



Teens Growing In Faith Together
(formerly the "GodParent" Program)

Teens G.I.F.T. groups are one part of the Youth Ministry program at St. Wenceslaus. Formerly known as the GodParent program, these small groups for teens have been in existence in our parish for over 25 years. In their group, youth can relax, feel safe, and be themselves while developing new friendships and growing in faith together.

What is a G.I.F.T. Group?

Each Teens G.I.F.T. group is a *small faith sharing community* where 10 to 12 young people from the same grade in high school come together with two adult leaders to learn and experience what it is to be a Christian Community. The meetings include prayer, experiential activities, and discussions about Catholic faith and how it relates to real life. Each session ends with social time. The atmosphere is one of honesty, trust, and support where young people can ask questions about life and their faith. After sharing faith in their small groups for 4 years many of these young people and their adult leaders become friends for life.

G.I.F.T groups meet in the homes of the adult leaders on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 during the school year. You will receive a calendar at the beginning of the year with meeting times. All groups come together at St. Wenceslaus for special activities during the year: special speakers, ask-a-priest evenings, reconciliation, and service opportunities.

Teens G.I.F.T. Groups...

- Help young people connect their faith to real life issues.
- Are facilitated by caring and faith-filled adults in their homes.
- Give teens the opportunity to develop friendships with teens from different schools.
- Teach about Catholic identity.
- Are experiential, active, and fun.
- Explore what it means to be and live as a person of faith in our world today.
- Help young people develop a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Give young people the opportunity to pray with and for each other and our world.

If you have questions about this program or any of our other activities, please call the youth ministry office at 330-9620.

St. Wenceslaus
Youth Ministry

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G.I.F.T. Registration Form
(formerly Godparent program)

G.I.F.T Groups meet on Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. during the school year

Please Print

Participant's Name _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Birthday _____

School attending in 2009/10 _____ Grade 2009/10 _____

Teen's Cell Phone: _____ Teen's E-Mail Address _____

Parent's Names _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Family E-Mail Address _____

*Freshmen or new registrants: is there someone you would like to be in a group with? Write their name below:
(Only one name per registrant)* _____

Returning participants: who's group were you in last year? _____

Registration Fee: This fee goes towards G.I.F.T group leader stipends, instructional materials, speaker stipends, and group activities:

Per teen \$75

Release of Liability Statement

If you would like your child to participate in the G.I.F.T Program, please complete, sign and return the following statement of consent and release of liability. As a parent or legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for any legal responsibility which may result from personal actions taken by your child.

We, the parents or legal guardian of _____, do hereby release from any liability, St. Wenceslaus Church, any and all adult sponsors or church staff in the event of any accident in route, during and returning from a G.I.F.T. event.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Office Use:
Check# _____
Cash _____
Date _____
Group _____

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