

St. Gilbert Religious Education Program
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Dear Parents,

The great adventures of the summer make it difficult to think about fall and the beginning of the Grades 7-9 Program. Regardless, it is time to think about the fall classes. If you haven't registered, please do so or bring the registration form with you to sign-up. If you can pay the full tuition before the end of September, we encourage you to do so. If you want to be placed on a payment program, please inform Lisa P. at the time of sign-up or call her in the office on Monday or Wednesday mornings, 9:00 – 12:00 noon.

Here is the fall syllabus. Read it over carefully, compare it with your son/daughter's schedule and come to the sign-up on September 8 and 9. If you have not filled-out a registration form you can find one on the website, www.stgilbert.org, at the entrances to the Church, or in our office.

If your son/daughter will be in Grade 7 and/or is the first one in the family to go through the Grades 7-9 Program, there is a meeting on Saturday, September 8 at 4:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room just for you. It will include an explanation of the program as well as an opportunity to sign-up for classes. If you know your son/daughter's class schedule, bring it along with you. It is much easier to sign-up for classes if you bring or know your son/daughter's schedule. Your student is certainly welcome to come and sign-up for him/herself.

Sign-up for everyone else will begin at 4:30 pm and continue until 4:45 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Also, there will be a sign-up on Sunday morning, September 10 in the hall outside the gym from 10:00 to 10:30 am.

If 9th graders want to complete their service hours during the fall, call Michael at Plan Pantry. We have heard wonderful comments from the people there. Students who have graduated from St. Gilbert School and who are going to one of the area Public High Schools must register in the Religious Education Program. These students are asked to obtain 10 credits during this year to enable them to enter the Confirmation Program in Grade 10. ***I ask that these students do not take the 3 and 4 credit hour courses (these have been covered at St. Gilbert School).*** I encourage these students to take courses during the year! Don't wait until the summer!!!!

If you have any questions, please call the office (847-223-3071).

In Christ, Sr. Donna

A. *Service - Helper in the Religious Education Classroom -- 3 Credits*

Sunday -- 8:55 - 10:10 am, Pre-school through Grade 2

Monday -- 6:00 - 7:15 pm, Grades 1 and 2

Students will be present for the Religious Education class sessions and assist the catechist in preparing crafts, assist students with projects, etc. You will receive 3 credits for the whole year and you must sign-up for the whole year. There are a couple of openings for the Sunday and Monday classes. Be aware that students cannot take classes at the time they sign-up to assist in classrooms.

Service – Volunteer at the PLAN PANTRY Contact person Michael Pimpo # 847-302-9904
Website is www.afreeplan.com (1892 Nicole Lane, Round Lake Beach) **1 Credit**

Students are asked to contact the Food Pantry to make arrangements to volunteer. Two hours of service plus donating 4 items to the pantry equals one credit. Obtain a form from the Religious Education Office or make-up your own and have it signed by Michael and then return it to the Office. Note: Students may have only a total of three credits for Service! Students will help sort food, restock shelves, and clean for two hours.

Service – Service Opportunities with Youth Ministry

- 1. Sunday, September 9, 2018 Help supervise bounce house, etc. at the Fall Festival anytime between 12:00 - 4:30 pm**
- 2. Tuesday, September 18, 2018 Pack meals at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville; meet at FMSC at 7: 50 pm, and pick up at FMSC at 9:30 pm**
- 3. Wednesday, October 17, 2018 Help us process books for distribution to at-risk children at Bernie’s Book Bank. Meet at St. Gilbert at 3:30 pm; pick up at St. Gilbert at 6:30 pm**
- 4. Sunday, November 11, 2018 Help at the Youth Ministry Pancake Breakfast; shifts between 7:45 am – 12:45 pm.**
- 5. High School Only – Sunday, December 9 Gift sorting through Catholic Charities.**

To participate in the above, RSVP to Kathleen Faurbo by phone or email at 847-223-5875, youthmin@stgilbertschool.org.

Service – there is a service opportunity on Sept. 22 and 23 collecting for the Tootsie Roll Drive at the local Osco/Jewel Food Store on Rt. 120 in Grayslake. The students will work for two hours collecting donations for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive and receive 1 credit. They will work with an adult volunteer. Times for Saturday beginning at 9:00 am until 7:00 pm in two hour increments. On Sunday times begin at 8:00 am and continue to 1:00 am.

Service – The Ministry of Altar Server is recognized as an important ministry in the parish. For every 10 Masses that the student serves he/she will earn 1 credit under service. Simply keep a record of the date and time of service and hand it in to the Religious Education Office. Note that the student can earn only a total of 3 credits for service.

