



SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

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THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT —
DECEMBER 15, 2024

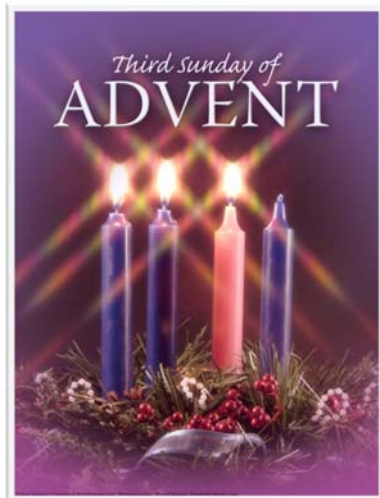
Today's readings:

Zep 3:14-18a

Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18



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THE LORD IS NEAR

On this Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, the second reading and the entrance antiphon proclaim, *"The Lord is near."* On Gaudete Sunday, a rose-colored candle is lighted on the Advent wreath, along with two purple candles from the previous two weeks of Advent. The purple candles symbolize our prayer and preparation; the rose candle symbolizes our joyful anticipation at the halfway point of Advent.

In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah speaks of the restoration of Jerusalem after the nation's sinfulness. He invites us to not be discouraged, but rather to *"Shout for joy . . . / Sing joyfully"* and *"Be glad and exult with all your heart."* The faithful today, like the people who approached John the Baptist in the Gospel, are filled with expectation.

This week, to continue preparing your heart for the full joy of Christmas, dedicate time every day to pray. As St. Paul suggests in his letter to the Philippians, *"with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."* Begin your prayer by expressing your joy and gratitude to God. How will the Lord's nearness inspire you to share your kindness with others? End your prayer by resting in the peace of God.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024—ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

For the People of Saint Gilbert

Daily Christmas Cash Drawing (after 8am Mass thru Dec 19!)

6:30p Eucharistic Healing Prayer (see pg 3)

7:00p BSA Troops 96 & 1996

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Vivian M. DuFell

Daily Christmas Cash Drawing (after 8am Mass thru Dec 19! — LAST DAY FOR TICKET PURCHASE)

5:30p SGS Grade 1-5 Christmas Program


7:00p SVdP Ministry

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

†Thomas A. Berry; †Dwight Doscher

Daily Christmas Cash Drawing (after 8am Mass thru Dec 19!)

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

5:00p Cub Scout Pack 96 Meeting

6:00p Music Ministry

7:00p KofC Officers' Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Bart J. Berry

FINAL Daily Christmas Cash Drawing (after 8am Mass)

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

9:30a SGS Prek/K Christmas Program

6:00p PSOM Officers' Meeting

6:30p Baptism Preparation Session—Virtual

8:00p Penitent Soldiers of Mary Adoration Liturgy (see pg 5)

9:00p Men's Basketball

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Bernadette & †George Oslovich

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY;

ST PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

†Mary Wywialowski; †Billy Wielgos; †Gerry Manarik

9:30a Christmas Eve Practice

11:00a SPRED Christmas Prayer Service & Reception

5:00p Mass — Intention:

†Martin M. McGreal; †Robert Higgins;

†Richard Donatich

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024— FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30a Mass — Intention:

†Giernoth Family

Welcome Coffee & Donuts after morning Masses

NO REP Sessions

9:00a *Mass — Intention:

For McCulloch Family and †Frank McCulloch;

†Terry Marusich

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

11:00a Mass — Intention:

†Sheila Finley; †Leona Morris; †Tom Dompke;

†Maciej Aleksander

*Incense may be used at the Mass.



Holiday Schedule

Extended Sacrament of Reconciliation opportunity before Christmas

Saturday, December 21st — 3:00pm-4:45pm Church

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24th:

- *3:00pm (Church & Chapel)
- 5:00pm & *10:00pm (Church)
- (Carols begin at 9:30pm)

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25th:

- 9:00am & 11:00am (Church)

New Year's Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st — 5:00pm (Church)

Wednesday, January 1st — *9:00am & 11:00am (Church)

**live stream available*

Mark your calendar!
We are happy to announce that the **SUNDAY EVENING 5PM MASS** will be reinstated beginning with the Feast of Epiphany on January 5th.



SIMBANG GABI 2024

AT SAINT GILBERT

(FILIPINO "MASS AT NIGHT")


Sunday, December 15th

7:00p in the main Church

Reception to follow Mass in the Parish Center Gym
— 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>



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>



Vicariate I

FAREWELL MASS

Archbishop-designate Jeffrey Grob



Archbishop-designate Grob looks forward to greeting Vicariate I parishioners before taking up his appointment as Archbishop of Milwaukee.

