

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

September 21, 2021

1. **Fiscal Year 2020-21 Financial Report.** The financial report on the fiscal year ended June 30 and the budget for the new year will be published in an upcoming bulletin. I am happy to report that we ended the fiscal year in the black. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we exceeded our Sunday/Holy Day budget for the fiscal year 2020/21. Eleven weeks into the new fiscal year (2021/22) we are also above budget for Sunday Giving—thank you! Please watch for the financial report for more information. Thank you for your ongoing faithfulness and generosity in support of our mission and core values!

2. **Summer Capital Projects/Space Use Changes.** Several improvements and changes to our campus were made this summer. We completed the following:
 - Security camera system installed.
 - A Wi-Fi access point installed in the Chapel of Angels.
 - Enhancements to lighting controls in church.
 - 14 aging computer workstations and network server replaced.
 - Two new cubicle workstations installed.
 - At the parish convent the garage door was painted, a new sidewalk was installed, and the chimney was tuckpointed and capped.
 - Room 203 in the upper level of the Parish Center, formerly a copier/work room, was repurposed for ministry use and Room 108 in the lower level of the Parish Center was outfitted to serve as additional preschool space. Several storage spaces were cleaned, organized and consolidated. Both staff and volunteers have worked hard on these changes!
 - Approved the replacement of our whole-campus HVAC control system and the installation of a heat exchanger to allow us to separate the church's in-ground heating system, all for greater system efficiency and effectiveness. Our current control system is obsolete. We plan to have this completed before the onset of cold weather.
 - Painting of several locations in our school & repair of a section of our school kitchen floor.

These projects were funded by FallFest 2020 proceeds, parish capital reserves and a grant from the Filia Foundation. We are grateful for all these gifts, which allow us to maintain and enhance our campus, in support of our school and our many other ministries. Thanks be to God, and to all who so generously support our efforts at St. John's!

3. **FallFest 2021: September 24, 25 & 26.** FallFest is nearly here! Please come to the festival and bring your family and friends! Also, [please click here](#) to sign up to volunteer to help our festival run smoothly. For all things FallFest, contact co-chair Taylor Burns or staff member Teri Shea with this email: fallfest@stjohnnyb.org.

4. **New Hires.** Joseph Huebl started on July 21 as our new Communications Coordinator. Joseph comes to us with a degree in Communications Studies from the University of Minnesota and a variety of experience in communications, planning and promotions, and a particular interest in robotics! As Communications Coordinator, Joseph will report to Teri Shea. He can be reached at hueblj@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333, ext. 1217. You will see Joseph on commission meeting nights—please welcome him when you see him!

Also new to St. John's this summer is Jill Fink, our new Coordinator of Adult Discipleship, who started on August 1. Jill comes to us with over 20 years of catechetical experience and a Master of Theological Studies degree from the University of Dallas. Jill will be working in adult catechesis in ministries such as Bible studies, Family Formation parent sessions and the RCIA process. Jill will also be working with families in the sacramental preparation of baptism, marriage and assisting with first sacraments. Jill can be reached at finkj@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333, ext. 1280. Welcome, Jill!

5. **Custodial help wanted.** We are presently looking for part-time custodial help to support our Masses and ministries on evenings and weekends. [Please click here](#) for the posting on our website, which has a job description and application. For more information contact Pat Hinnenkamp, Director of Maintenance, at hinnenkampp@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333, ext. 1203.
6. **Commissions Wanted to Host Hospitality.** Our Hospitality Coordinator Melissa Berg is inviting commissions to rotate hosting one weekend's hospitality per month—the Saturday night Mass and the two Sunday morning Masses. Commission members will have an opportunity to serve fellow parishioners, promote their commission with signage and information, and further the parish's core values and mission to Go. Make. Teach. Commission chairs or staff liaisons, please contact Melissa for more information and to schedule a weekend to host at bergm@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333, ext. 1227.
7. **Archdiocesan Synod.** St. John the Baptist is participating in the synod process this fall. All the adults of the parish are encouraged to participate since adult ministry is limited this fall, as requested by the Archbishop. Open sessions are Thursdays at 9:30-11:30 am and 6:30-8:30 pm. Several existing Reach More groups at St. John's plan to join synod sessions at various times. Registration is on [the Synod page](#) at St. John's website. The sessions begin the week of October 4-8 and conclude 6 weeks later in November 8-12. Contact Jill Fink (contact information above) for more information.

A blessed and peaceful fall to all of you and your families!

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

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