

St. John the Baptist Church

Report to Commissions Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

January 23, 2018

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 the following results of our renewal efforts, with comparisons to the two prior years.

2018: 581 pledges, totaling \$1,010,199

2017: 540 pledges, totaling \$939,933

2016: 578 pledges, totaling \$1,020,097

Thank you to all who responded, and who continue to give so generously to support our parish ministries and operations! We continue to accept pledge forms, so please complete yours if you have not yet done so.

2. **Christmas Collection.** Our 2016 Christmas collection totaled \$55,313. This year we budgeted a Christmas collection of \$75,178, and we more than covered that amount, with a 2017 Christmas collection of \$89,125! Thank you!
3. **Fiscal year report.** We are now halfway—six months—into our current fiscal year. Please watch this weekend's bulletin for a financial report on these first six months.
4. **Stewardship Coffee at St. John the Baptist.** On Saturday, February 3 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. our parish is hosting a Stewardship Coffee, offered by the Archdiocesan Office of Development and Stewardship. Our own Fr. Skluzacek is one of the presenters, speaking on the benefits of our leadership studying the U.S. Bishops' 1992 document, *A Disciple's Response: A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*.
5. **Open positions.** There are several position openings at St. John the Baptist right now. If you or someone you know is qualified and interested, please apply to Mark Dittman. Position descriptions and job applications are available in the parish office.

Director of Development. Full-time. Serve the planned giving, stewardship and fundraising efforts of the church and school. Applications due January 26.

Kitchen Coordinator. Part-time. Plan and coordinate weekend hospitality and plan, prepare and serve Commission and Discipleship & Mission dinners, and hospitality and dinners related to special parish events. Maintain an oversight role of Bethany Kitchen (the St. Joseph Hall kitchen). Applications due January 31.

Rectory Housekeeper & Cook. Part time. Coordinate and prepare meals for those living in the rectory and guests, and carry out all housekeeping responsibilities in the rectory. Applications taken until filled.

Weekend Custodian. Part-time. Provide weekend maintenance and custodial services to all assigned buildings including cleaning, waste disposal, grounds and snow removal. Applications taken until filled.

6. **Catholic Services Appeal.** This year our kick off weekend is January 27/28, with Commitment Weekend being February 3/4. Our parish exceeded last year's goal of \$93,881, raising \$158,358 in gifts and pledges. This year's goal remains the same at 93,881. Thank you for your generosity in support of the important ministries funded by this appeal!
7. **2017 Wish List Items.** We received sponsorship gifts in excess of \$4,000 for several items on the Wish List, including for new monitors in the Parish Center meeting rooms! Thank you to these donors!

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

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