

St. John the Baptist Church
Leadership Team Report to Commissions

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- **Restore to Gather Campaign.** The preparations are coming along for our public launch weekend, November 11/12. We had the second training for our captains and are preparing materials for the campaign. I am working closely with the Administrative Services Commission as we plan and prepare to move forward with the upgrades. This is an exciting time for the life of our parish!
- **Small Group Leader Training.** Our Small Group Leader training is about halfway through already. I am grateful to our parishioners and staff who are participating in the training as the skills they are learning will help further Christ's Kingdom in New Brighton and beyond!

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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- **Server Training.** We have been training new servers to assist us at Mass. This past September we trained six new servers. We are also looking at starting an Advanced Server Training to teach our servers how to assist with incense, adoration and to emphasize solemnity on important feast days.
- **New Nursing Home Mass.** We added Round Lake Senior Living to the number of nursing homes that we celebrate Mass at. We now serve at five different nursing homes, going to each once a month so that the people there, especially those who lack the mobility to go to church, can celebrate Mass and receive our Lord in the Eucharist.

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- **FallFest 2023.** The numbers are in, and they are good! An upcoming weekend bulletin will feature a financial report on our festival. While a few expenses may yet trickle in, our current net is \$81,099. For comparison, our net in 2022 was \$76,845 and in 2021 we netted \$91,222. Saturday night was damp this year, but the community spirit was strong and, as always, a lot of people had a great time celebrating St. John the Baptist and beyond! Thank you to all who contributed to the success of FallFest 2023! \$60,000 of our proceeds will support our operating budget if needed, and the balance will help build our capital reserves.
- **Sunday Giving.** Our Sunday Giving numbers through September are 7% over budget—a sign of your continued generosity! Our 2023/24 budget calls for an increase for the year of 3.6% over prior year. Our Sunday Giving numbers for October continue to look strong. Thank you for your ongoing generous spirit! Watch for a first quarter (July–September) financial report in a near future bulletin.

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- **The All Saints Party** is right around the corner on Wednesday, October 25. We are asking all parish groups and ministries to host a Trick or Treat Table. You can decorate your table and pass out candy or items for up to 325 children. It's an opportunity to get your ministry seen by lots of young families. Many ministries hand out candy to the children and flyers to the parents. Contact Jen Livermont at livermontj@stjohnnyb.org to reserve your space!
- **Formation and Sacramental Programs.** Our Sunday School, Family Formation, Middle School Formation, First Sacraments, Confirmation and Becoming Catholic RCIA and RCIC programs are all underway. We are seeing an increase in our enrollment levels.

Ann Laird, St. John the Baptist School Principal

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- **Non-Public School Marathon.** We had a wonderful fall day for our Non-Public School Marathon at Central Park in Roseville. Father Paul kicked the event off with prayer followed by walking a lap around the lake. It was a wonderful opportunity to gather together and witness through prayer and fellowship. Our goal this year is to raise \$70,000.
- **School Year Start.** The school year is off to a great start! As has been previously mentioned we welcomed 403 K-8 students and 81 preschool students to our school in September. We have already had a Faith, Family, and Fellowship morning celebration for our 7th grade families, the Non-Public School Marathon, Middle School Grade Level Mass on Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 am and school pictures. We look forward to many more events as we continue this school year!

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- **Marriage Ministry.** In the past couple of weeks two couples independent of each other contacted me to discuss the future of our Marriage Ministry here at St. John's. Several ideas were brought forward including: an overnight/off-site retreat opportunity, shorter session(s) or series that might be focused on a particular topic, married couple small groups and date-night themes.
- **Youth Ministry Intern position.** We have posted a [Youth Ministry Intern](#) job on the [Archdiocesan website](#). This temporary, 24-hours per week position would support the Coordinator of Discipleship for Middle School Youth with: open youth room, youth ministry events, social media, marketing and communication. The ideal candidate would be a strong Catholic who has studied or is interested in pursuing youth ministry as a career and is able to walk with youth on their discipleship journey.

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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