

St. John the Baptist Church

Report to Commissions Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

February 21, 2017

1. **Mission, Vision, Values Statements.** Prior to this evening's Commission meetings the St. John the Baptist Leadership Team will be distributing a draft version of new mission, vision and values statements for our parish. The Leadership Team, led by Father Skluzacek, asks all Commission and Pastoral Leadership Council members to prayerfully review the statements between now and our March 14 meeting. Please note that this document is for these parish leaders only; it is not for publication or distribution.

Due to the investment made in producing these statements, we are not seeking to start over or revise them. However, if any commission members have questions or comments, or particular insights to share, we ask that they contact one of the Leadership Team members directly, prior to March 14. Father Skluzacek will ask the Parish Leadership Council to approve and adopt the statements at the March 14 meeting.

The St. John the Baptist Leadership Team members are Father Michael Skluzacek, Father Paul Shovelain, Deacon Gary Schneider, Jay Hunstiger, Ann Laird, Jessica Balzarini, Adam Rooble and Mark Dittman. The Leadership Team began meeting in August 2016, with its first objective being the drafting of these statements. After much work, thought and prayer, and dialogue and debate, the team has recommended these statement drafts to Father Skluzacek, and he has accepted them.

2. **St. John the Baptist Cemetery Columbaria.** Planning and offsite construction continues. The Cemetery Committee has approved a price structure, which I will present to the Finance Commission at tonight's meeting. A request for proposals has been issued for the onsite construction work. We are on track to break ground this spring and complete installation in early summer. Presales will depend on pricing approvals, the development of informational materials, and a plan to adequately record sales and eventual burials. There are also several policies that need to be developed around the sale and use of our columbaria units. All of this work is in process.
3. **New Playground Equipment.** I am delighted to report that our grant request to the New Brighton Lions Club for a new slide and a new spinner unit have been approved! The new equipment will be installed this spring. Our parish and school are grateful to the Lions Club for their generosity to our school.
4. **Six-Month Financial Report.** A report summarizing revenue and expense for the first six months of the fiscal year was published in the church bulletin on February 5, 2017. To quote the report, "we are in a better financial position than we were for the same period one year ago, and we are also better off relative to our current year projected budget. This is a result of parish and school staff efforts to control and reduce expense, and our parishioners' ongoing financial generosity to our parish. Thank you!"

Here is a link to that bulletin on our website:

<http://www.stjohnnb.com/files/stjohn/files/Bulletin%20February/February%202017%20bulletin.pdf>

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

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