

St. Gilbert REP
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Dear Parents,

The holidays are only a memory. Hopefully they were good for you. Now, it's time to think about the 2nd Semester of classes. Please keep track of the courses, dates, and times for which you sign up. Be on time for every class. If for some reason, your student is sick or will be late, call the office (847-223-3071) with the name, course name, and reason for the absence or tardiness.

Sign up for these courses is on Saturday, January 10, 4:15 – 4:45 pm in the hall by the Parish Center. 9th grade students will be allowed to sign up first beginning at 4:15 pm on Saturday. Record sheets for all the students will be available for you to view. Just a reminder for the present ninth grade students, you need to complete the program (30 credits) before beginning the Confirmation Program in Grade 10. There is only one more syllabus (summer) before that time. If ninth graders do not have their credits completed after the summer classes, they will remain in this program another year before going to the Confirmation Program. Use this opportunity to have them catch up on their credits.

If you have any questions, call the office. As we begin the 2nd Semester, let us remember each other in prayer.

In Christ,
Sister Donna

A. Service – Altar Server – Serve 10 Masses in one year and earn 1 credit for service. Keep track of the dates, have a parent sign your form, and return it to the office to receive credit. Only one credit can be gained in this way.

Service through Youth Ministry – You will receive 1 credit for service by completing one service opportunity with Kathleen Karrigan and Youth Ministry. Watch the parish bulletin or the Youth Ministry website for details.

D. Commandments – 3 Credits

Sunday mornings: 8:55 – 10:10 am

February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, April 12

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 every human life is sacred, the Commandments guide us in loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.

G. *Retreat – “Meeting Jesus in a Real Way” – Sunday, February 15, 1:00 – 4:00 pm – 2 credits*

Theme: Scripture John 15:15 “I have called you friends.” The students will learn about whom they can trust, who really knows them, who actually cares and where they belong. Realizing Jesus is not distant – He is present and wants a real relationship with them.

I. *Mass – 1 credit*

Saturday, February 28, 3:30 – 6:00 pm includes the 5:00 pm Mass

Students will have an opportunity to study the parts of the Eucharistic Liturgy and prepare the readings for this Mass.

J. *Mary and the Saints – 1 Credit*

Sunday mornings, 8:55 – 10:10 am
April 19, 26, May 3

Students will learn about and discuss Mary’s role in the life of the Church. Many of the devotions regarding Mary will be introduced. The Saints are guides and models for us to follow and imitate. They are also witnesses of what we are called to be. Students will have the opportunity to learn about a saint that is important in their lives (patron saints).

L. *Acts of the Apostles and Epistles – 2 credits*

Sunday mornings, 8:55 -10:10 am
February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1

The Acts of the Apostles describe the beginning of the Catholic Church and the spread of the message. As Christianity spread to foreign lands, St. Paul and St. Barnabas converted many to become followers of Jesus. The Epistles are letters sent to the converts reminding them of their commitment in Baptism.

O. *Trinity -1 Credit*

Sunday morning, 8:55 – 10:10 am
March 8, 15, April 12

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

X. *Credits earned by attending these programs with Youth Ministry*

*2 Credits (8 - 12 GRADE STUDENTS ONLY), Sunday evening, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Meet in the Teen Center.*

Dates for this Semester: January 11, February 15, March 8 and 22, April 26 and May 3.

STUDENTS ATTEND TWO SESSIONS FOR ONE CREDIT. Only 2 credits can be earned this way. Forms are available from the RE office. NO SIGN UP NESCESSARY!

PRAYER EXPERIENCE DATES:

Youth Ministry will offer prayer experiences once a month for Grades 7-9 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Teen Center on the following dates...

Tuesday, January 27, Thursday, February 26, Wednesday, March 11, and Tuesday, April 14

RSVP to Kathleen Karrigan at 847-223-5875 or youthmin@stgilbertschool.org.

Attend two of the Prayer Experiences and receive 1 credit. You can only receive one credit this way. List the dates and a brief comment on each of the Prayer Experiences and send it to the Religious Education Office.

REMINDERS

1. Postcards or emails will be sent about one week before the session begins.

POSTCARDS OR EMAILS WILL NOT BE SENT FOR CLASSES BEGINNING on February 1.

2. If a student is sick, call the office (847-223-3071) and discuss the matter with Sister Donna. On a one or two credit course, no absenteeism is allowed.

REMEMBER TO TELL US THAT YOUR SON/DAUGHTER IS PART OF GRADES 7-9 PROGRAM.

3. Sign up for this semester will take place at the following time...

Saturday, January 10 from 4:15 – 4:45 pm (9th graders will be the first to sign up) in the hall in front of the Parish Center

4. If you are unable to attend the sign up, call the office and we will sign up your student for specific courses over the telephone after January 11 or fill out the google form <https://forms.gle/xXaCPMZvBpp3Um5T6> . **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 enter through the doors to the Junior High section of the building.