

# SAINT GILBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — JANUARY 5, 2025

Today's readings: Isaiah 60:1–6 Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13 Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6 Matthew 2:1–12



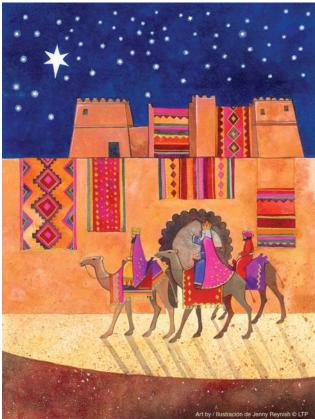
TREASURES FOR THE LORD

The Magi travel to pay homage to the Holy Family after Jesus is born, a fulfillment of the prophecy we hear in the first reading. Isaiah

urges Jerusalem to "rise up in splendor," for the light has come. He tells of people who journey a long distance, "bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord." The . Magi do just this and bring three gifts to honor baby Jesus: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. There is much symbolism in these gifts: gold identifies Jesus as a king; frankincense, used as incense for offerings, symbolizes prayer; myrrh, used in healing and embalming, foreshadows Jesus' death.

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Though it may feel like Christmas is over as the world has moved on



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from celebrating the holiday season, the Church celebrates Christmas until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (this year, that is next Sunday, January 12). In the spirit of Christmas, reflect on what treasures you possess to give to the Lord, on what gifts you can offer to your community and the Church. After your prayerful reflection, offer a gift to someone this week. A person in your community might appreciate the gift of quality time; an agency might welcome your volunteer hours; children in your family would appreciate the gift of faith through faithsharing on the Epiphany; and organizations that serve families appreciate monetary gifts.

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### THIS WEEK AT SAINT GILBERT

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025-CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY;

**ST ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS** 8:00a (*Chapel*) Mass — Intention:

**†Claudia Venegoni** 

7:00p BSA Troops 96 & 1996

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025—CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY; ST RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

**†Rae Ann Yost** 5:00p SPRED Adult Session A 7:00p Respect Life Ministry

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025-CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00a (CHURCH) Mass — Intention:

### **†**Parishioners of Saint Gilbert

 9:00a-9:00p (*Chapel*) Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
6:00p Choir Practice
7:00p KofC Monthly Meeting
7:00p SVdP Ministry

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025-CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

**†**Marie Heiress

8:30a Breaking Open the Word (see pg 5) 8:00p Penitent Soldier's of Mary Adoration Liturgy (see pg 5) 9:00p Men's Basketball

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025—CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention:

**†Sheila Finley** 4:00p Girl Scouts

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025—CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00a (Chapel) Mass — Intention: For the People of Saint Gilbert 8:00a Council of Catholic Nurses Winter Meeting (see pg 5) 9:30a SPRED Session A 5:00p Mass — Intention:

†Martin M. McGreal

=== SVdP Wine Tasting Fundraiser Tickets in Narthex ===

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025— BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30a Mass — Intention:

†Marie Ogrinc

8:55a REP Sessions 9:00a \*Mass — Intention:

**†Freddy Gens** 

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

### 9:00a RCIA

9:00a REP Family Program

11:00a Mass — Intention:

**†Meyer Family** 1:00p Baptism Preparation Session—In Person

1:00p Group Baptism Service

### 4:00p Jr. High L.I.F.E. Session

5:00p Mass — Intention:

**†**Parishioners of Saint Gilbert 6:00p TGIF Night

\*Incense may be used at the Mass.



### DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH EPIPHANY BLESSING

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the **first two digits of the year** +  $\mathbf{C}$  +  $\mathbf{M}$  +  $\mathbf{B}$  + **the last two digits of the year**. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase Christus mansionem benedicat: "May Christ bless the house." ©LPi

### Wine Tasting Fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul

Your St. Vincent dePaul Society is hosting a wine tasting fundraiser at **Glunz Family Winery**, 888 E Belvidere Rd in Grayslake (across from the Jewel)! Please join us **on Friday, Feb. 21st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm or Saturday, Feb. 22nd from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.** 



### Seats are limited and reservations are

**required.** The nonrefundable fee of \$20 per person is payable at sign-up and includes 6 tasting pours accompanied by light snacks. A 15% discount on any wine offered during this event!

purchased is offered during this event! Visit us in the back of the church after Masses on

January 11th and 12th to sign up. Reservations and payment will be taken based on availability.

We look forward to raising a glass with you at Glunz! Proceeds will support our mission to assist neighbors in need with necessary expenses.

## **PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

### Dear Lord,

With thanksgiving

we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse.

### What You supply is gift.

May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will.

Amen.

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS — By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Answer

### Have you ever had an epiphany?

I'll confess that I've never spent much time reflecting on the term "epiphany." In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi's encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word epipháneia, which means "manifestation" or "appearance."

"I've had an epiphany," I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I must take.



"Today is the Epiphany," I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment).

**IPHANY** And I've always thought I meant I was saying two very different things.

But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was.

