

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. We know, if adults are not growing in their relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Roman Catholic Church, our children and grandchildren will not either.

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.

#### **As such, to be a part of this parish’s religious education program**

##### **Parents agree to:**

- ✠ 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.

##### **Students agree to:**

- ✠ Regular Mass attendance and completion of at least one 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.

**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 or St. Sebastian, parishes. 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.

A student who had been enrolled in our program previously, but did not fulfill satisfactorily the Household of Faith Agreement last year for insufficient reasons will be required to complete a year of home-study with their parents/family in order to catch up to the next grade level. The Director of Religious Education will assist such families by providing the needed home study materials. Families will then meet with the program Director once each semester to access progress of the child/children and offer assistance. After showing that their home study course has been completed for the year, the family may re-enroll their child(ren) the next school year.

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 2017-2018 year, by following this agreement.

**Signatures of Child/Children**

**Signatures of Parent(s)**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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 and again on August of 2016.