

**St. John the Baptist Church**  
**Leadership Team Report to Commissions**

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- **Pack the Pew Weekend.** The bookracks and choir pews were installed this past week. There is work being done on the microphones and we are close to being fully operational. This weekend we welcome Archbishop Hebda as we celebrate the great work that has been accomplished through the team effort of parishioners and friends of SJB. Please reach out to your fellow parishioners and invite them to celebrate with us this weekend.
- **Eucharist Opportunites.** We are expanding our opportunities to encounter our Lord in the Mass and the Eucharist. Opportunities include Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 am Mass, we will have about 20 minutes of adoration with Praise and Worship music. This will be a monthly offering on the weekends the SPO Ignite group leads music at the morning Masses. On First Fridays, we are offering a solemn Holy Hour in the Chapel of the Angels with sung morning prayer followed by silent adoration. On the second Wednesday of the month, we are offering a solemn Mass with chant and the men's schola in the chapel of the Angels.

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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- **FallFest 2024.** The numbers are in, and they are good! The upcoming weekend bulletin will feature a financial report on our festival. While a few expenses may yet trickle in, our current net is \$93,943. For comparison, our net in 2023 was \$80,398 and in 2022 we netted \$76,845. 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 2024! \$70,000 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 10% less than last year and 16% under budget. Our 2024/25 budget calls for an increase for the year of 3% over last year. Watch for a first quarter (July–September) financial report in a near future bulletin.
- **Restore to Gather.** As reported at our September meeting, we have met our pledge goal of \$5 million! As of September 30, we have collected \$2.6 million. Thank you for your support of this campaign!

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- **The All Saints Party** is right around the corner on Wednesday, October 30. 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 300+ children. Contestants can bring in their carved pumpkin for all to vote on. Pumpkins must have a saint or religious theme. Judging categories are: Middle School, High School and Adult. Carved pumpkins can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk on Tuesday, October 29 or Wednesday, October 30 by the beginning of the event at 5pm. Judging will take place during the event and winners and prizes will be announced at the end of the event. 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](mailto: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 OCIA and RCIC programs are all underway. We are seeing an increase in our enrollment levels.

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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 and Fr. Derek 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! We welcomed 382 K-8 students and 78 preschool students to our school in September. We have a Faith, Family, and Fellowship morning celebration for our 7<sup>th</sup> grade families on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hosted the Middle School Grade Level Mass on Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 am and completed school pictures. We look forward to many more events as we continue this school year!

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!

The St. John the Baptist Leadership Team  
Fr. Paul Shovelain, Beth Robertson, Jill Fink, and Ann Laird

**Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life:  
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