

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

October 19, 2021

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1. **FallFest 2021.** The numbers are in, and they are good! This coming weekend's bulletin will feature a financial report on our festival. Overall, our festival net, \$91,222, is up 12% (\$10,000) over 2020, and 64% (\$35,484) over 2019! Thank you to all who contributed to the success of our 2021 FallFest! \$30,000 of our proceeds will support our operating budget and the balance will help build our capital reserves.
2. **Sunday Giving.** Our Sunday Giving numbers through September are encouraging, especially since our 2021/22 budget calls for an increase for the year of about 5.5% over prior year. We are about 2% ahead of budget year to date through September. Thank you for your ongoing generous spirit! Watch for a first quarter (July–September) financial report in a near future bulletin.
3. **Core Commitment 2021.** Our Development Associate Mary May is leading the planning for our fall Core Commitment initiative, inviting our parishioners to commit to our core values for 2022. September focused on our Willingness to Grow, October highlights a Reliance on Prayer and November will feature the theme Living Out of a Generous Spirit. A letter inviting pledges in each of these areas will go out the second week of November, and a new series of videos featuring parishioners who have been Restored to Life through SJB will be released as well. We invite your commitment on Commitment Weekend, November 20/21. God's goodness, and the faithfulness of so many of our parishioners, has been clearly evident in 2021! Thank you all!
4. **Archdiocesan Synod.** St. John the Baptist is showing strong participation in our archdiocese's historic Archdiocesan Synod process this fall. Upon the request of the Archbishop, all adult programming at St. John's is centering on this initiative this fall. We have nine groups that meet at different times and days. Seven of the groups are from existing Reach More small groups. We have two Open Sessions where anyone can join in on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30 am and at 6:30-8:30 pm. The sessions began the week of October 4 and will conclude six weeks later the week of November 8. There are a series of six sessions to give feedback on the Archbishop's three focus areas: forming parishes, forming missionary disciples and forming youth and young adults. Participants may join a group at any time, up to the final session. More information can be found on our [website](#). Contact Jill Fink, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship at 651.633.1540 ext. 1280 or [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) 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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