December 18 **St. Joseph Catholic Church**
6:30 p.m. Mass 121 E. Maple Ave.
 Reception follows Libertyville, IL

Parking Information:

stjoseph-libertyville.org/parking

Please register using this link:

forms.office.com/r/dEDzRXsSoc



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

<https://www.stgilbert.org/home>



EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

2024-2025
 SCHEDULE

- November 18
- December 16
- January 20
- February 17
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19
- June 16

SAINT GILBERT PARISH
 301 E. BELVIDERE RD, GRAYSLAKE

HOLY ROSARY - 6:30 PM
 ADORATION & MUSIC – 7:00 PM
 PRAYER TEAMS – 8:00 PM

Everyone has pain, trials, and areas of brokenness in their lives. We all know family members or friends who are struggling as well. The Catholic Church and the whole world is desperate to find peace.

Let's begin healing the Body of Christ together by professing our common Faith and spending time with Jesus.

Meet..... Deacon Jean Boussari

Deacon Jean Boussari had a deep faith conversion as a young adult and was baptized and entered the Catholic Church at age 31. He was involved in lay ministry in his home country of Benin (West Africa) until moving to the U.S. in 2007, where he continued lay ministry in the south



and northwest suburbs, and met his wife, Trisha. They were married in 2016, and shortly thereafter he responded to the call to be a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He was ordained in 2022.

Deacon Jean, Trisha, and their two young sons recently moved from Hoffman Estates to Gurnee. He works in sales for a family-owned company supporting first responders and the military.

Deacon Jean is passionate about evangelization. He loves to share the stories of what God has done in his life and can't wait to witness what God has in store for you! You can speak with Deacon Jean in English, French, Yoruba, or Fon.

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.



Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood. God Bless You!

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

Your **Christmas Offering to Saint Gilbert** is a gift over-and-above your ordinary Sunday offering. It is a sign of your Stewardship of Gratitude for all the gifts and blessings God has shared with you through your parish. **THANK YOU** for your continued generous financial support!



Religious Education News. . .



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

If you haven't registered your son/daughter, call the religious education office for details: 847-223-3071!



GRADES 7-9... Sign up for the various courses is done through the office. Some classes are in session.



THE NATIVITY... The Third grade students in the Sunday Program will dramatize the story of the Birth of Jesus **on December 15th at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room.** Afterwards, Christmas carols will be sung by all. *Parents are invited to join in the celebrations.*

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT 3:00 PM...

At the beginning of Mass, the second grade students from School and the Religious Education Programs are invited to participate in a play about Mary and Joseph finding a place to stay in Bethlehem. Invites have been distributed. *Call the RE Office for addition details.*



Pictures are from the celebration of First Reconciliation

SPRED – Religious Education for Children with Special Needs... This program serves 26 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.*



SPRED is having a fundraiser of products from the Georgia Nut Company **on the weekend of December 14/15 after all the Masses.**



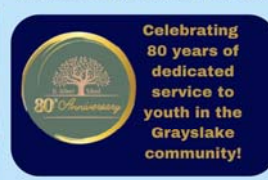
The SPRED Program is celebrating Christmas with a Pageant **on Saturday, December 21st beginning at 11:00 am in the Church.** Refreshments are served afterwards.

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PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT
Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Dear God,
Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community.
Amen.

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GOSPEL

Today John the Baptist is visiting your church. You ask him, "What should my family do to serve God?" He answers, "If you have two winter coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else." You tell him, "I can give away a coat and a pair of shoes that's too small for me. I can share a can of carrots from our shelf at home."



PRAYER

Help me share what I have with others, Lord.



THE OTHER 167 HOURS...

featuring Greg Kozak, M. Div, on Monday, December 16th at 7:00 -8:00p, Carmel Catholic High School, 1 Carmel Parkway in Mundelein, IL. Seeking a time for reflection this Advent? Ever wonder if that one hour at Mass could be a difference maker the rest of the week? Through the beauty of a nativity painting, Carmel Catholic High School faculty member, Greg Kozak, will use art to focus on the Eucharist in the spirituality of Advent. Register: <https://events.veracross.com/carmelhs/754-adventreflection>.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION... Come visit Jesus on Wednesdays in the Saint Gilbert Chapel from 9:00am to 9:00pm. Are you willing to sub for others, especially at the hours of 1:00pm or 4:00pm? Call/text Crystal at 847.507.7486 or CrystalKevin28@gmail.com.



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD...