It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. An answer. It should be the same for us.

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

https://www.stgilbert.org/home

In December, Confirmation students helped at the Catholic Charities Christmas Gift program by handing out the donated gifts to the families in need. It was so great seeing the culmination of this event by seeing such happy faces of those that will enjoy the gifts!





# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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

Noah ReNee Clancy, daughter of Bryan & Madison Collins Jean Griffin, daughter of Kyle & Bridget Lily Paige McConnell, daughter of Bryan & Katie Francis William Blythe, son of Ryan & Patricia Mary Kathleen Dunn, daughter of Colin & Kathleen Daniel Griffin, son of Daniel & Ann Marie Jessa Leona Manansala, daughter of Jeremy & Jamie Nolan David Smith, son of Tyler & Brittany Wyatt Michael Findlay, son of Tyler & Laura Travis Allen Mischke, son of Douglas & Alexandra



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

## **PRAYING FOR PEACE:**

Let us pray for our communities, our cities and the world, especially Eastern Europe



& İsrael/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.

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# 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...** Religion The winter syllabus will

be mailed to the students that are registered in early January. Sign up is on Saturday, January 18th from 4:00 – 4:45 pm in the hall in front of the gym.



WALK THROUGH MASS... The Grade 2 students and parents are invited to a Walk Through Mass at 2:00 pm on Sunday January 26th. It is the beginning of the preparation for First Holy Communion. Please keep these students in your prayers.



**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.



Pictures are from the Christmas gathering of the Sunday RE Program where the Third Grade dramatized the Birth of Jesus.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child. God Bless You!

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

## **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/.





# GOSPEL

The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby lesus."

# PRA



Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.

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Epiphany of the Lord



**EUCHARISTIC 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 Crystalnkevin28@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 sessions are January 9th & 23rd. 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.



ADULTS... Register by March 3rd, 2025 for weekly Adult Confirmation Formation Sessions that begin Monday, March 17, 2025, 7p-9p at St. Edna Parish, Arlington Hts.



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The Confirmation Mass will take place on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, 7pm at St. Edna Parish. For information and registration, contact Lorie Crepeau, lcrepeau@stedna.org OR 847.398.3362x325.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE WORKSHOP... Sunday, January 12th, 2p,

St. Joseph Catholic Church - Loughry Room, 121 E. Maple Ave., Libertyville. Grieving the loss of a spouse? Or do you know someone who is? Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Find help at our workshop where you'll hear:

• Practical advice from others who've been there; • What to expect in your grief; • How to cope with life without your spouse; • Why it won't always hurt this much. We hope you will join us!

### THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC NURSES OF LAKE COUNTY (CCNLC) ... Winter meeting on Saturday, January 11th at St. Gilbert Church, Grayslake, IL. All local nurses are welcome! Beginning with mass at 8a in the Chapel, followed by light breakfast in the Chapel Hall at 8:30a. The Surgeon General stated that "Parental Stress is a Significant public health issue." Our speaker, Kate Mariani, PA, will talk about Managing Parental Stress and lead a discussion. Admission is \$15, which will be donated to St Gilbert's Family School Association. Enjoy networking with nurses in the community, discussing managing parental stress for ourselves and/or tools to assist us in supporting our family members or patients. Please contact

Debbie at 847.975.7115 OR debbieboucher48@gmail.com to RSVP.

### ST GILBERT SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB IS BACK

Fridays at Alpine Valley Ski Resort East troy WI Dates - January 3,10,17,24,31 February 7



Student ID card \$30.00 ages 7-18 Lift tickets \$30.00 Rentals \$30.00 Helmet rental \$15.00

Student cards are good for 1 free lesson and evaluation We will be selling the above from 4pm-6pm in the room near ski school desk SKI/Board from 3-10 Theresa & Bob Wilbat - 847-409-3510



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

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

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Emotional support after abortion:

Project Rachel: 800-5WE-CARE

Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

Aid for Women Northern Lake Cty:

Emergency shelter:

Pregnancy support:

Aid for Women :

PADS: 847-689-4357

847-249-2700

312-621-1100



# Please keep in your prayers...

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

December 7th, 2024 — December 13th, 2024

Electronic: Mail-In: Weekend Mass:	\$ 7,155.41 \$ 2,155.09 <u>\$ 5,346.00</u>	Weekly Total:   \$14,656.50     Weekly Budg:   \$17,000.00     Deficit:   -\$2,343.50
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Please consider these alternate safe, convenient methods to make a muchneeded gift at any time:

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

📴 GiveCentral—

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

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Text2Give— Text DONATE or CHRISTMAS to 1-224-219-0357

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

Saint Gilbert School & Educational Ministries Offering: https://www.givecentral.org/location/378/event/8729

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 Deadline: Thursday, January 9th for January 19th Bulletin

www.stgilbert.org

### Bring Christ to the World Through Your Legacy

As we stand before God's promise to make all things new, please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship by including a gift to our parish in one of the following ways:

· Will or Trust · Retirement Assets

· Life Insurance Policies · Charitable Gift Annuity

For more information, please contact Sandra Garrity, Business Manager, at 847.223.4731 OR email <u>sgarrity@stgilbert.org</u> OR visit **myimpact.archchicago.org** 

# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday**: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see

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Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday**: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 **Wednesday**: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/

Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday**: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday**: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 **Saturday**: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



hey were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. \_\_\_Mt\_2110111

**FEATURING:** 

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students

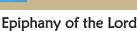
how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.