C. Introduction to the New Testament and the Study of the Gospels – 4 Credits

Sunday mornings 8:55 – 10:10 am

September 23, 30 October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, and December 2, 9, 16

The purpose of this course is to enter more fully into one part of the Sacred Scripture, the New Testament. This study will give the student a deeper understanding of Jesus and what he means for us and for the world. The Gospels will be explored as to the person of Jesus, his life, and his teaching. Becoming familiar with the parables, miracles and the death of Jesus, etc. will bring students new understanding of the scriptures.

D. Commandments – 3 Credits

Sunday mornings, 8:55 – 10:10 am

October 14, 21, 28 November 4, 11, 18 and December 2, 9,

This course will begin with the story of Exodus and the giving of the Commandments to Moses and the Israelites. Each Commandment will be discussed including the virtue and value pertaining to it. The course will invite your son/daughter to renew his/her commitment

to keep God at the center of their lives. Built on the foundational principle that each and every human life is sacred, the Commandments guide us in loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.

F. *Prayer and Worship -- 2 Credits*

Monday evenings 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
October 15, 22, 29 November 5, 12

Throughout history, humanity has created a treasure of sacred symbols – candles, incense, holy water, oil, icons, statues, etc. used to worship God. It is through a variety of prayer forms that the students experience (1) our love of God and (2) our need for God. Prayer forms will be introduced and experienced by the students.

G. *Retreat: HOLY FIRE – sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago at the UIC Campus– 3 Credits*
Saturday, October 27, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

The students will travel in a bus, leaving St. Gilbert at 7:30 am and returning at 3:30 pm.

M. *History of the Catholic Church - 3 credits*

Monday evenings, 6:00 – 7:15 pm
October 15, 22, 29 November 5, 12, 19 December 3, 10

Every Christian participates in the journey of faith that began with the apostles. Throughout that journey there have been many significant people who have helped shape the life and structure of the Church on earth as we know it today. Events, both within and outside the Church, and the Church's responses to those events have shaped how we experience the Church as a community and institution today. As the Church experiences the new millennium, the story of the Church will continue to be written under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The students will study . . .
the Church as Community and Institution
the Church as Herald and Servant
the Church as Pilgrim
the Church as Sacrament and Sign

N. *Sacrament of Reconciliation - 1 Credit*

Thursday evening, October 18, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Preparation for and participation in the sacrament is the main element of this class.

O. *Trinity – God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit 1 credit*

Sunday mornings, 8:55 – 10:10 am
November 4, 11, 18

This session walks the students through the three fundamental scriptural images of God (the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and probes their meaning and implications.

- X. **Teen Ministry – YDisciples 2 Credits (9th GRADE ONLY)**
Sunday evening, Mass at 6:00 pm followed by a YDisciple session. Dates for the Fall Semester: September 16, 30, October 14, 21 November 4, 11
STUDENTS ATTEND SIX SESSIONS FOR TWO CREDITS. Only 2 credits can be earned this way. YDisciples has an educational component that occurs after the Mass until 8:00 pm. Forms are available at sign-up or from the RE office.

L.I.F.E. – LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY (GRADES 7 AND 8) STUDENTS ATTEND 6 SESSIONS AND RECEIVE 2 CREDITS. *There is a form in the Religious Education Office to be used in reporting the sessions you can attend. L.I.F.E. nights are on Sept. 23, Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2*

REMINDERS

1. Postcards will be sent a week before the session begins. **POSTCARDS WILL NOT BE SENT FOR CLASSES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 23.**
2. If a student is sick, call the office (847-223-3071) and discuss the matter with Sister Donna. **In a one or two credit course, no absenteeism is allowed. In a 3 or 4 credit course one absenteeism is allowed.**
3. **Meeting for incoming 7th grade students and new families in the Grades 7 – 9 Program is scheduled for Saturday, September 8 at 4:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Sign-up will be held immediately after the meeting.**
4. Sign-up for this semester for those already in the program will take place as follows:
Saturday, September 8 from 4:30 – 4:45 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room
Sunday, September 9 from 10:00 – 10:30 am in the hall outside the gym
If you are unable to attend the sign-up, call the office after September 9 and we will sign-up your student for specific courses over the telephone. **STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEFORE THEY CAN SIGN-UP FOR SPECIFIC COURSES.**
5. Please note that some of these courses do overlap!
6. The master book of students' credits will be available at sign-up.
7. **For most sessions, students will enter through the door to the Junior High section of the building (Door # 13).**
8. Students who graduated from St. Gilbert should not take the 3 and 4 credit hour courses. Any of the other courses are available to them.