



2018-19 St. John the Baptist Religious Education Program



Here to help:

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Religious Education for levels 1–10: Classes meet from **6:15 – 7:30pm** on Wednesday evenings. High School Youth Group meets at 8:00 pm. Additional meeting times may be scheduled and will be communicated as needed. (ie First Communion practice)

Attending Mass during Religion Classes: There are a few times during the year when Mass is on Wednesday. Parents should attend Mass also. Opening Mass is on **October 10, 2018** @ 6:30pm *** A parent meeting with Fr. Martin will be held after Opening Mass ***

Reconciliation: Students in levels 3 and older are given an opportunity to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and Lent. You are *welcome and encouraged* to attend! The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during confession time. Jesus will be truly present as our students prepare for and rejoice in Reconciliation; therefore, silent prayer time is expected during confession.

Textbook/ HS workbook replacement fees: Students may be issued a workbook and/or use a textbook during the year. **A replacement fee of \$20** exists for lost or damaged textbooks for grades 1-6, and lost workbooks for grades 7-10.

Homework: Homework may be assigned by a teacher as part of class. Homework/make up work may be assigned when a student is absent (see Attendance policy). All homework should be completed before the next class period.

Registration: Registration fees for parishioners* are as follows:

- 1 child - \$50.00
- 2 children - \$100.00
- 3 or more - \$150.00

* Registration fees are doubled (\$100 per student) for inactive/non-parishioners.

Cell Phones: Cell phones are **not** needed in the classroom. Please keep cell phones at home. There is a phone students may use in the Religious Education/Youth Ministry office. Phones may be taken away if used in the classroom.

Cancellation Policy: If Marshfield Public schools are closed due to poor weather, Religious Education activities will also be cancelled. If classes are cancelled for any other reason, it will be called into WDLB. If possible, students will also be notified at school before dismissal. If classes are not cancelled but you, as a parent, do not feel the conditions are safe to travel, please use your discretion. WDLB posts cancellations on their website: www.wdlbam.com

Photographs and names: On occasion, we may list student's names or post pictures of them. This could be the result of a classroom project, recognition in the CCD newsletter or bulletin, on the parish website or even to the local newspaper. Permission forms to allow/deny this sharing of information must be completed by each family as part of the registration process. Please contact Deb or Dave with any questions.

Safe Environment: The Diocese of La Crosse and our parish has made every effort to protect our children. Part of this protection requires every volunteer and staff person working with children to complete the Safe Environment training, which includes a background check. Classroom training is scheduled for **November 7, 2018**. If you would like to opt-out for your child, please contact Deb. More information about this program can be found at: <http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/Safe-Environment>

St. John's parish website: For updates and information throughout the year, please check out the parish website at www.stjohnsmarshfield.org/ccd.html

GUIDELINES FOR PARKING, DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS:

Religious education classes generally take place at St. John's Elementary School or in church. Blodgett Street is very busy on Wednesday evenings. I encourage you to drive down Blodgett Street in the direction from the rectory towards the school (west) so that you can have your children exit on the school side/passenger side of your vehicle. There are two doors that are opened for Religious Education classes. They are the front door of the school marked 'Main Office Columbia Room' and one of the side doors (around the corner of Blodgett and Walnut Street) which is marked 'Pre-K'. All other doors are locked.

ARRIVAL/Before class expectations: All students arriving to class prior to 6:10pm are expected to report to the Columbia Room for the rosary. Students should not be in their classrooms or in the hallways prior to 6:10pm. Our Catechists deserve time to prepare.

Parents: please come and pray with your child(ren) prior to class! Praying with your child will help provide a good example of growing in faith through prayer.

PICKUP/After class expectations: When classes are finished, students in grades 4, and above will be dismissed by their teacher. To ensure the safety of our youngest students, those in grades 1, 2, and 3 must be picked up from their classroom. The person picking them up may be a parent or an older sibling or an adult they are carpooling with. Please note: If a child in grades 1, 2 or 3 is picked up by an older sibling and is then left unattended, we may need to require an adult (only) to pick up the child. Please stress to older siblings what their responsibility is.

School use: The classrooms we use in the evening are the primary classrooms for the school children attending during the day. Please remind your child to be respectful of the building and everything in it. This includes the desks, bulletin boards, hallways, projects, etc. Thank you!

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT: You are the most important teacher in your child's life. Our class time is very limited and your help, particularly with learning prayers is essential to your child's spiritual growth. Please practice prayers with your child. Ask your child what they learned that week at class. Check for materials sent home with your child and check their folders.

Service: Service is a natural result of living our faith. Fostering a sense of service is important in our children, therefore service activities are included as part of our program for grades 7-8-9-10. Details regarding the activity for each grade will be communicated as dates are finalized.

DISCIPLINE POLICY
St. John the Baptist Parish
revised July 2012

Appropriate behavior helps to ensure the safety of our children and of those around them. This policy is designed to provide guidance so our students can maximize their learning efforts.

1. Rude, disruptive behavior will not be tolerated in class. If this happens, the student will be sent to the office because this type of behavior is contrary to Christian values, basic respect and common courtesy to those in class.
 - a. First Offense: Student is treated as absent from class and will have a homework assignment to complete to cover the material from class. Parents will be called.
 - b. Subsequent Offense(s): A meeting will be scheduled with the parent, Father Martin and the DRE to work out the on-going educational plan for the student which may include permanent removal from class.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

St. John the Baptist Parish

revised August 2014

Attendance is critical to learning. This policy is designed to provide guidance so our students can maximize their learning efforts.

