

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. You can find one on the website, www.stgilbert.org, at the entrances to the Church, or from our office. If you can, please pay the full tuition before the end of September. If you want to be placed on a payment program, inform Lisa P. at the time of sign-up or call her in the RE office on Monday or Wednesday mornings, 9:00 – 12:00 noon.

Here is the fall syllabus. Look over it carefully with your son/daughter.

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 6 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. Your student is certainly welcome to come and sign-up for him/herself.

Sign-up will begin at 4:00 pm and continues until 4:45 pm in the hall outside the parish center. If you are unable to come on Saturday, you can sign up on Sunday morning on Google form <https://forms.gle/rLAmBtimnexpSrhp8> or call the office.

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 Opportunities with Youth Ministry

Look at the parish bulletin for opportunities with the Youth Minister regarding service and contact Kathleen Karrigan (Youth Minister) by phone or email. (847-223-5875) youthmin@stgilbertschool.org. 1 credit is given for every 3 hours of service.

Service – INTERNATIONAL FEST XIX – November 16, 2025

There will be opportunities to assist the International Fest XIX on Sunday, November 16. The fest runs from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm. The volunteers will work 1 ½ hours for 1 credit and times will run 11:30 am- 3:30 pm (includes clean up). Kathy West will be in charge of students.

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 14, 21, 28 October 5, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23, Dec. 7

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. *Sacraments – 3 Credits*

Sunday mornings: 8:55 – 10:10 am

September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 19, 26, November 2, 9

Sacraments are effective signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is shared with us. The students will study each sacrament relating its connection to daily life.

N. *Sacrament of Reconciliation - 1 Credit*

Wednesday evening, November 19, 6:00 – 8:00 pm in Church

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 16, 23 December 7

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.

P. *Vocations – 1 Credit*

Sunday, 8:55 – 10:10 am

November 16, 23, and December 7

Students will receive information about the Priesthood, Religious Life, and the vocation of the laity.

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

Teen Ministry – This year's Youth Ministry will be for grades 7-12 students from 6 – 8 pm, September 21, October 21, October 26, November 2, December 7 and 21

STUDENTS ATTEND FOUR SESSIONS FOR TWO CREDITS. Only 2 credits can be earned this way. No need to sign up, simply attend the event and fill out the online form.

PRAYER EXPERIENCES –

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, October 12, November 13, December 10

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. Emails, not postcards, will be sent a week before the session begins.
EMAILS WILL NOT BE SENT FOR CLASSES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14
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. Please note that some of these courses do overlap!
4. The master book of students' credits will be available at sign-up or call the office.
5. 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.