This group meets on 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. **The next session is December 19th. All are welcome!**

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 information visit www.stgilbert.org/psom.

POLISH CHRISTMAS WAFERS... known as Oplatki, are available at the information desk after Mass, or at the parish office by appointment, while supplies last. Please help yourself and we ask that you simply make an electronic minimum contribution of \$5 per envelope to help cover the costs this year.

RESPECT LIFE ALERT... Senate Bill SB3499, a proposed piece of legislation that seeks to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois, may be coming up for a vote in early January, 2025. For important information on this Respect for Life issue and steps that every citizen has available to express opposition and make your voice heard, visit: <https://www.ilcatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide/>.

Join us on a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Italy and England!
SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Led by Rev. John Chrzan
September 1-10, 2025

<https://www.petersway.com/docs/1285StGilbertItalyEnglandSept2025.pdf>

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- Entrance fees to all sights as noted in the itinerary, and coordination of all liturgies.
- Porter service at hotels (one piece of luggage, per person).

Refer to Terms & Conditions for items or additional costs not included in the package price.

For a recent service project, Confirmation students helped SVdP 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!

BE THANKFUL
 BE GRATEFUL
 BE BLESSED

Crisis Support Services:

Basic essentials of living inquiries:

St. Vincent de Paul Society thru Saint Gilbert:
224-360-9161 OR SVDPGrayslake@yahoo.com

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

Pregnancy support:

Aid for Women Northern Lake Cty:
 847-249-2700
 Aid for Women :
 312-621-1100

Suicide prevention:

Emergency 911 or 800-411-0103
 or 440-953-8255

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



— Victims of the Ukraine Conflict & the War in Israel/Gaza

Please keep in your prayers...

Mary Apple; Kai Bowes; Eduardo Canilang; Neil Cloe; Baby Margot Djurobichk; Allen Dymek; Pauline Fern; Carter Halloran; Gisèle & Eric Hortense; Mia Grace Keller; Jackie McDonal; Emma Olson; Andree Porcherson-Hicks; Jean Lou Porcheron; Remig Raffanti; Jim Reilly; 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!

November 16th, 2024 — November 22nd, 2024

Electronic:	\$ 6,924.19	Weekly Total:	\$13,456.19
Mail-In:	\$ 750.00	Weekly Budg:	\$17,000.00
Weekend Mass:	\$ 5,782.00	Deficit:	-\$ 3,543.81

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



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



GiveCentral—

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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!

Upcoming **EARLY** Deadlines:

Tuesday, December 17th for December 29th Bulletin

Monday, December 23rd for January 5th Bulletin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/
Lk 1:39-45



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." — Lk 3:15-16a

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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together at the table



annualcatholicappeal.com

Saint Gilbert will receive the first earned rebate distribution in October and the final distribution in March of 2025. Overage funds returned to Saint Gilbert will be used for our projects such as the church narthex carpeting, parking lot patches, and our educational and youth ministry programming. Further, please know that the support of our parish community enables all of us to bring those in need together to the table.

Thank you for your generous support!

—Fr. John

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges to Date

Parish Name St. Gilbert — **Goal: \$64,650**

Donor Count: 192 (2023: 199)

Amount Pledged: \$ 92,786.00 (2023: 112,454.50)

Amount Paid: \$ 91,203.00 (2023: 111,873.50)



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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 17, 2024

Ticket Prices:

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

Purchase Online:

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/81c5ddf1-e2da-414d-8005-9f72e20427b7>

Early Bird Drawing:

November 22, 2024 - \$1,000 Prize

December 2024						
	9	10	11	12	13	14
	\$200 Prize	\$300 Prize	\$400 Prize	\$500 Prize	\$600 Prize	\$700 Prize
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
\$800 Prize	\$900 Prize	\$1,000 Prize	\$2,500 Prize	\$5,000 Prize		
22	23	24	25			
		Christmas Eve	Christmas Day			

Daily drawings conclude this week!



Scan now to purchase tickets!

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Saint Gilbert Giving Tree

Opportunities Reminder —



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St. Benedict the African &
P.A.D.S.

gift cards & unwrapped food items
accepted through December 15th.

—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 Cherye Olmschenk at 847.340.3923. Visit stgilbert.org/home for the PADS Wish List.

THANK YOU for your generosity this year and for these 51 years and God bless you!!

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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Ms. Kathleen Karrigan - Youth Minister
(Phone: 847.223.5875
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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)

STAY CONNECTED



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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.

Parish Membership: Please call the Rectory to register at Saint Gilbert or notify us of a change of address.

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