

St. John the Baptist Church

Report to Commissions

Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

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1. **FallFest 2018!** Another FallFest has come and gone. Despite the cold and a little drizzle, participation and feedback has been largely positive. Watch the bulletin in the near future for a detailed financial report. I can say now, however, that this was one of our better festivals in terms of revenue generation. The preliminary numbers are saying that we will land with a net income of about \$50,000. For the 2017 festival we netted \$41,000, in 2016 that number was \$31,000. Thank you to all of our parish leaders and staff who made this festival a success!
2. **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 has been delayed primarily due to FallFest and other staff priorities. The site development process has now resumed and we hope to launch in the near future.
3. **Amazing Parish: Milwaukee.** Father Skluzacek's Leadership Team will be traveling to Milwaukee tomorrow—October 17 to 19—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/>. The Leadership Team is comprised of Father Skluzacek, Father Paul Shovelain, Jay Hunstiger, Jessica Balzarini and Mark Dittman.
4. **Cemetery Report to the Parish Leadership Council.** The Cemetery Committee, which oversees the operations of our parish cemetery, will make its first annual report to the Parish Leadership Council at the PLC's December 11 meeting. If any PLC or Commission members have specific questions about the cemetery, please share them with me prior to that meeting. The Cemetery Committee will be happy to include particular information and answers that our parish leaders want to hear!
5. **First quarter of fiscal year.** The end of September marks the first quarter of the current fiscal year (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). With three months of actuals our Finance Commission will be able to begin assessing our performance against revenue and expense targets. Our department heads will be doing the same, working with accounting staff to review the financial reports to date. As always, the parish is so grateful for your continuing generosity which sustains our many ministries!

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

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