

# St. John the Baptist Church

## Report to Commissions Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

January 15, 2019

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1. **Budgeting for 2019/20.** The budgeting process has begun in the school and will begin in earnest for the church budget with the financial reports for December 31. A preliminary look at our financial reports, which are being finalized as I write this, suggests that our revenue may be below budget. If that is the case, it will affect how we project the rest of our fiscal year and our planning for next year.
2. **Our debt balance** continues to shrink, thanks to your generosity! It now stands at \$265,230. On July 1, 2018 the balance was \$462,399. In six months your contributions have reduced our debt by \$197,000! Our projections continue to show that we are capable of paying off this debt by June, when our year of celebration of our the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church edifice comes to a close. What a fitting way to celebrate our history! Please continue your giving toward the elimination of our debt. Thank you!
3. **Safety & Security.** As many of you know, our parish, in cooperation with the Archdiocese, has in place safeguards to protect children in our many programs (codes of conduct, background checks, safe environment training). As we also know by watching the news, faith communities have been targets of violence. Our new Safety & Security Committee will have its first meeting on January 17. This committee, which seeks to address the safety and security of our people and our buildings, operates under the Administrative Services Commission (ASC). Parish leaders can stay informed via the ASC's minutes and the minutes of the Pastoral Leadership Council, as well as the Parish Business Administrator reports.
4. **FallFest 2019.** It is not too early to begin thinking about FallFest! Our dates for 2019 are September 27, 28 & 29. We have new co-chairs: Jim & Janice Treat and John & Taylor Burns have agreed to serve as co-chair couples, working with a large committee of volunteers and staff members Rita Arndorfer, Teri Shea and Mark Dittman in planning the festival. Thank you Treats and Burns's! (And thank you Rita and Teri, who do a great job with the festival!)
5. **Wish List 2018.** A few items were sponsored on our recent wish list, but there are several important ministry-enhancing projects that have yet to be sponsored. Anyone wishing to review the list and consider a gift for an identified need, please contact Mark Dittman or Bret Sutton, our Director of Stewardship & Development. Thank you!

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

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