

## Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) – January 2024 Home Kit Overview

### Home Kit Resources and Activities for the month:

Each month's home kit includes resources and activities for continuing to grow in faith at home throughout the month!

### Scripture Memory Verse Card

Swap out this month's verse in your Magnetic Holder (received in the October Home Kit).

- January's Bible Verse: 1 Peter 2:5,9

*"And, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ . . .*

*you are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises' of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

- As a family, discuss: What are "sacrifices" your family makes to live your faith? And/or what could you be doing that help to build your "spiritual house"?

### Saint of the Month Card

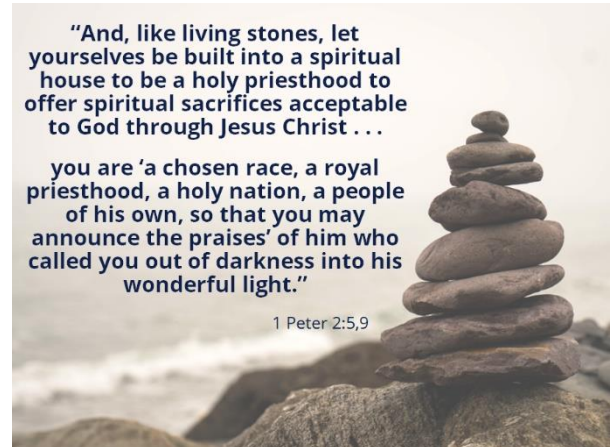
Add this saint to your family's prayer card ring.

- **Saint Paul** (ca. 5—67)

- We included a quote from first his letter to the Corinthians—this is the first recorded historical account of the Eucharist being celebrated:  
*"For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me'."*

St. Paul has several feast days, including June 29 which he shares with St. Peter, and also January 25, when we celebrate his conversion to Christianity. St. Paul wrote letters to the early church, which accounts for about half of the entire New Testament.

- Learn more about this saint: [https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=91](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=91)
- Discuss: What words from this passage mean the most to you? What similarities do you notice to the words we hear at Mass? How does it make you feel knowing the same words have been used for almost 2000 years in the celebration of the Mass?
- Family Challenge: Read about St. Paul's Conversion in Acts of the Apostles ([Acts 9:1-19](#))



## Partners in Faith Monthly Newsletter

Read through the monthly newsletter from *Partners in Faith* to get timely and/or seasonal ideas on living the Catholic faith at home. Each month features parenting tips, a “why do Catholics do that” question, saints of the month, and a scripture reflection.

## **The Busy Person's Guide to Creating a Catholic Home**

Check out the suggestions in this little booklet on ways to live your Catholic faith in your home. From prayer suggestions to ways to incorporate faith into your parenting, there are a lot of simple practices that can make a big change.

## **Baptism Remembrance Booklet**

In honor of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 8 this year), look up all your family member's baptism dates and record them in the baptism remembrance booklet. Mark the days on your calendar and celebrate them in a special way this year. Use the suggestions in the booklet or come up with your own ideas.

## **Saint Brigid Parish – Feast Day Celebration and Ministry Fair**

St. Brigid's Feast Day is February 1<sup>st</sup>! To celebrate as a community, we are having a Feast Day Celebration and ministry fair after all the weekend Masses, Saturday, 2/3 and Sunday, 2/4!

Stop by to celebrate our community and see all the ways your family could be involved!

## **Optional Items available at the Next Family Session**

At our family sessions later this month, Sunday, January 28 or Tuesday, January 30, you'll also have the option to pick up a 2024 calendar and the book *Beautiful Eucharist*, which was the Christmas Book giveaway, if you didn't get one on Christmas.

