

# St. John the Baptist Church

## Report to Commissions Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

January 20, 2016

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1. **Current Financial Status.** We are now at the halfway point in our fiscal year—just past December 31. When you combine our operations—parish, school, preschool—and look at the activity through December, we have positive net revenue over expense, but not as much as we had planned at this point in the year. We are in the black \$28,621, whereas we budgeted to be in the black at this point \$94,214. Therefore, we need to net about \$65,600 in either additional revenue or expense reductions between now and June 30 to break even for the fiscal year. The Finance Commission will be examining this issue.

OSMG Capital. Thanks to your generosity in December, we will be paying more than \$93,000 in additional principle on our parish debt in January! This payment, plus the regular principle & interest payment for January, will bring our loan balance to just below \$1.6 million.

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

School piping. This project is complete and came in on budget at \$55,000. The school's hot water is properly functioning once again. Thank you to Deacon Mike Martin, Director of Maintenance, for overseeing this project.

Church lighting. An ad hoc committee made up of Fathers Skluzacek and Jaspers, Cary Becker (Parish Trustee), Jay Hunstiger (Director of Worship), Deacon Mike Martin (Director of Maintenance) and Mark Dittman has assembled a package of lighting improvements in our church interior that will increase our light, decrease our operating expense, enhance the beauty in our worship space and fit within our budget. Due to its high use, we propose to include lighting upgrades to St. Joseph's Hall at the same time. The total cost for the church and St. Joseph's Hall will be approximately \$190,000 (final cost will vary based on rebates and the final particulars of the project). We have \$105,000 available from 2015 and prior FallFest proceeds, and \$85,000 can be drawn from our capital reserves. With final approvals, including from the Archdiocese, the work could be completed by early spring.

School security. Information that is being gathered and considered at this point: a more complete plan, a list of affected stakeholders, potential space use changes and cost estimates.

Cemetery columbarium. Plans are still underway for possible construction in 2016.

3. **Stewardship Coffee.** St. John the Baptist will be featured in an Archdiocesan Office of Development & Stewardship event entitled Stewardship Coffee. The event will be this Saturday, January 23, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul in Brooklyn Park. The focus will be on the integration of evangelization and stewardship efforts. Two parishes will be featured—St. Vincent de Paul and St. John the Baptist. There is no cost and anyone may attend. Please contact Mark Dittman as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

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

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