thru St. Gilbert: 224-360-9161

Project Rachel: Counseling: 800-5WE-CARE Holbrook Center: 847-782-4049

Emergency shelter: Suicide Prevention: Emergency 911 or 800-411-0103 or 440-953-8255

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION AT ST. GILBERT

Parishioners who have children to be baptized are asked to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session. Because Baptism is a commitment by the parents to raise the child in the Catholic faith, it is necessary that the parents presenting their children for Baptism are also living up to their own Baptismal commitment.

No date for the Baptism is made until the parents have attended one of the Baptismal Sessions. Reservations for the sessions are limited and they fill up quickly.

Parents are encouraged to attend before the baby is born.

Call the Parish Office to register: 847-223-4731

Children who have already received Baptism are also encouraged to attend this session for spiritual enrichment.

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June 9-11, 2017
Wynham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL

For almost 50 years and in nearly 90 countries, Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) has provided enrichments to over 1.9 million couples and religious to fulfill its mission to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world! WWME begins with a private weekend experience including presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and continues with ongoing enrichments in the community after the weekend. Learn more and apply online today!
WORSHIP

Monday, May 22nd, Easter Weekday; St. Rita of Cascia, religious
8:00—Norbert Obrzut (Marilyn & Ron Pinkawa)
       Marie Schmitt (Jeanine Fout)
Tuesday, May 23rd, Easter Weekday
8:00—Marie Schmitt (Bob & Kate Milchuck)
Wednesday, May 24th, Easter Weekday
8:00—Intention for Sr. Mary Paul (Jeanine Fout)
Thursday, May 25th, Easter Weekday
8:00—Marie Schmitt (Raul & Gloria Venzon)
Friday, May 26th, St. Philip Neri, priest
8:00—Martin McGreal (Anita McGreal)
Saturday, May 27th, Easter Weekday; St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
8:00—People of Saint Gilbert
5:00—Martin McGreal (Anita McGreal)
       John D. Gagin, Sr. (Gagin Family)
       Marie Schmitt (Bereavement Ministry)
Sunday, May 28th, Ascension of the Lord
7:30—Frank Ptasienski (Family)
       Roberta Schlitz (Don & Mary Dietz)
       Rosemary Nycz (Rosko Family)
9:00—Intention for Margaret Hilliard (Barb Shoemaker & Patt Ryan)
10:45—Parishioners of Saint Gilbert Parish
12:15—Parishioners of Saint Gilbert Parish
6:00—Parishioners of Saint Gilbert Parish

Ministers of the Liturgy

NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, May 27
5:00—Fr. Jose Baptista
       Lector 1—Mike Starzec
       Lector 2—Gary Niceswanger
Sunday, May 28
7:30—Fr. Jose Baptista
       Lector 1—Ray Henderson
       Lector 2—Ed White
9:00—Fr. John Chrzan
       (Adult Choir)
       Lector 1—Jack Ennenbach
       Lector 2—Brian Laughlin
10:45—Fr. August Belauskas
       Lector 1—Helen Parkinton
       Lector 2—Tom Parkinton
12:15—Fr. August Belauskas
       Lector 1—Maureen Gumbinger
       Lector 2—volunteer needed
6:00—Fr. John Chrzan
       Lector 1—Keith Lewitzke

Please keep in your prayers...


Attention Family Members: After 3 weeks, please notify the Rectory if your loved one is still in need of our prayers.

Mark the Date! Saint Gilbert Gala Dinner Dance,
Cuneo Mansion Museum, OCTOBER 14, 2017

Weekly Collections

Thank You!!!

May 13-14
Regular Collection—$12,228.50 (weekly goal: $14,000)
Catholic Charities Collection—$ 1,812.00
Gift Card Sales—$ 2,475

Your Sunday gifts to our parish make an incredible difference in our ability to serve our community, pay regular expenses and tackle necessary projects. Gifts in any amount or method are greatly appreciated. If it is helpful, please consider Give Central which offers a safe, convenient method to make a gift at any time.

https://www.givecentral.org/location/378

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
       1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
       Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
       Jn 16:12-15
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-24; 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
       Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

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Dcn Phil Bertolani

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Cuneo Mansion Museum, OCTOBER 14, 2017
PASTORAL STAFF:
Rev. John Chrzan - Pastor
Rev. Eugene Nowak - Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Jose Baptista - Associate Pastor
Rev. August Belauskas - Weekend Associate
Rev. Mr. Richard Globis - Deacon
Rev. Mr. Mark Plaiss - Deacon
Sr. Donna Schmitt, OSF - Director, Religious Education
Mr. Brian Tekampe - Principal
Mrs. Sandra Garrity - Business Manager
Mr. Mark Konchan - Music Director
(Phone: 847-223-0448 stgilbertmusic.blogspot.com)
Mrs. Kathleen Faurbo - 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** (Signed for hearing impaired. **not on 4th Sunday), 10:45am, 12:15pm, 6:00pm
Holydays—6:30am, 8:00am, 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS:
RECONCILIATION:
Saturday—4:00pm to 4:45pm

BAPTISMS: At weekend Mass according to schedule or 1:30pm on select Sundays. Arrangements made at one-hour Baptismal Preparation Session. Call the Rectory to register.

MARRIAGES: 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)

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

Parish Membership: Join the parish the third weekend of the month after all the Masses. Please notify us of a change of address.

Hearing Loop installed
Switch Hearing Aid to T-Coil

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