

**St. John the Baptist Church**  
**Report to Commissions**  
**Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator**

April 9, 2019

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1. **2019/20 Budget.** I'm working with staff, the Leadership Team, and the Finance Commission to achieve a balance between realistic income projections, which is the revenue we ask of our generous donors, and the costs to maintain our campus and our many ministries. I will present the latest budget draft to the Finance Commission this evening.
2. **Sunday giving.** Please continue to be generous with your financial support of the parish. Our many ministries, including our largest ministry—our parish school—rely on your support to continue offering education, faith enrichment and spiritual blessings to so many people of all ages. Thank you!
3. **Parish debt.** Our balance is down to \$111,320 after March's payment. Please keep supporting our campaign; we will keep paying down debt. Thank you!
4. **Cemetery improvements.** Two new things are coming to our cemetery this spring: an infant section monument and a committed gardening volunteer who will make the cemetery her focus, Renee Hosch. (Thank you, Renee!) Jeff Bauer has done a very good job of maintaining our cemetery, and several of our main campus gardeners have done beautiful work at the cemetery in recent years. We are delighted that Renee has agreed to lead on this effort. Please plan to visit our cemetery this summer and see the new monument and our beautiful gardens.
5. **Summer projects.** Our Director of Maintenance, Pat Hinnenkamp, will be working with the Administrative Services Commission to create a list of summer maintenance projects. Summer is typically the time we do several maintenance projects, such as painting, deeper cleaning, or identified repairs, replacements and improvements. These projects can affect schedules and may require using our capital reserves; therefore good planning and seeking proper approvals are important parts of the process.
6. **Spring Formation Day.** *Being Holy as God is Holy: Sabbath Time and Growing Holy in the Church.* Featuring: Fr. Michael Joncas, Dr. Christine Luna Munger and Dr. Michael Naughton. Thursday, May 9, 2019. St. Joseph of the Lakes, Lino Lakes, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. All parish clergy, staff members, and parish and school leadership are invited! The parish is willing to sponsor the \$25 cost for parish leaders who want to attend. [Register online](#) if you wish to attend.

A blessed Lent to all of you!

And, when Easter arrives, I wish you the joy of knowing our resurrected Lord!

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

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