

St. Gilbert Religious Education Program
May 27, 2022

Dear Parents,

The summer is fast approaching, and it is time to announce the classes that will be held this summer.

FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 9 – this is your opportunity to complete the thirty credits that you need to finish the program and thus be eligible for the Confirmation Classes in September. You will have the first chance to sign up for the summer courses. You need _____ credits. If your records do not agree with this number, please contact me at 847-223-3071. Some of you have 8 or more credits to complete. It is almost impossible to obtain that many credits during the summer, therefore, you are advised to wait a year for Confirmation which will allow you additional time to complete all the credits. If you have credits to complete after summer classes, you will be asked to wait another year before entering the Confirmation Program.

Many of you have completed the number of credits that you need for this year. Congratulations! 7th and 8th grade students should use the summer as a time to catch up with the credits you were not able to get during the year.

ATTENTION: 8TH GRADE GRADUATES FROM ST. GILBERT SCHOOL GOING TO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL... You need to complete ten credit hours during the coming year to be eligible for the CONFIRMATION PROGRAM (as sophomores) directed by Mrs. Kathleen Karrigan. Registration in the Religious Education Program is the first step. A registration form can be found on the website-www.stgilbert.org, at the entrances to the Church and from the Religious Education Office. Send the registration form by email, mail, or drop it off at the office. **We ask the students who have attended St. Gilbert School not to sign up for the 3 and 4 credit courses (the material repeats what you have taken in Junior High).** There are courses for you in the Summer Syllabus. It would be advantageous for you to begin obtaining your credits this summer.

All the Summer Courses will be IN PERSON. Entrance to the building is through door #13 (the entrance to the Junior High Building).

Only the incoming 7th grade students who are registered now will be allowed to begin taking a limited number of courses this summer.

There are students who have completed service hours but not handed the volunteer form into the office. Credits are not given until paperwork is received by the office!!!

If you have any questions, please call the office 847-223-3071. Peace, Sr. Donna

SUMMER SYLLABUS 2022

A. **Service**

Vacation Bible School – 2 Credits for working the entire week

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 11:45 am

June

Make arrangements for volunteering by emailing stgilbertvbs@hotmail.com. On the last day, we ask you to pick up a form from the Religious Education Office or create your own form, fill it out and have it signed by the adult under whom you worked during the week. It is the student's responsibility to return the form to the Religious Education Office. **REMEMBER:** Sign up for this credit through the Vacation Bible School directly. Volunteer positions may be filled by this time.

Service includes anything that you do for others and receive no pay such as babysitting, tutoring, mowing neighbor's lawn, etc. Keep a record of service hours and have it signed by a parent. You earn 1 credit for every 3 ¼ hours of service. Remember to turn the service hours to the RE office to receive credit.

Reminder – in the 3 years (grades 7-9), you can have only three service credits.

F. **Prayer and Worship -- 2 Credits**

Thursday and Friday, 9:30 am – 11:30 pm

June 16 and 17

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.

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

Wednesday, 9:30 am-11:30 pm

June 22

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**

Monday, 9:30 am – 11:30 pm

June 20

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

S. **Religions Around the World – 1 Credit**

Tuesday, June 21, 9:30 am – 11:30 pm

Students will be introduced to various religions. Similarities and differences will be discussed in relation to Catholicism.

T. Stewardship – Time, Talent, Treasure – 1 credit

Wednesday, 9:30 am – 11:30 pm

June 22

This course is the study of our baptismal commitment and the responsibilities that flow from that commitment.

REMINDERS

1. Postcards will not be sent for the summer classes.
2. If a student is sick, please call the office (847-223-3071) and discuss the matter with Sister Donna.
3. Sign up for the summer session will take place at the following times...
There will be a brief meeting on June 4 at 4:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room for anyone who needs an explanation of the program. Students can sign up for classes immediately following the meeting.

7-9 grade students sign up from 4:15 – 4:45 pm in the Hall in front of the gym.

After June 5 you are to sign up through Google Forms
<https://forms.gle/G4Y2QvhUT4gxEKiK9> or call the Religious Education Office.

4. The master book of students' credits will be available at sign up.