

St. Gilbert Religious Education Program
May 29, 2026

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 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.

The incoming 7th grade students will be allowed to begin taking courses this summer.

Entrance to the building is through door #13 (the entrance to the Junior High Building).

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 2026

A. *Service*

Vacation Bible School – 2 Credits for working the entire week

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 11:45 am

June 8 - 12

If you are volunteering at Vacation Bible School, you will receive 2 credits under service after turning in the form signed by the adult in charge of your area of service. At this time, there is no need for additional Grade 7-9 volunteers. If you already signed up to help, you can count this for service.

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 hours of service. Remember to turn in 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.

B *Peace and Justice – 1 Credit*

Monday, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

June 15

This class will explore the documents of the Church, quotes from Pope Frances, and the scriptures in regard to peace and justice.

F. *Prayer and Worship -- 2 Credits*

Monday, Tuesday 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

June 15 and 16

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.

M. **History of the Catholic Church - 2 credits**

Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 – 12:00 noon

June 17 and 18

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.

O. Trinity – God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit 1 credit
Wednesday, 9:30 am-12:00 pm
June 17

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.

Q. Church Year – 1 Credit
Tuesday, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
June 16

The Church year begins with the 1st Sunday of Advent. The students will learn about the symbols used for the various Church seasons as well as the meaning of the seasons.

R. Mystery of the Catholic Church --1 Credit
Thursday, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm,
June 18

There are many images that describe the mystery of the Catholic Church. Body of Christ, People of God, and Temple of the Holy Spirit are three images that will be explored in this course.

REMINDERS

Postcards will not be sent for the summer classes.

If a student is sick, please call the office (847-223-3071) and discuss the matter with Sister Donna.

Sign up for the summer session will take place at the following times...

There will be a brief meeting on June 6 at 4:15 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.

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

After June 6 you are to sign up through Google Forms or call the Religious Education Office. <https://forms.gle/QieB9tsiS3XwmePS7>

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