

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

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1. **Sunday Giving.** As you know, November 9/10 was commitment weekend for our One Spirit ~ Many Gifts (OSMG) Sunday Giving Renewal. Good news: as of this writing we have received 460 response forms pledging a total of \$1,118,665, with more coming in. (Last year we received 471 response forms in total, pledging \$926,564.) More good news: our matching donor agreed to grant the match based on the overwhelming response of pledges thus far! Your promise of generosity has enabled an additional \$75,000 gift to our parish! Thank you to all who responded, and who continue to give so generously to support our parish ministries and operations!
2. **One Spirit ~ Many Gifts 5-Year Campaign.** As I wrote last month, once our debt was paid off, we planned to invest campaign proceeds toward ministries. This final year of income from the campaign is being applied toward a variety of ministries in liturgy, evangelization, our school, and our parish NET team. If parishioners continue to honor their pledges, we will fund these ministries and almost all of what we need for our parish NET team. If you have an outstanding pledge to this campaign, please fulfill that pledge and support St. John's ministries! Thank you!
3. **Year End Giving.** Watch upcoming bulletins for guidance regarding final gifts for 2019. Remember that you can donate to St. John's with cash, stock and IRA distributions. You can give via envelopes, electronic giving and credit or debit cards. Please note that all contributions for 2019 must be received in the collection or the parish office on or before Tuesday, December 31 or postmarked in 2019. Gifts received on Wednesday, January 1 or after without a postmark of 2019 will be credited to 2020 giving, not 2019, 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!
4. **Projects at St. John's.** In my November report I provided information on the several projects going on right now at St. John's. Here are some brief updates on these improvements.
 - a. LED lighting retrofit for the Parish Center and School. This project began Thanksgiving week and will continue during our school's Christmas break.
 - b. Church exterior lighting & sign lighting, west façade of church building. The sign lighting is in, which you have likely all seen by now. The church building lighting may have to wait until spring, due to weather and schedule factors.
 - c. Wifi upgrade, entire campus (except rectory). This project is substantially complete. Reports are that our wifi signal and service are greatly improved!
 - d. Computer replacements & upgrades, parish offices. This project has been completed.
 - e. Christmas overflow video & sound. The camera in the church ceiling and a ceiling-mounted projector and screen in St. Joseph Hall will be installed over the next few weeks—in time for Christmas. A huge thank you to AV technician and parishioner Jim Treat for his leadership on this project!
 - f. Icon of St. John the Baptist. Watch for this beautiful addition to our sanctuary the weekend before Christmas.

Thank you all for your reliance on prayer, your willingness to grow, and your generous spirit!
A blessed and peaceful Advent and Christmas to you all!

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