

# St. John the Baptist Church

## Report to Commissions Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

March 14, 2017

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1. **Mission, Vision, Values Statements.** On behalf of the Leadership Team, I offer a sincere thank you to all who provided feedback to team members regarding these draft statements. In order to best consider the input provided by commission leaders, Father Skluzacek has decided to make this input the focus of the team's next scheduled meeting on March 24. Therefore the Pastoral Leadership Council will not be asked to adopt the statements at tonight's meeting.
2. **St. John the Baptist Cemetery Columbaria.** Planning and offsite construction continues. The Cemetery Columbarium Task Force, a subcommittee of the Cemetery Committee, plans to recommend a contractor to build the columbarium plaza at our cemetery to the Finance Commission and the Administrative Services Commission at tonight's meetings. We anticipate construction to begin in early spring. Planning is also underway on a new brochure, promotional materials, policies and procedures, and adequate recordkeeping. Believe it or not, I am actually going to visit the construction warehouse of Eickhof Columbaria in Crookston, Minnesota later this month to see our columbaria units under construction! I am visiting Crookston with my daughter who plans to attend the University of Minnesota, Crookston this fall. I plan to work in a one-hour tour of Eickhof's construction facilities while I am there.
3. **Ongoing Projects.** The following projects are in various stages of planning: information kiosks in Saint Paul Plaza and in the school's main lobby; security cameras in the Plaza; and a telephone system upgrade, which will include a new processing unit and some new handsets. We are also looking at how the phone lines coming into St. John's are billed and configured. Changes in technology in this area could save us significant costs in coming years. Watch this space for updates on these projects.
4. **FallFest 2017.** FallFest this year will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 22, 23 & 24. Friday night will feature the Shane Martin country band and GB Leighton returns to our FallFest stage on Saturday night! Contact FallFest Chair Jennifer Brinkworth (612-462-3680) or Rita Arndorfer, Volunteer Coordinator, with questions or to offer your help in planning the festival. The festival will also have a different look this year, with many inflatable activities and a revised layout. We are also looking into the possibility of adding other new features. Watch for exciting updates to come!

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

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