

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) – September/October 2023

Month Theme: Body of Christ 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

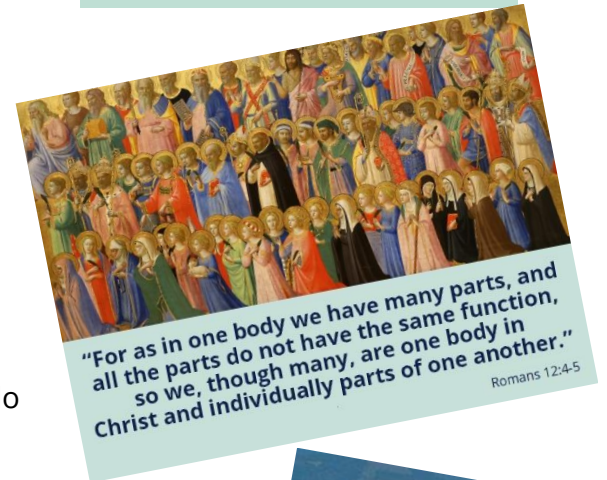
Each month we will have a new scripture verse to practice learning by heart, use the magnetic card holder to put the verse on the refrigerator/bathroom mirror/etc. to practice memorizing the verse throughout the month.

- October's Bible Verse: **Romans 12:4-5**
 - "For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another."
 - As a family, discuss: What are some of the special gifts and abilities of each family member? How do all those things work together in your family?
 - Family Challenge: Do another family member's chore/task without them knowing. Share what you did with the family the following day.

Saint of the Month Card

Each month we will have a saint of the month, with a brief quote or prayer of theirs, and their card can get added to your family's prayer card ring. If you are returning this year, you can add your cards to last year's ring or start a new one!

- GIFT Cover Card and Key Ring
 - Includes our prayer for families – pray this one together!
- **Blessed Carlo Acutis** (5/3/1991—10/12/2006)
 - We included a quote from his website, <http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/> which documents the Eucharistic Miracles around the world: *"The more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."*
- Learn more about this saint: <http://www.carloacutis.com/en/association>
- Discuss: Blessed Carlo used his love of computers and the Eucharist to help other people grow closer to Jesus. What special gifts and talents does your family have that you can use to share the love of God with others?





Celebrating Sundays for Catholic Families Book

Use this resource to dive deeper into the meaning of the Gospel for Mass each Sunday, use it before or after Mass or during the week.

Some suggestions for use: keep it in the car for on the way to or home from Mass, or keep it on the kitchen table for reflection during the week.

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.

10 Things that Make a Great Catholic Family Pamphlet

Read through this pamphlet to get some suggestions on ways to be a great Catholic family! Note: we are not trying to be a “perfect” family, but a great family. Look through the different aspects and try incorporating one of the “faith builder” suggestions throughout the month.

Discuss which of these aspects your family is already strong on and which ones you want to spend more time working on and how you will do it.

