

St. John the Baptist Church
Leadership Team Report to Commissions

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- **Capital Campaign.** We are making great progress in the planning for our Restore to Gather Campaign. We have recruited both General Chairs and Captains to assist with the leadership efforts. I will give a report at our commission meeting regarding our progress.
- **Small Group Facilitator Training.** The weekend of September 16/17 we had our invitation weekend for all parishioners to attend the seven-week training that is being encouraged by Archbishop Hebda. We will be offering the training at three different times each week and hope to train 72 leaders to help support our parishioners in their faith development. Please pray about if the Lord is calling you to participate in this great opportunity!

Please let me or one of our team members know if you have questions or input in any area of our church and school life together. Thank you!

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- **Fiscal Year 2022-23 Financial Report.** The financial report on the 2022/23 fiscal year 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 Sunday Giving stayed virtually the same from the prior year, decreasing only slightly; it was below budget by 2.7%. Eleven weeks into the new fiscal year (2023/24) we are about 9% above budget for Sunday Giving. Please check the coming financial report for more information. Thank you for your ongoing faithfulness and generosity in support of our mission and core values!
- **FallFest 2023: September 22, 23 & 24.** It's FallFest week! 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. We are still in need of many volunteers! Thank you!

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- **Catechetical Sunday and Fall Programming Registration.** Catechetical programming and sacramental preparation programs begin in the next few weeks. Sunday School, Family Formation, Middle School Formation, Confirmation, Sr. Clarinda's Bible Studies, First Sacraments, RCIC and RCIA are all starting up. Catechetical Sunday weekend was September 16-17 and called forth our mission partners in the role of witnessing and instructing in the faith.
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CGS Expands.** After a successful pilot with our age three preschoolers last year, we are expanding the program to include all ages in preschool. A CGS training was held this summer to equip more assistants toward being catechists.

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- **2023-2024 School Year.** On Tuesday, September 5 we welcomed 484 students Preschool to 8th grade (403 in our K-8 and 81 in Preschool) back to St. John's for another fantastic year of growing in our relationship with the Lord and expanding our knowledge.

- **Gather to Witness.** During our staff workshops in August our staff discussed how we can engage and live this year's theme of Gather to Witness. Throughout the school year staff and students will be seeking out ways to witness to one another and to our community.

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- **Men's Ministry at St. John's.** One of the primary goals in my position here at SJB is to engage parishioners in fulfilling our mission. I have done this by being present at weekend Masses and by attending various parish meetings and events and meeting so many good people. One of the most fruitful experiences for me thus far has been with the leaders and men of our three men's ministry groups: Catholic Watchmen, Men's Fellowship and Knights of Columbus. I look forward to growing alongside these many good men of St. John's, as well as parishioners in other ministries!
- **New Member Welcome.** Our New Member Welcome weekend on September 9 & 10 yielded six new registrations, including a family with four young children and an engaged couple. I will follow up with the details of the registration process to learn how these new members become engaged with our faith community. We are also looking for additional volunteers to be a part of the New Member Welcome ministry.

A joyous 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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