

# Religious Education

St John the Baptist Parish

4/5/2017

Seymour, WI

## CONGRATULATIONS Program Accreditation

Our parish's religious education was one of the four pilot programs in the Diocese of Green Bay, to participate in and receive diocesan accreditation. This process began in March of last year and culminated with a diocesan team visiting the classes on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The Accreditation lasts for seven years and shows that our Parish RE Program meets or exceeds the 12 standards set forth in areas such as

curriculum, environment, family involvement and parish support. Our diocese is the first one to offer such a distinction and now that the pilot program has been completed, the Accreditation process will be showcased nationwide.

We would like to thank each of you for your continued prayers, support and participation. We are truly a blessed parish community!

*"All praise and honor to the Lord. The Diocese of Green Bay would like to recognize you for your time, dedication and perseverance in becoming and accredited Religious Education Program... We would like to congratulate you on this remarkable milestone and assure you of our constant support and prayers as the program continues to mature, improve, and develop as the Holy Spirit leads" Dr. Joseph Bound, Diocesan Director of Education*

## Holy Week

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We will **not** have class during Holy Week (Apr. 12) so families will be able to attend as many of the services as possible. We begin this coming Sunday which is Palm Sunday. At this liturgy, we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and His passion. We will be following the normal weekend Mass schedule (4:00 Saturday and 10:00 Sunday at St John's and 8:00 Sunday morning at St Sebastian).

Wednesday April 12: Reconciliation at St Sebastian 6:30 pm

Holy Thursday Remembering the Last Supper (April 13), Service at 7:30 followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation until 10:00 at St Sebastian.

Good Friday: Service 1:30 followed by Reconciliation at St John's.

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: 8:15 pm at St John's

Easter Sunday Masses: 8:00 am at St Sebastian, and 10:00 at St John's.

*"Jesus Christ LOVES YOU. He gave his life to save you; and now He is living at your side, every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." Pope Francis "Evangelii Gaudium*

## Online Family Faith Resources

### For Families with younger students:

[www.Catholicmom.com](http://www.Catholicmom.com) offers not only activities and projects that correlate with the Mass readings but also offers Catholic parent advice and forums.

[www.webelieveweb.com](http://www.webelieveweb.com) this is the web page for our grade 1-6 textbooks. Family Prayer Services, Saint information, as well as games and activities based on the individual book chapters.

### For families with older children:

YouTube: **Outside da Box** Productions – Youth Ministry video shorts on everything Catholic.

[www.ascensionpresents.com](http://www.ascensionpresents.com) (ascension press on Facebook) – Fr. Mike Schmitz and his team talk about our faith in an easy to listen to, relatable manner.

Sacraments explained (for parents and teens): **Sophia Sketchbook** on [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)

**Phone App (Free): Laudate:** This combines a large number of Catholic religious resources into a single app, giving you instant access to everything you could need, from a copy of multiple versions of the Bible, to prayers, confession prompts, Saint of the Day, Catechism of the Catholic Church, interactive Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet – just click the beads as you go!

## Dates to remember/Looking Ahead:

- Thursday, April 6 – Stations of the Cross. 7:30 pm (In Church)
- Wednesday, April 19: Final Class for Students in grades 1-8. *Note: we do not have to make-up any classes this year. Our policy requires a makeup day after missing the third class and we only missed two...*
- Thursday, April 20: First Communion Family Session and Rehearsal. 6:30 pm in Church.
- Sunday, April 23: First Holy Communion 10:00 Mass
- Sunday, May 7: May Crowning at 10:00 Mass; High School Religion Class/Mini-Retreat 7:00-8:30 pm