

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

February 18, 2020

1. **Monthly Sunday Giving Report.** The report below will appear in this coming weekend's bulletin (February 22/23). Thank you all for your continued generosity to St. John the Baptist!

	This Year Actual	This Year Budget	Variance from Budget
Monthly total: January 2020	\$ 158,836	\$ 132,439	\$ 26,397
YTD total: July 2019 - January 2020	\$ 1,253,737	\$ 1,221,738	\$ 31,999

Our fall One Spirit ~ Many Gifts Sunday Giving campaign resulted in many increased pledges for Sunday Giving in 2020. Your generosity in January illustrates that commitment! Thank you!

2. **Wines to Wishes 2020.** Our school staff and leaders are grateful to all those parishioners who generously supported Wines to Wishes with donations, sponsorships, attendance and/or prayers. Numbers for the event will be finalized over the next few weeks. Please watch the Principal's Bulletin for updates on the success of this event!
3. **Projects at St. John's.** The LED lighting retrofit for the Parish Center and School project is underway. Stinson is working to complete the project in all of our buildings. Parishioner and AV technician Jim Treat continues to work on the video camera, projector and retractable screen in the church and St. Joseph Hall. We are very grateful for Jim's leadership on this project.
4. **The choir seating renovation** is underway and should be complete by the end of February. The cost for this project is being covered by designated gifts. Thank you Jay Hunstiger, Pat Hinnenkamp, Steve Arndorfer, Jim O'Brien, Corey Ebbers, Mark Schroeder, Vince Jorgenson and other parish volunteers who are enhancing our worship space with this project!
5. **2020/21 Budget Process.** At tonight's Finance Commission meeting the coming fiscal year's budget will be the sole topic on the agenda. A preliminary draft of the budget will be presented to the commission with the intention of a thorough review and making it less preliminary by meeting's end. As with any of our ministries, please pray for the staff and volunteer leaders who apply their expertise to sound financial planning and decision making for our church and school.
6. **St. John the Baptist Cemetery.** A lot will be happening at our cemetery in 2020! The Cemetery Committee is considering several improvements including a new sign and repair and maintenance of our drive lane. And, perhaps most significantly, the committee is planning a ministry outreach initiative of providing a communal burial space for the cremated remains of the loved ones of our community members, scheduled for Sunday, October 25. Burying the dead is a corporal act of mercy, and the staff and volunteer leaders who serve our cemetery are grateful to serve in this way. Remember to pray for our beloved dead.

Thank you all for your reliance on prayer, your willingness to grow, and your generous spirit!
Spring will come!

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