

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.** As you know, November 21/22 was commitment weekend for our Core Commitment Renewal campaign. As of this writing we have received 328 response forms pledging commitments to our core values including financial commitments for 2021 totaling \$906,555, with more coming in. (Last year we received 497 response forms in total, pledging \$1,194,112.) If you have not yet turned in your pledge response, it is not too late! Please turn in your form via the collection at any Mass or to the parish office, by mail or dropping it off. May God bless you for your commitment to living out of a Generous Spirit!

Many of these same responses also include pledges for our core values of Reliance on Prayer and Willingness to Grow, for which we are also grateful. Our parishioners are committing to lives of prayer and an ongoing willingness to learn and grow in their faith. More information on our Core Commitment campaign 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. Thank you!

2. **Projects at St. John's.** We have several projects pending at St. John's, which I have reported on previously. Projects pending are a security camera system, a monitor in the St. Therese Room, a camera in St. Joseph Hall, and a parking light pole & light panel in the west lot. A new project being considered is the renovation of our Chapel of Angels, for which we are reviewing drawings and plans. Watch for more information on this significant project in coming weeks.
3. **Year End Giving.** Watch upcoming bulletins for guidance regarding final gifts for 2020. Remember that you can donate to St. John's with cash, stock, IRA distributions and donor-advised funds. You can give via envelopes, electronic giving and credit or debit cards. Please note that all contributions for 2020 **must** be received in the collection or the parish office on or before Thursday, December 31 **or** be postmarked in 2020. Gifts received on Friday, January 1 or after without a postmark of 2020 will be credited to 2021 giving, not 2020, regardless of the date on the check or the envelope used. We are grateful for your gifts!
4. **COVID Protocols.** We continue to follow COVID protocols at our Masses and in our offices, meeting rooms and school. Our Christmas Masses will align with these safety protocols as well. Please see other parish publications for information on our Christmas Masses. Thank you all for your cooperation and your ongoing regard for your safety and for those around you. With the recent restrictions on gatherings, we have limited our indoor, onsite events and moved to a virtual delivery for many programs. Our priests, staff and parish leaders continue to do their best to serve our parishioners and meet the ongoing spiritual needs of all of our people. Thank you all for your willingness to adjust how you either deliver or receive prayer, growth and generosity in this pandemic. May God continue to bless St. John the Baptist Church & School, and let us continue to 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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