



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL
Catholic Diocese of Wichita
PARISH FAMILY AGREEMENT FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

The Parish

The Holy Catholic Church offers the Sacrifice of the Mass and the other Sacraments for the sanctification of her holy people. Each parish provides numerous opportunities for fellowship, worship, formation and service, and serve those who are sick and in need.

Through stewardship many more services are made available through the Diocese to all the faithful, among them: the Spiritual Life Center, Catholic Charities, The Catholic Advance, youth ministry, the marriage tribunal, Marriage and Engaged Encounter, Guadalupe Clinic, the Lord's Diner, Catholic Campus Ministry, the education of our future Priests, support for the initiatives of our Holy Father, our Bishop, and a Catholic school education without tuition.

Priest and Parishioners, all the faithful:

Discipleship calls each of us, clergy and laity, to more than membership. We are called to respond to the Gospel, and that response, if it is true and active, is stewardship. In other words, nothing we have is really our own, it is a gift from God. It is through this awareness, that so many in our Diocese practice this faithfully, which allows us to offer so much more to people than would be possible otherwise. No more and no less is asked of Catholic school parents and students than of any other parishioners. **What does stewardship ask of parish members, including students?**

- † Make a commitment to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- † Participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, ideally in your parish.
- † Practice your faith in the workplace, the home, the classroom, and in civic life.
- † Support and cooperate with the religious education programs of the parish: adult faith formation, Catholic school, PSR, sacramental preparation, RCIA, etc.
- † Participate in parish ministries, activities, and organizations through your contribution of time and talent.
- † Support the ministries of the Catholic Church by pledging and tithing sacrificially to the parish (with a goal of 8% of family income to the parish and 2% to other charities of your choice).

Parents

I reaffirm my commitment to be a good steward through my example and my actions. I ask the support of my parish in nurturing my faith as I strive to form my children as disciples through the Catholic school. I pledge my cooperation with the parish and its ministries, and I will make every effort to supervise their commitment as well. I understand that my child/ren's enrollment in a Catholic school is contingent upon the way I practice my faith.

Father's signature

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Mother's signature

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Students (only for 6th graders and above)

I understand that I am expected to practice my faith every day, whether at home, in school, at work, or with my friends. I will attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days. I will participate as a steward in helping support parish ministries. I understand that as a Catholic, I must use my gifts and talents to perform my best in school, whether in religious, academic, or social activities. I understand that my enrollment in a Catholic school is contingent upon the way I practice my faith.

Student signature

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Grade in August 2018

On behalf of the parish community, I affirm the parish's mission to nurture its active members in the practice of the Catholic faith day by day so that together we may build the Kingdom of God on earth and spend eternity with God in heaven.

Pastor's signature

Date

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