

St. John the Baptist Church

Report to Commissions Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

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1. **Church website.** Progress on the new site continues. The website developers are presently loading the new site with content and allowing the Task Force to review and offer feedback. Our launch will be in the near future; we will announce more information as we have it.
2. **Cemetery.** The Cemetery Committee is reviewing design options with an artist. Our plan is to have a final design and the monument fabricated for a spring installation.
3. **Sculpture Garden & Sidewalks.** The west entry sidewalks are complete and the Sculpture Garden is nearly complete. Several sections of the exposed aggregate patio have yet to be replaced, which will happen in the next couple of weeks. Several drainage basins were uncovered in the landscaping work, and the area should now drain very well. A big thank you goes out to our gardeners who have worked very hard to beautify the space. If you have not visited this area since the work was done, take a moment to walk through it, before the weather turns cold! It is an attractive, peaceful part of our campus.

Church sign. Thank you to Director of Worship Jay Hunstiger for designing and having our new parish sign made! And, thank you to the St. John the Baptist Council of the Knights of Columbus for supporting the creation and installation of the sign. This is the first sign with our Mass times that we have ever had on our campus!



4. **Meeting Room Technology.** We now have new AV/presentation technology in rooms 211 & 206 and a new monitor and BD/DVD player in room 207. These improvements are being made thanks to a 2017 Wish List donation for this purpose. Our parish is grateful to the donor who sponsored these improvements! Another parish volunteer is building and will install a small cabinet to house wireless keyboards and mice for these systems. I am continually amazed at the generosity of our parishioners.
5. **Amazing Parish: Milwaukee.** Father Skluzacek's Leadership Team will be traveling to Milwaukee in October to participate together in an Amazing Parish Conference. The conference will provide a variety of resources for teams such as ours and offer ideas and strategies for enriching parish life for us all. Information on the Amazing Parish program can be found here: <https://amazingparish.org/>.

A blessed fall to all of you! Thank you for your service to St. John the Baptist!

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