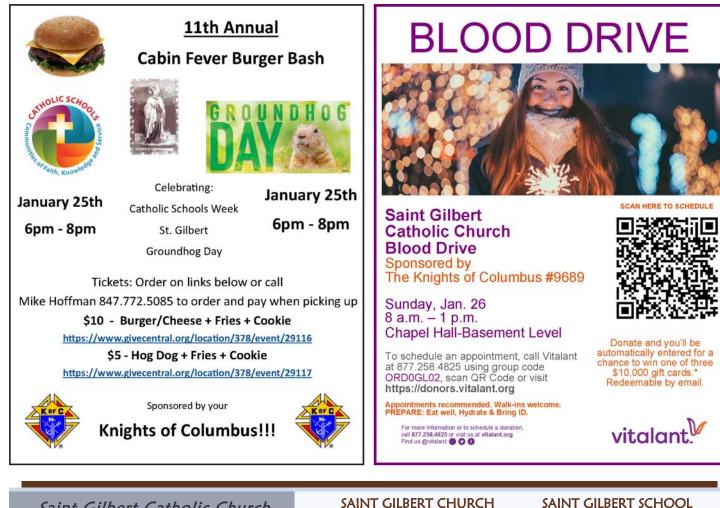


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Organization" button Type in St. Gilbert and hit "Next" Enter your name and email address and hit "Sign Up" and you are all set!





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.

### PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. John Chrzan - Pastor Rev. Eugene Nowak - Pastor Emeritus Rev. Pawel Adamus - Associate Pastor Rev. August Belauskas - Associate Senior Deacon Richard Globis Deacon Mark Plaiss Deacon Tom Biegel Deacon Jean Boussari Mrs. Kristine Buckley - Principal Sr. Donna Schmitt, OSF - Director, Religious Education Mrs. Sandra Garrity - Business Manager Ms. Angelica Rendek - Music Director

Ms. Kathleen Karrigan - 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, 11:00am Holydays—6:30am, 8:00am, 7:00pm

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SAINT GILBERT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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### 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)



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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.

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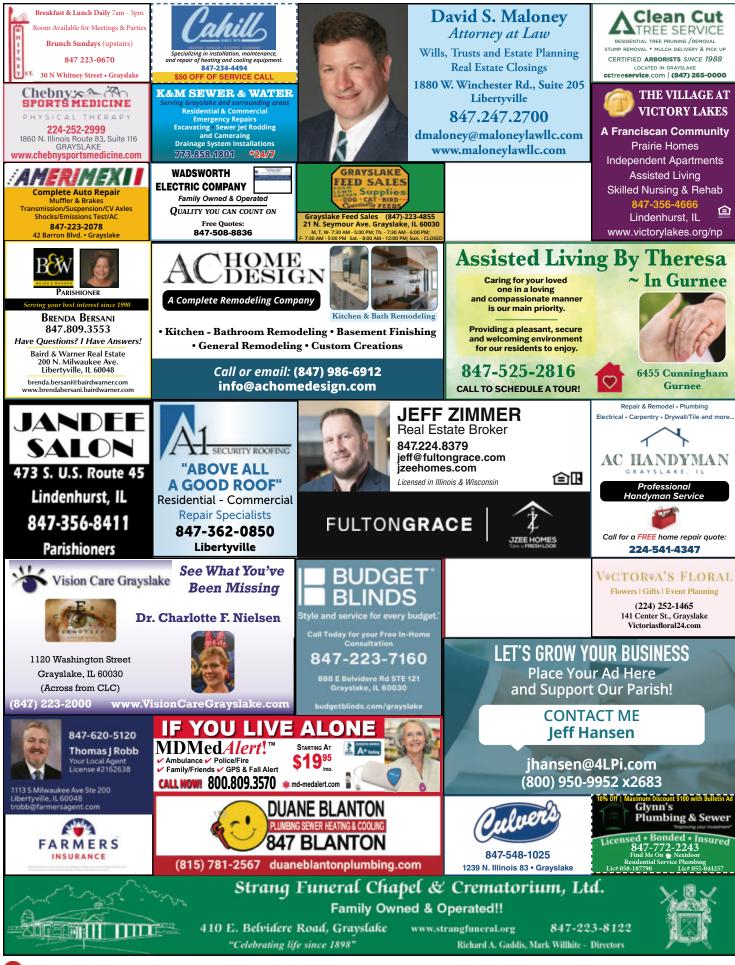
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**Parish Membership:** Please call the Rectory to register at Saint Gilbert or notify us of a change of address.

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