

**St. Gilbert Religious Education Program**  
**251 E. Belvidere Rd.**  
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**847-223-3071**

**August 31, 2023**

**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](http://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 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 9 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 on 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 forms or call the office <https://forms.gle/WqiaABA41z4EsgEDA>.

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 – Volunteer with PLAN PANTRY Contact person Michael Pimpo # 847-302-9904 Website is [www.afreeplan.com](http://www.afreeplan.com) (1892 Nicole Lane, Round Lake Beach, Illinois 60073) 1 Credit***

Students are asked to contact the Food Pantry to make arrangements for service. Michael will set up a plan with the student to assist in a variety of ways: to collect, distribute or stack food. In some instances, parents will be asked to accompany the student with the project.

***Service Opportunities with Youth Ministry***

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

***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.

***Service – INTERNATIONAL FEST XVI I – November 5, 2023***

There will be opportunities to assist the International Fest XVII on Sunday, October 23. 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).

***C. Introduction to the New Testament and the Study of the Gospels – 4 Credits***

Sunday mornings 8:55 – 10:10 am  
September 17, 24, October 1, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19,  
Dec. 3, 10

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. Commandments – 3 Credits***

Sunday mornings, 8:55 – 10:10 am  
September 17, 24 October 1, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 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 each and every human life is sacred, the Commandments guide us in loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.

**N. *Sacrament of Reconciliation - 1 Credit***

Wednesday evening, November 15, 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

December 3, 10 and 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.

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

***TGIF 2 Credits (Grade 8 and High School) in the Teen Room***

Sunday evening, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Dates for the Fall Semester: September 17, October 22, 29, November 12, and December 3, 17  
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.

***L.I.F.E. – LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY (GRADES 6 - 8) STUDENTS ATTEND 3 SESSIONS AND RECEIVE 1 CREDIT. (Two credits can be earned this way.)***

Sunday afternoon, 4:00-5:30 pm in the teen center. Grade 8 students can choose TGIF or L.I.F.E. events. L.I.F.E. nights are September 17, October 22, 29, November 12, December 3 and 17.

No need to sign up for the event, just attend. There is a form in the Religious Education Office or on line. to be used in reporting the sessions you have attended

***PRAYER EXPERIENCES –***

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

Tuesday, October 17, Wednesday, November 15, and Thursday, December 7. RSVP to Kathleen Karrigan at 847-223-5875 or [youthmin@stgilbertschool.org](mailto: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 a week before the session begins.  
**POSTCARDS WILL NOT BE SENT FOR CLASSES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 17.**
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.