

Generous Spirit

Consider a Year-End Gift

December is the time many people review their charitable year-end giving options. We would be so grateful if you would prayerfully consider including a gift to St. John the Baptist as part of your year-end giving.

There are many ways to contribute. Selecting a gift is a personal decision dependent upon each person's unique financial situation and philanthropic goals. As tax laws frequently change, you are encouraged to consult with a qualified financial advisor to determine which method of contributing is most beneficial. If you would like to designate your gift to a specific area such as the *Restore to Gather* campaign, please indicate that on the memo line of your check or include a note along with your gift intentions.

You can support St. John the Baptist through a variety of gift options:

Cash/Check

Your year-end cash gift will be greatly appreciated to help maintain the financial health of our parish. Please note that all contributions for the tax year 2023 must be received in the collection or the parish office on or before Sunday, December 31 or postmarked in 2023, regardless of the date on the check or the date on the St. John the Baptist donation envelope.

Our Welcome Desk will be staffed on Saturday, December 30, from 9:00 AM to 5:45 PM and Sunday, December 31, from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. You may drop off 2023 contributions anytime during those hours or through Mass collections on December 30 and 31.

Online Giving

You can simply and securely make a cash gift online by selecting "Donate" at www.stjohnnb.com, or by using the QR code on the right. Please note that you will need to select "One-time" or "Recurring" on the Donate page, then select a fund, such as Sunday Giving for general support or Restore to Gather – Capital Campaign. Many parishioners have found that signing up for recurring donations makes it easier to include St. John the Baptist in their family budget.



Please note: Online contributions received by midnight, December 31 will be credited as 2023 contributions.

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

If you are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, and you don't need all of the income, you can direct your IRA custodian to send funds directly to St. John's as a tax-free donation to charity. Simply request that funds be sent to St. John the Baptist at our parish address: St. John the Baptist, 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you turned 70 ½ this year, and aren't required to take income from your IRA yet, you can still make a QCD and receive the same tax-saving benefits. Ask your IRA custodian to send funds to St. John the Baptist as mentioned above.

Gifts of Stock

A gift of appreciated stock helps you avoid paying tax on the gain in the stock's value (capital gains). For tax purposes, you claim the full value of the stock when it is donated to St. John the Baptist. Please contact Mark Dittman in the parish office as soon as possible if you wish for your stock gift to be considered a 2023 gift. The Parish Office will coordinate with your financial advisor or broker to ensure the gift is properly received.

As always, please work closely with your tax and legal advisors to determine how any particular strategy will affect your overall tax situation.

Questions? Contact Mary May in the parish office at 651-633-8333, x1253 or email maym@stjohnnyb.org.

Thank you for all the ways you are supporting St. John the Baptist by your prayer, participation, and partnership in our mission.