



Dear Parents,

St. Katharine Drexel Parish invites you and your child to become part of our Faith Formation process. We offer experiences of faith and prayer for the whole family through the **GIFT** program - **Growing In Faith Together**. Our goal is to support your family's faith life with opportunities to gather as lifelong learners, to grow as disciples, to share faith and to pray and celebrate together.

A short summary of **GIFT**:

- **Parents and children in grades 1-12** attend a monthly "Whole Parish" GIFT session. This session is offered twice each month - usually on the first Wednesday from 5:15 to 7:45 p.m. or on Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. We serve a simple meal at each gathering. You may choose to attend either session. All Whole Parish gatherings meet at the St. Mary's site. Children age 4 to kindergarten are encouraged to participate in their own session.
- **Children in grades 1, 3-8** also attend "Deepening Sessions" that focus on the topic from the Whole Parish session as well as age appropriate themes such as Creation, Sacraments, Scripture, etc. Deepening sessions meet on Wednesday evenings at the St. Al's site.
- **Children in second grade** prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion by participating in the GIFT Whole Parish sessions, monthly parent and child sessions, service projects, and home study.
- **High School youth** attend courses to complete the high school curriculum.
- **Tuition** fees are \$145.00 per family. A \$50 non-refundable deposit must accompany the registration to reserve your spot. The \$50 deposit is applied toward your family tuition fee. Tuition may be paid by participating in the parish SCRIP program.
- **Tuition Discount** Registrations received before June 10, 2010 with the \$50 deposit will receive a \$20 discount on tuition.