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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We hope and pray this letter finds you and your families safe and well. GIFT, Growing in Faith Together, is our Saint Raphael Parish faith formation/religious education program for people of all ages —families with children and teens as well as couples and single adults of all ages. This year's GIFT program theme is Prayer Life.

Jesus said, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19-20)." As followers of Jesus, we are all called to teach and live our faith. Parents are called to be the first and most important teachers of the Faith to their children. Through the GIFT program, we can all learn more so we can fulfill this important responsibility.

For 2021/2022, we are planning to meet in-person for our GIFT program, following recommended health and safety protocols, e.g., face masks/coverings, safe distancing. We will offer virtual GIFT sessions if required by the Department of Public Health to ensure safety. We will adjust GIFT session start and end times for months when we cannot offer the pizza dinner and opening activities. Please see the enclosed information sheet and registration form for additional details.

For planning purposes, please complete/return the GIFT registration form with the registration fee by September 18, 2021. Please contact Maria Tomasetti, [atomasetti@snet.net](mailto:atomasetti@snet.net) or 203-988-8598 (cell phone – voice or text) with any questions re: the GIFT program or the registration fee. Thank you for helping your children and teens to understand the importance of God in our lives and to see that learning and growing in faith is a lifelong journey.

Sincerely,

Maria Tomasetti  
GIFT Faith Formation Program Coordinator