



October 23, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout the last several years, our **One Spirit – Many Gifts** appeal has generated many powerful testimonies and has offered opportunities for you to participate more fully in our parish. I hope these experiences have been as meaningful for you as they have been for me.

We are now in a Sunday Giving renewal phase of our One Spirit – Many Gifts efforts. Many of our parishioners have been very generous across the five components of the campaign: Prayer, Service, Planned Giving, Capital and Sunday Giving.

In 2015, in addition to the other components, we asked you to focus on Capital Giving so we could pay off our debt. Since July 1, 2015 we have paid off \$1,278,723 of our debt. Our current loan balance is \$822,182. **Thank you!** Let us retire that debt—please continue to make your capital giving pledge payments. As part of our parish community's ongoing commitment to *One Spirit – Many Gifts*, we are now conducting a Sunday Giving renewal effort for 2018.

Sunday Giving 2018

Sunday and Holy Day collections for 2016/17 were down slightly from the prior year, but were still enough to support our ministries and operations. **Thank you!** For our current fiscal year (2017/18), despite ongoing careful expense management, an increase in Sunday Giving will be needed to continue to balance our budget.

Please prayerfully consider an increase in your Sunday Giving for 2018. This will enable our parish to continue its vital ministries. We invite your pledge for 2018 via the enclosed response card on Commitment Weekend, November 11/12. Please bring your completed, multi-colored pledge form to Mass on that weekend, when pledges will be brought forward to the altar.

If you are new to St. John's or did not fill out a pledge form in past years, please do so this year. We need everyone to fill out the 2018 Sunday Giving pledge form so we can keep our records current.

We have also included a form for electronic giving. If you are a regular giver please consider electronic giving – it will simplify your life and help St. John's to be more efficient and enable us to better anticipate giving levels. Thank you for your generosity to St. John the Baptist!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fr. Michael Skluzacek".

Fr. Michael Skluzacek, Pastor

Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: GO. MAKE. TEACH.