

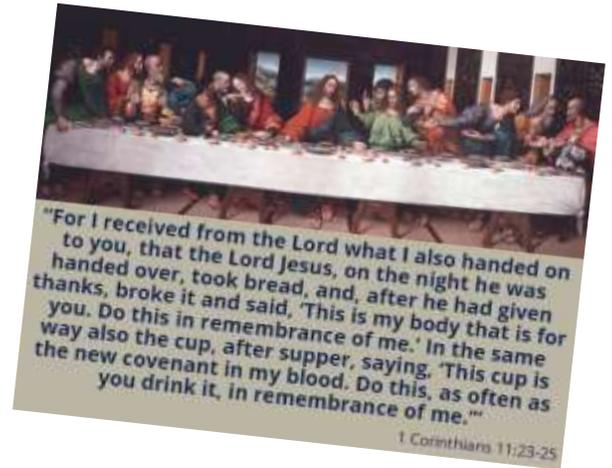
## Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) – April 2022

### Month Theme: “I” – Invitation, Initiation; Holy Week

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

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

For the month of April, we looked at the Sacraments of Initiation, how the Eucharist invites us to a deeper relationship with Jesus and focused on the events of Holy Week.



#### Scripture Memory Verse Card

- Swap out this month’s verse in your Magnetic Holder (received in the September Home Kit)
  - April’s Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:23-25: *“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.’ In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’”*
    - What does the word “given thanks” mean to you? What do you think it meant to Jesus?
    - Picture yourself at the Last Supper, what do you think you would have said to Jesus?
    - Challenge for this month: Listen for these words the next time you are at Mass. How similar or different are they? What other words or phrases that the priest says stand out to you?

#### Saint of the Month Card

- Each month we 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.
  - April’s Saint: St. Catherine of Siena (3/25/1347-4/29/1380)
  - We included a quote from one of her *Dialogue* (one of her most famous writings): *“You receive the whole Divine Essence in that most Sweet Sacrament concealed under the whiteness of the bread; for as the sun cannot be divided into light, heat, and color, the whole of God and the whole of man cannot be separated under the white mantle of the host.”*
- Learn more about this saint: [https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=9](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=9)
- Discuss: what things about the Eucharist are easy to believe and what are difficult? Pray together as a family for a deeper love and understanding of the Eucharist.



**Partners in Faith Monthly Newsletter**

- Read through the monthly newsletter from Partners in Faith to get ideas on living the Catholic faith at home and sharing what you love about the faith with your children.



**Saint Brigid Parish's Stations of the Cross Poster**

- Use this poster to pray the stations of the cross this Lent or display the poster as a reminder of Jesus' journey to the cross and reflect on it as a family.

**Our Family's Guide to Reconciliation**

- Going to confession is a great way to prepare to fully celebrate Easter. For kids and parents who have already received their First Reconciliation, use this guide to help you prepare for the next time you go. For those still preparing for their First Reconciliation, use it as a way to think and pray about how your thoughts and actions affect your relationship with God and others.

**Praying with Body, Mind and Voice: Postures at Mass Handout**

- At the beginning of the year we had lots of questions about the different postures we use at Mass. This handout has short explanations about the variety of postures, as well as prayers, singing, and silence.

**Parts of the Mass Mini Posters**

- Use the mini posters and discussion questions to spend more time talking about these parts of the Mass this month.
- Listen/watch for the each of these parts the next time you go to Mass!

