

FAMILY SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE AWARD

Regular attendance at Sunday Mass is essential for someone to be considered a “practicing Catholic.” At a child’s Baptism parents solemnly and publicly promise three times to “bring him/her up in the practice of the faith.” Sunday Mass attendance has always been understood as an essential part of raising a child to be a Catholic. We affirm parents who fulfill this promise by regular family attendance at Sunday Mass. Such a family may be eligible for a \$850 tuition credit per child whose child/ren attend St. Augustine Parish School (grades K-8). In order to be eligible for the Family Sunday Mass Attendance Award, ***the following requirements must be fulfilled:***

1. The family must be registered parishioners of St. Augustine Parish, Andover, MA and use the weekly offertory envelope system.
2. The family, i.e. parent(s) with child/ren, must have attended at least 70% of Sunday Masses during the calendar year (January – December) preceding the current school year. Typically, to be eligible for the award for the 2021 -2022 school year, a family would have to demonstrate 70% Mass attendance during the period of January 2020 through December 2020. **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mass attendance during the period of January 2019 - December 2019 will be used to determine eligibility for the 2021 - 2022 school year.**
3. Verification of attendance will be determined by parish envelope usage. All envelopes must be placed in the offertory basket during the weekend Masses. Offertory envelopes mailed in or dropped off at the parish office or Rectory will not be included in the 70% attendance calculation. It is an ***attendance*** award. Parish Offertory Envelopes may be obtained from the parish office on Essex Street. **Please use parish offertory envelopes only as special collection envelopes are not included in the 70% calculation.**

Parishioners who do not meet the 70% attendance requirement, as demonstrated by the parish’s record of envelope usage will not be eligible for the Family Sunday Attendance Award.

Please sign the form below stating that you understand and accept the above requirements for the Family Sunday Mass Attendance Award. All the information requested below must be provided or the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

It is our hope that you and your family will join with the parish community in prayerful thanksgiving at the weekend Mass throughout the year. See you in Church!

I understand and accept the above requirement needed to be eligible for the Family Sunday Mass Attendance Award.

Name (Please print) _____ Envelope #: _____
 Children’s Names & Grades _____
 Address _____
 Telephone _____
 e-mail _____
 Signature _____

For Parish Office Use Only: _____ Eligible _____ Not Eligible _____ % Envelope Usage

Pastor’s signature _____