

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

November 19, 2019

1. **Sunday Giving.** As you know, November 9/10 was commitment weekend for our One Spirit ~ Many Gifts (OSMG) Sunday Giving Renewal. I am happy to report that as of this writing we have received 300 response forms, with more coming in. (Last year we received 471 response forms in total.) 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. Please remember that for 2020 a generous parishioner is offering a matching gift opportunity—your extra support in 2020 will be doubled, up to the amount of our matching gift! Thank you!
2. **One Spirit ~ Many Gifts 5-Year Campaign.** Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, we retired our debt in June 2019. As we discussed when we started the campaign back in 2015, once the debt was paid off, we would invest campaign proceeds toward ministries. This final year of income from the campaign is being applied toward a variety of evangelization opportunities, including our parish NET team. The funds are also helping to renew some of our liturgical ministries, such as our children's choir, and helping to fund the presence of sisters from the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary in our parish school. If you have an outstanding pledge to this campaign, please know that your pledge fulfillment supports these ministries. Thank you!
3. **Fiscal Year 2018-19.** The 2019 Guide Book & Directory, which was recently sent to parishioner homes, contained a financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 and the budget for the new (current) fiscal year. We also completed our annual financial report for June 30, 2019 to the Archdiocese, which was due October 31. Please contact Beth Robertson, Finance Commission chair, at usrobertsonm@yahoo.com or me with any questions.
4. **Projects at St. John's.** In the coming weeks several projects will begin and be completed by calendar year-end, for the enhancement of our ministries and our campus. They are:
 - a. LED lighting retrofit for the Parish Center and School. Cost: \$91,000 (before a rebate of \$26,000). Source of funds: capital reserves.
 - b. Church exterior lighting & sign lighting, west façade of church building. Cost: \$17,401. Source of funds: Filia Foundation grants, our Knights of Columbus, and other donors.
 - c. Wifi upgrade, entire campus (except rectory). Cost: \$28,000. Source of funds: capital reserves and donations to the school for this purpose.
 - d. Computer replacements & upgrades, parish offices. Cost: \$5,011. Source of funds: a combination of budget & capital reserves.
 - e. Christmas overflow video & sound. We are mounting a new camera in our church interior that will transmit the Mass to a new ceiling-mounted projector in St. Joseph Hall! Cost: \$10,200. Source of funds: designated donations, remaining funds from our 50th Anniversary celebrations (donations & sponsorships), and a portion of a grant from the Filia Foundation.
 - f. Icon of St. John the Baptist. By the Fourth Sunday of Advent our sanctuary will be graced with a beautiful new work of art, commissioned in memory of Kyran Zamor by his family and written by artist Nick Markell. The family has given a gift of \$10,000 for this project.

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

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