

St. John the Baptist Church

Report to Commissions

Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

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1. **One Spirit ~ Many Gifts Sunday Giving Renewal.** As you know, November 11/12 was commitment weekend for our OSMG Sunday Giving Renewal. I am happy to report that as of this writing we have received 442 respond forms, with more coming in. (Last year we received 540 response forms in total.) Thanks to all who responded, and who continue to give so generously to support our parish ministries and operations! We will continue to accept pledge forms, so please complete yours if you have not yet done so.
2. **Church Windows.** Brin Glass will be repairing the two damaged windows in the next couple of weeks. Their technicians will examine the framing and structure of the windows, and thereby be in a good position to advise us on the need for further repair or replacement of our windows.
3. **Director of Maintenance.** I am happy to announce that On November 20 Pat Hinnenkamp began in his new role for St. John the Baptist as Director of Maintenance. Pat and his family have been parishioners here at St. John's for many years. Many of you may know Pat from his involvement with the Knights of Columbus, the Men's Fellowship, Catholic Watchmen and cooking at Wines to Wishes and other St. John events. Pat also painted much of the school interior several years ago. And, Pat and his wife Karen have been very involved in our school throughout the many years their children have attended. Our staff and parish community are excited to welcome Pat to his new duties, which will serve all of us and our ministries. Welcome Pat!
4. **St. John the Baptist 2017 Parish Pictorial Directory.** Due to an overwhelming response to the photo directory, we have added one last chance opportunity for photos. On Thursday, December 7 we will have photographers for a final session from 1:00 – 8:00 pm. The people who have their name on the online waiting list will be contacted first. Then the session will be opened up for additional appointments. To this point we have reached the same number of pictures as in the previous (2012) directory. We expect to have about 600 family pictures in this directory!
5. **The St. John the Baptist Food Shelf** has been awarded a \$400 CRS Rice Bowl Local Grant for its efforts to address hunger issues in our community. The grant program is funded with 25% of the total amount generated by parishes in our archdiocese from the annual CRS Lenten parish catechetical program called CRS Rice Bowl. This year the priority for the awards was given to those parishes, such as St. John's, that participate in the Lenten CRS Rice Bowl program. Parishioners will again have an opportunity to participate in this coming Lent's 2018 CRS Rice Bowl program here at St. John the Baptist. Jerry Elfert, Food Shelf Lead Volunteer, reports that the Food Shelf plans to use the money toward the purchase of software that will help the food shelf track its inventory and thereby better serve those in need. Jerry also reports that our food shelf volunteers receive many sincere words of thanks from those who use the food shelf. All of our parish is sincerely grateful to those who donate cash and food to our food shelf, including the St. John the Baptist School children who collect food every week for the food shelf. Thank you all!

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

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