

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

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1. **FallFest 2020.** The numbers are in, and they are good! This past weekend's bulletin featured a financial report on our festival. Overall our festival net is up 45% (more than \$25,000) over 2019! Thank you to all who contributed to the success of our 2020 FallFest, despite our very real limitations. Festival proceeds will support security and technology improvements at St. John the Baptist.
2. **Security & technology improvements.** Speaking of that, the Safety & Security Task Force has reconvened and put together a prioritized list of locations for a security camera system. This system will be funded by both a Filia Foundation grant (see below) and FallFest proceeds. We are also investing in technology with our FallFest funds. After reviewing our ministry needs and adaptations this year, we have decided to purchase tripods, laptops, an iPad, several new workstation monitors, presentation carts, detached DVD players and table-top microphones. We are also exploring the possibility of installing a built-in camera in St. Joseph Hall, similar to what is in the church. This would allow us to record and livestream events in the hall.
3. **Filia Foundation grants.** This fall we received several grants from the Filia Foundation, a foundation founded by the late Richard Schifsky, a longtime parishioner and supporter of St. John the Baptist. We received the following grants for the following purposes: \$20,000 for school tuition assistance; \$3,000 for web cameras for distance learning at the school; \$10,000 for a light pole in the center of our west lot; \$10,000 for a security camera system; and \$1,500 for a TV monitor in the St. Therese Room, to facilitate messages and overflow video. We are grateful to the Filia Foundation for supporting our school families and sponsoring these important technology improvements!

4. What's that desk doing in the back of church? Parishioner Bill Jechorek custom built a desk that we have placed near the back wall of the church (behind the baptismal font). We plan to purchase a laptop and have that desk be the location from which a staff member or volunteer runs the livestream video for Masses. Presently that is done from the Welcome Desk computer, which is less than ideal since it is not in the worship space. Thank you, Bill!



5. **Positions open.** We are still looking for a hospitality coordinator and a rectory housekeeper. Both positions are part-time. We are in the process of hiring a new receptionist/administrative assistant. Check our website for information on our open positions.

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