

St. John the Baptist Church

Report to Commissions Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

October 18, 2016

1. **One Spirit ~ Many Gifts Sunday Giving Renewal.** We are presently conducting an OSMG Sunday Giving Renewal campaign. All parish households will receive a letter and a pledge form the week of October 24. Parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider their financial commitment to St. John the Baptist and pledge a Sunday Giving amount for 2017. Commitment Weekend is November 12/13, when parishioners with pledges will be asked to place them in a basket at the base of the sanctuary.
2. **Capital projects.** Below are updates on the capital projects being planned or under way.

Church & St. Joseph Hall lighting. These projects are complete and were finished on budget. I hope you are enjoying the new lighting, which is costing the parish less energy to provide!

Cemetery columbarium.

We received approval this fall from the City of New Brighton to proceed with our plans. We then requested permission from the Archdiocese to sign contracts and plan the construction in earnest. The columbarium cabinets will be built over the winter and we hope to break ground in late winter for site preparation and placement of the cabinets before Memorial Day. Pre-sales could begin as soon as this winter.

School security. The infrastructure to secure space used by our school is in place. What is left to do is establish final protocols and install signage. We are making plans to complete these steps.

3. **FallFest 2016:** There will be a follow up meeting on Tuesday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m. in room 204. Final financial results are not yet ready. The parish is grateful to Brad & Deb Kuglin for their chairing of the festival the last several years. School parent and parishioner Jennifer Brinkworth has stepped forward as the new chair for FallFest 2017.

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

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