1. Under normal circumstances, attendance and participation in all classes and activities as outlined by Father, the teachers, the Education Committee and the Diocese of La Crosse is the norm for all students.
 - a. To receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, it is expected that the student attend all of the preparation classes that are provided in both the first and second grade.
 - b. To receive the sacrament of Confirmation, it is expected that the student attend all of the preparation classes that are provided in all classes prior to and including the Confirmation year.
2. Missed class: If a student misses a class, they may have a homework assignment to cover the missed material. If there is a prolonged absence due to special circumstances, parents will need to contact the DRE to develop an educational plan. Homework not completed and returned due to absence(s) may result in the student repeating the grade level.
3. Students ordinarily will be placed in the same grade they attend in the public school. Students will need to demonstrate their understanding of the faith facts for their class in order to advance to the next class. These faith facts are given during registration and during the second half of the school year.
4. We highly encourage pre-school, kindergarten and high school students to take advantage of Cherubs and Youth Group.
5. See the Cancellation Policy regarding inclement weather.
6. Mass attendance is expected.

FAITH FACTS

Each grade level will have a set of criteria that must be mastered in order for the students to advance to the next grade at the end of the year. We test on two areas:

Prayers: We will make every effort to include the prayers during class, but to actually memorize the prayers, the student will need to practice them at home, Please help your child learn their prayers.

End of year test: Students will need to be able to demonstrate an understanding of the concepts presented in class. This should be easily accomplished by attending classes. The end of year test is NOT a detailed, final exam but rather a general knowledge assessment.

Grade	Prayers for each grade, new and review need to be recited on or before prayer testing night		(on the) Written test
	New prayers	Review prayers	
1	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Angel of God		
2	Hail Mary Our Father 10 Commandments Act of Contrition		
3	Apostles' Creed Before Meal prayer 7 Sacraments		10 Commandments
4	Rosary Mechanics w/Joyful mysteries	Hail Mary Glory Be	Joyful Mysteries 10 Commandments
5	Hail Holy Queen	Our Father 7 Sacraments	Luminous Mysteries 10 Commandments
6	O My Jesus	Act of Contrition Apostle's Creed	Sorrowful Mysteries 10 Commandments
7	Memorare	Hail Holy Queen 7 Sacraments	Glorious Mysteries 7 Sacraments
8	no <u>new</u> prayers	Recite a rosary, all prayers included (once each) with one set of mysteries(students' choice)	
9	St. Michael Prayer	Act of Contrition Memorare	
10	Stations of the Cross		

Prayers lists are provided and are available on the parish web page:

<http://www.stjohnsmarshfield.org/prayers.html>

St. John the Baptist Religious Education Schedule for 2018-19

Date	Religious Ed schedule
September 12, 2018	Registration from 3pm-7:30pm in Columbia Room
September 26, 2018	Classes begin
October 3, 2018	Bonus prayer testing tonight
October 10, 2018	Opening Mass at St John's at 6:30 ** Parent Meeting after Mass **
October 17, 2018	Fr B visit (4,6,7)
October 24, 2018	Lvl 1 & 2 - Tour of church
October 31, 2018	NO Religious Education classes
November 7, 2018	SE classroom training; Class visits, FrM (3-5-8)
November 14, 2018	Growing in Love presentation (LVL 6) *parent & student *
November 21, 2018	NO Religious Education classes, Thanksgiving break
November 28, 2018	Reconciliation (3-4-5-6) Lvl 5 & 6 **MEET @ CHURCH ** @ 6:15
Sun-Dec 2	Advent begins
December 5, 2018	Reconciliation (7-8-9-10) Lvl 9 & 10 **MEET @ CHURCH ** @ 6:15
December 12, 2018	Final prayer testing (Lvl 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10)
December 19, 2018	class
December 26, 2018	NO Religious Education classes, Christmas break
January 2, 2019	NO Religious Education classes, Christmas break
January 9, 2019	Bodies & Boundaries gr 8&9 (Col Rm) *Parents and students attend*
January 16, 2019	Fr. B visit 3-5-8-9
January 23, 2019	class
January 30, 2019	class
February 6, 2019	First Reconciliation (LVL 2)
February 13, 2019	Class visits FrM (4-6-7)
February 20, 2019	Religious Life talk gr 6
February 27, 2019	Fr. Martin Parent Presentation (Lvl 2) @ 6:30pm in Columbia Room
March 6, 2019	Ash Wednesday, Mass at 6:30pm
March 13, 2019	class
March 20, 2019	Gr 8 church tour and adoration (Fr B); Lvl 5 prayer night (Deb)
March 27, 2019	NO Religious Education classes, Spring break
April 3, 2019	Reconciliation (7-8-9-10) Lvl 7 & 8 **MEET @ CHURCH ** @ 6:15
April 10, 2019	Reconciliation (3-4-5-6) Lvl 3 & 4 **MEET @ CHURCH ** @ 6:15
April 17, 2019	class
Sun - April 21	EASTER
April 24, 2019	Level 1 Faith Facts testing (Col Room); End of year review gr 3-9
May 1, 2019	First Communion (student) practice; Faith Facts testing LVL 3-9
Sat-May 4	First Communion practice 9am
Sun-May 5	First Communion
May 8, 2019	May Crowning & Last night
May 29, 2019	Retake/make up testing