

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, grade level, course name, and reason for the absence or tardiness.

Sign up for these courses is on Saturday, January 20, 4:00 – 4:45 pm in the hall by the Parish Center. 9th grade students will be allowed to sign up first beginning at 4:00 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. St. Gilbert Graduates only need 10 credits. 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. *Sacraments – 3 Credits*

Sunday mornings: 8:55 – 10:10 am

February 4, 11, 25, March 3, 10, 17, April 7, 14

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.

I. *Mass – 1 credit*

Saturday, February 24, 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.

L. Acts of the Apostles and Epistles – 2 credits

Sunday mornings, 8:55 -10:10 am
February 4, 11, 25, March 3, 10

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.

M. History of the Catholic Church - 2 credits

Sunday mornings, 8:55 – 10:10
April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5

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.

P. Vocations – 1 Credit

Sunday mornings, 8:55 – 10:10 am
April 21, 28 and May 5

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

S. Religions Around the World – 1 Credit

Sunday Mornings, 8:55 – 10:10 am
February 4, 11, 25

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

X. TGIF - Teen Ministry – YDisciples 2 Credits (8 - 12 GRADE STUDENTS ONLY)

Sunday evening, 6:00 – 8:00 pm Meet in the Teen Center.

Dates for this Semester: January 14, February 18, March 10, April 14, April 28, May 5.

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!

L.I.F.E. – LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY (GRADES 6 - 8) STUDENTS ATTEND 3 SESSIONS AND RECEIVE 1 CREDIT. (ONLY 2 CREDITS CAN BE EARNED THIS WAY.)

Meet in the Teen Center

Sunday afternoon 4:00 -5:30 pm

January 14, February 18, March 10, April 14, April 28, May 5

There is a form in the Religious Education Office to be used in reporting the sessions you have attended. NO SIGN UP NECESSARY!

PRAYER EXPERIENCE DATES:

Youth Ministry will offer prayer experiences once a month for Grades 7-12 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Teen Center on the following dates...

**Wednesday, January 31, Tuesday, February 13, Thursday, March 14,
Wednesday, April 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. Postcards will be sent about one week before the session begins. **POSTCARDS WILL NOT BE SENT FOR CLASSES BEGINNING on February 4!**

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.

3. Sign up for this semester will take place at the following time...Saturday, January 20 from 4:00 – 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 21 or fill out the google form <https://forms.gle/5A8hs1aM5RvzkH4X9>.

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.