

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

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1. **Core Commitment 2021: United in the Holy Spirit.** In this time of great challenges for so many, one sure guide for our parish and for each of us is the Holy Spirit—the Counselor, the Principle of our Unity. Our fall campaign is thus entitled Core Commitment 2021: United in the Holy Spirit. Please watch your mail this week for a letter and pledge response form for the pledge components of our Core Commitment 2021 efforts for 2021. There is also a form to sign up for electronic giving. Please prayerfully consider your commitments to our core values, including sustaining your Sunday Giving to St. John’s and return your pledge form at the November 21/22 Masses. More information can be found on our home page (<https://stjohnnb.com/core-commitment-2021/>), including an online pledge form and an electronic giving link and form.
2. **Projects at St. John’s.** We have several projects pending at St. John’s.
 - Security camera system. We are soliciting proposals now for a system in the church, St. Paul Plaza and the parish offices. Source of funds: Filia Foundation, FallFest proceeds.
 - Monitor in the St. Therese Room. We plan to install a large screen monitor above the fireplace to display the Mass and the announcements you see on the plaza monitors. Source of funds: Filia Foundation.
 - Camera in St. Joseph Hall. We wish to livestream events and speakers in the hall, as we do for Mass and events in the church. Source of funds: FallFest, capital reserves.
 - Parking lot light pole & power panel. Located in the center of our west lot, this light will enhance our security and visibility in our lot and provide power for FallFest. Source of funds: Filia Foundation, capital reserves.
 - Additionally, we are purchasing new technology to facilitate presentations and remote connections for our ministries. Source of funds: FallFest, capital reserves.

While the sources of funds are identified above, the truth is we could do none of these things without the blessings of God and the generosity of our parishioners. Thanks be to God, and thank you!

3. **New staff at St. John’s.** Michael Lane, a third-year candidate for the permanent diaconate, started on October 5 as our new Coordinator of Sacraments: Records, Intake & RCIA. Thomas Herschbach, a rabid Wild fan, started October 27 as our new Receptionist/Executive Assistant in the Pastoral Suite. Welcome Michael and Thomas!
4. **COVID Protocols.** We continue to follow COVID protocols at our Masses and in our offices, meeting rooms and school. Thank you all for your cooperation and your ongoing regard for your safety and for those around you. Governor Walz’s November 10 executive order pertaining to gatherings does not change capacity limits for Masses and other ministries (faith formation, etc.). It does, however, change capacity limits for wedding receptions and funeral luncheons. Effective November 27 the limit is 50 people; effective December 11 the limit is 25 people, and effective November 13 these events must end by 10:00 p.m. Please, let us all continue to be vigilant and pray for an end to this pandemic.

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