

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

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1. **Christmas Masses.** Our church was beautifully decorated for Christmas and our Masses were well planned and were prayed beautifully, thanks to our dedicated clergy and staff and many hardworking volunteers. We were prepared for overflow attendance, but needed it at only one Mass, the Christmas Eve 1:00 p.m. Mass. Nonetheless, it was wonderful to see so many of our parishioners celebrating the best gift of all—Jesus—in the midst of this pandemic.
2. **Core Commitment 2021: United in the Holy Spirit.** As of this writing we have received 371 response forms pledging commitments to our core values including financial commitments for 2021 totaling \$1,036,443. (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! Our parishioners are also 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!
3. **Fiscal Year 2020/21: Six Month Report.** Our six-month financials are just out. Watch for a report in a near future bulletin. As of this writing I have not completed the report, but I can say that our parishioners' amazing generosity continues as we minister to and support one another through these difficult times. Thank you!
4. **Monitor in the St. Therese Room.** As many of you have seen, we have a new monitor in the St. Therese Room within St. Paul Plaza. This was funded by a Filia Foundation grant and was planned and installed by parishioner Jim Treat. We are grateful to the Filia Foundation and Jim Treat! Several other projects are underway or in the planning stages. Watch our parish publications for the latest information.
5. **Restrictions eased.** The latest changes in pandemic restrictions allow for up to half of our church capacity for seating—previously the maximum was 250. For St. John's half-capacity is 600, but we can fit only about 300 in the church with distancing guidelines. We are also hosting parish group meetings again onsite with protocols in place. Please see the parish website or contact the parish office to learn more about how we continue to fulfill our mission while minimizing risk.

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