

St. John the Baptist Church

Report to Commissions Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

February 17, 2016

1. **Current Financial Status.** At this point we are projecting a substantial deficit for fiscal year end, which is June 30. The primary reason for this is a reduction in Sunday giving, which is down 2.5% from this same time last year. At this rate, we stand to end the fiscal year with Sunday giving 3.6% down from prior year actual, and 5.6% below budgeted, which amounts to about \$103,000. The Finance Commission will be examining this issue and recommending one or more ways to address this.

OSMG Capital. January's gifts to the campaign will enable us to pay \$3,783 in additional principle in February. (Our monthly principle & interest payment is \$20,700.) Our debt balance at the end of January was just over \$1.56 million. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

2. **Capital projects.** Here are updates on the capital projects being planned right now.

Church & St. Joseph Hall lighting. This project has gone through its hoops, is approved and is now being planned by Stinson Electric. Materials are being ordered and there is good news: our light fixtures are being upgraded to DMX-level dimming capability (best in industry) at no charge to us—an \$10,840 value! (This was an alternate we had not chosen, but Stinson arranged to provide at no extra cost due to Stinson's relationship with lighting manufacturers.) The project will begin the first week of April, with both the church and St. Joseph Hall being upgraded simultaneously. Both locations should be complete by May 1.

Cemetery columbarium. The parish will soon engage an architectural firm that specializes in master planning for cemeteries to plan and prepare a design for a columbarium. The parish will benefit from an MBA class team from Bethel University, which will be studying this project as its capstone business plan. The MBA team will assist with planning financials, pricing, industry research, and the other factors that are a part of a business plan. Once the parish has completed its planning and has accepted a design and has bids in hand, we will make the decision to build. We hope to break ground during the construction season of 2016, which we believe is realistic at this point.

School security. No update at this time; planning to address this need will continue.

3. **FallFest 2016: September 24/25.** The Belfast Cowboys (<http://www.belfastcowboys.com/>) will headline the FallFest stage on September 24. The brass band will be back, and there will be model trains with a set featuring the original St. John the Baptist Church. More details coming!

Thank you for your generous service to St. John the Baptist!

Mark Dittman
Parish Business Administrator
dittmanm@stjohnnyb.org
651-633-8333, ext. 1215