

St John the Baptist Parish  
Seymour, WI

**Religious Education Household of Faith Agreement**

St John the Baptist Parish in Seymour, Wisconsin is family centered in its religious education focus. Under the leadership of Pope Francis and Bishop Ricken we are on a quest to develop Missionary Disciples who are ready to go out into the world spreading Jesus' Good News. To do so we must first deepen our personal relationships with Jesus Christ, learn about His Church, and strengthen our domestic churches (the family).

At baptism parents are commissioned to "Bring your child up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor." This baptismal commitment includes involvement and support of Catholic Religious Education at home and in the parish.

**We ask the following of parents in our parish program:**

- ✠ Attend Mass regularly with your children, so that your whole family may be nourished by God's Word and Eucharist (age applicable).
- ✠ Seeing that your child/children complete and submit at least one Catholic Mass worksheet each month.
- ✠ Discussing the weekly Mass experience as a family. (Share insights to the readings, talk over what words touched your heart that day in the readings and/or homily, etc.)
- ✠ Spending 30 minutes a week with your child reading through the chapter assigned for his/her class and discussing any questions assigned/provided, and in prayer.
- ✠ Ensuring your child attends all scheduled classes and comes on time and is prepared for the session (homework read, child ready for prayerful, respectful experience).
- ✠ Share your Time, Talent, and Treasures in the parish and community.
- ✠ Be a faith role model for you children and realizing that as parents, you are in charge of your domestic church (home) and are recognized as your child/children's primary faith former.

**We ask the following from the young people in the parish program:**

- ✠ Regularly attend Mass and complete at least one required Catholic Mass worksheet each month.
- ✠ Come to **each class** prepared (assignments completed), ready to participate, cooperate and prayerfully deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and learn more about our Holy Catholic Church.
- ✠ Treat all others with courtesy, compassion, respect, and love, knowing that each one of us is a holy child of God, created in his image and likeness.
- ✠ Be a model of faith to others throughout the parish, school and home by both words and deeds.

**Our Parish Staff, Catechists and Faith Formation Volunteers will:**

- ✝ Pray for and with you regularly.
- ✝ Provided resources and support to help your family grow in faith.
- ✝ Be role models in faith both here at St John’s and throughout the community

**In keeping with a Christian stewardship way of life:**

A child/youth will be accepted into the religious education program if he/she is part of a family who is an active, registered parishioner of St John the Baptist Parish. Those who are not formally registered with St. John’s or St. Sebastian or belong to or are registered at other Catholic parishes will be admitted with a letter of permission from the Pastor or Parish Director of their parish or, if that is not possible, with the permission of the Pastor of St. John the Baptist after a short interview.

Students in second grade and beyond who did not attend formal Faith Formation at St John Parish in the previous year are required to have proof of attendance from another Catholic Parish or Catholic School System. In some instances, students may be required to complete a year of “catch-up” work prior to entering the formation program. Material in such cases is provided by the parish.

The parish will continue to strive to provide Catholic resources to assist all parents in their own growth in the Catholic faith and to grow as a household of faith.

**Signed Agreement by Child/Children, Parent(s) and Parish Staff**

We agree to grow as a Catholic Household of Faith for the 2018-2019 year, by following this agreement.

**Signatures of Child/Children**

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**Signatures of Parent(s)**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

Signature of DRE: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This policy was implemented on September 4, 2008 by the Pastor  
after consultation with the Family Faith Committee  
and was modified on May of 2014, August of 2016, and August of 2018.