

St. John the Baptist Church

Report to Commissions Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

March 20, 2018

1. **Cemetery Records, Structure & Policy.** We are in the process of consolidating our cemetery records and compiling them into an easily accessible spreadsheet format. We are also looking at creating a governing document and operating structure for the Cemetery Committee, which has operated without a formal structure for many years. Our intention is to make a recommendation to the Pastoral Leadership Council this spring for its advice and ultimately a recommendation to Father Skluzacek. We have also begun a review of cemetery policies and procedures in order to consolidate and update them where necessary.
2. **Director of Stewardship & Development.** As of this writing, the search and interview process is still underway. Please pray for a good decision and that God will bless our parish through this process.
3. **Parish Census.** Please return your census form if you have not already. Our parish database needs to be as accurate as possible in order to best serve our parishioners (you!).
4. **Budget 2018/19.** The Finance Commission is planning to recommend approval of a final budget at its April meeting. This year a school subcommittee worked extensively with our Principal Ann Laird to develop the school budget, and the Leadership Team reviewed and made substantive recommendations to Father Skluzacek on the church side of the budget. Final considerations and decisions are still being made, but progress to this point has been significant and we are on track to finalize the budget in April.
5. **Spring Formation Day 2018:** Thursday, May 24, 2018. “Growing a Church of Unity and Diversity.” Featuring: Chris Lowney and Sister Theresa Rickard. Pax Christi Church, Eden Prairie, 9:30 am-3:00 pm. Go to <http://www.archspm.org/formationday> for more information. Cost is \$25; the parish is willing to sponsor interested commission members or parishioners. Contact Mark Dittman if you wish to attend.
6. **2017 Wish List Items.** As previously reported, 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! We are now reviewing our audio-visual needs in the meeting rooms to ensure we have the most effective system that will meet our needs into the future.
7. **FallFest 2018.** Mark your calendars! Our festival this year will again be the last weekend of September—September 28, 29 & 30. Some planning has already taken place, and the committee will reconvene in April.

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

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