

St. John the Baptist Church

Report to Commissions Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

December 11, 2018

1. **One Spirit ~ Many Gifts Sunday Giving Renewal.** As you know, November 10/11 was commitment weekend for our OSMG Sunday Giving Renewal. I am happy to report that as of this writing we have received 461 response forms totaling \$843,941 in pledges. Last year we received 560 response forms by this date in December 2017. We have some catching up to do! 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 website.** It's up! Check out our new website at the old address: www.stjohnnb.com. Bonnie Haik is working hard to continually improve and add to the site. Thank you, Bonnie! And, thank you to the Website Task Force: Joe Schendel, Ben Stori, Fr. Paul Shovelain, Teri Shea, Bonnie Haik and Mark Dittman. Eric Laumeyer and Michelle Barsness, who helped build the new school website, also contributed to creating the church's new site.
3. **Budgeting for 2019/20.** The Finance Commission will begin its budgeting process in January. Volunteer leaders in our school have been busy preparing a preliminary budget for the school, which provides a good start for the entire process.
4. **Year End Giving.** Watch upcoming bulletins for guidance regarding final gifts for 2018. Remember that you can donate to St. John's with cash, stock and IRA distributions. You can give via envelopes, electronic giving and or credit or debit cards. Please note that all contributions for 2018 must be received in the collection or the parish office on or before Monday, December 31 or postmarked in 2018. Gifts received on Tuesday, January 1 or after without a postmark of 2018 will be credited to 2019 giving, not 2018, regardless of the date on the check or the envelope used. We are grateful for your gifts! Contact Bret Sutton, Director of Stewardship & Development, or me, with questions about any of these ways to give. Thank you for your generosity! And, remember to check the parish Wish List for specific opportunities to support our ministries.

I wish you blessed Advent and Christmas seasons!
Thank you for your service to St. John the Baptist.

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