

Mass Attendance Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to foster a closer connection between our athletics programs and the gospel. In addition, the policy focuses on building community, spirituality, and team unity among the St. John the Beloved CYM sports teams by requiring each team to attend one Mass per month as a team.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all St. John the Beloved CYM sports teams, from grades 3 through 8.

Policy Guidelines & Requirements

1. Monthly Mass Attendance

Each CYM affiliated sports team is required to attend one Mass at St. John's per month as a team during their respective season (Fall, Winter, and Spring).

2. Scheduling Responsibilities

- The head coach of each team is responsible for scheduling the monthly Mass attendance and providing that schedule directly to the Athletic Director.
- The Mass schedule must be clearly communicated to all team members, parents, and guardians at the beginning of each month.

3. Attendance & Logistics

- All team members are expected to attend the scheduled team Mass.
- Excused Absence: If the team Mass falls on a day when an athlete is already attending Mass for another ministry or obligation (e.g., school Mass, parish choir, etc.), the athlete is officially excused from the team Mass. Parents or guardians must inform the coach in advance of any such conflicts.
- Parish Coordination: Upon arriving at the church, teams should immediately check in with the head usher to ensure that appropriate seating and space have been properly reserved for the group.

4. Documentation & Reporting

- Coaches are required to maintain an accurate record of attendance for every team Mass.
- Following the conclusion of each Mass, this documentation must be promptly submitted to both the Athletic Director (AD) and the Religious Education Director.