St John the Baptist Parish

Seymour, WI

**Household of Faith Agreement**

St. John the Baptist Parish in Seymour, Wisconsin is family-centered in its religious education focus. We know, if we, as adults, are not growing in our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in the Roman Catholic Church our children and grandchildren will not either.

This growth can be measured in our lives and reflects us as truly a Christian believer/ parishioner by:

* **Regular attendance at Mass to receive the Eucharist and God’s Word**
* **Growth in our individual and community prayer**
* **Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure in the parish and community**

As a parent, at your child’s baptism, you were asked: “It will be your duty to bring your child up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?” You said, “Yes!”

Your baptismal commitment to your child includes involvement and support of Catholic Religious Education at home and in the parish. At St John the Baptist Parish this is measured by:

* **Seeing that your child/children complete and submit Monthly Catholic Mass worksheets and discuss the homily as a family weekly.**
* **Attendance at parent nights** (if unable to attend these sessions, make arrangements for makeup session).
* **Seeing to the completion of your child's/children's religious education assignments and regular class attendance.**
* **Spending 30 minutes a week with your child reading through the chapter assigned for his/her class and discussing any questions assigned/provided.**
* **Helping your child both learn and understand the prayers of our faith based on parish provided grade expectations.**
* **Support of charitable efforts in the parish and the community**

As our parish *Sharing Our Blessing Prayer* reads:

“Transform us through the power of your Spirit to nurture a stewardship way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbor and generous sharing.”

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

1. A child/youth will be accepted into the religious education program if he/she is part of a family who is an active parishioner of St. John’s or another Catholic parish. *(note: non-parishioners need to provide the parish/RE office with a letter from their home parish indicating that they are members in good standing).*
   1. If a parishioner has not been involved in our parish the previous year, as they have promised in this signed agreement, home study religious education materials will be made available by the parish to the family for the following year to allow the parents to privately teach their child.
   2. After showing that their home study has been completed for the year, the child and his/her family are welcome to reenter the formal religious education program the next year.
2. The parish will continue to strive to provide Catholic resources to assist parents in their own growth in the Catholic faith to grow into 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 2015-2016 year, by following this agreement.

Signatures of Child/Children Signatures of Parent(s)

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Date: Signature of Parish Staff

*This policy has been adopted by the parish through the pastor and the Family Faith Formation Committee on September 4, 2008 and modified in May of 2014.*