

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Development Commission

November 2025 Meeting Agenda

Our Purpose: To advise the parish on promoting a spirit of generosity in support of the mission and core values of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, School, and Cemetery.

November 18, 2025

- | Present | Not Present |
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| Chris C. | Pete |
| Ken | |
| Steve | |
| Chris L. | |
| Don | |
| Stephanie | |
| Mary | |
| Janet | |
| Mary May | |
| Anna Nagle, guest | |
1. Opening prayer – Led by Chris C.
 2. Introductions – Led by Chris C.
 - Guest – Anna Nagle, Assistant Principal
 3. Question/theme for the evening – Led by Chris C.
How do you find thanksgiving in the Sabbath Day?
*Family blessings and togetherness, highlight of the weekend, pronouncing our blessings, thank you notes in 2nd grade
 4. Our Purpose – Review by Chris C.
*Following the footsteps of St. John the Baptist
 5. Old Business / PLC Report – Led by Chriss C. / Stephanie
*No old business
*PLC Report – Review document shared, the ask for ushers and greeters brought a sign-up and training of approximately 20 parishioners
*Background check and Virtus training is needed to volunteer for lead usher
 6. New Business – Led by Chris C. and Mary
 - a. Grateful Hearts Annual Campaign – Led by Mary
 - Progress to Date
*Strong response with over 330 received – 270 paper forms and 65 online
*Having an October start has worked well
*Reminder that more than one person from a household can submit forms
 - Ideas on how to get to our goal of 425?
 - i. Pete can assist with emails again
 - ii. Other ideas?
 - *Are we missing non-registered parishioners?
 - *Are we missing on an opportunity to educate school families about the campaign?
 - *Discussion on the letter proposed to send to school families; School Advisory Commission is reviewing the letter, also
 - *Add the prayers of the church to encourage more submission of forms
 - b. School and Collaboration – Led by Chris C.
 - Has School Leadership had a chance to discuss the 1-3 priorities that the PDC can help with over the next 3 years?

*School leadership meeting soon to narrow down the priorities

- What are PDC's ideas for how to help the School? Assist with alumni database, others?

*School has received support from alumni for Wines to Wishes

*Addresses and relationships are coming in

*100 letters were mailed with a card and QR code included

*Suggested to have a count of how many alumni they have collected and track to show progress

- Continue Discussion with Anna

*Share more with school families at the beginning of the school year with invitations to become more involved and to give

*Provide more education about the gap between what tuition costs and how much the church and school families pay

*There are 281 school households - 60 received a mailing for the Grateful Hearts campaign because they have a record of Sunday Giving, leaving 221 additional households that could receive church mailings

*Open up ways for school families to visit and children to play; Could we open the gym or cafeteria after / before Mass

*Is it possible to have one Mass a month be sponsored by a grade level and have that grade participate in the Mass and gather afterwards

*Have a parishioner available at the above gatherings to answer questions and educate about school and church needs

*Create a calendar of events of child related opportunities both available on paper and online that is easy to find; make a poster listing events

*Wines to Wishes will have proxy bidding for the first time for their Live Auction

c. Restore to Gather Campaign – Led by Chris C.

- Progress to date

i. Are we on track to hit \$4million by 12/31/2025?

*Including the pledge reminders in the Grateful Heart campaign letters resulted in more donations and pledge payments

*3.9 million has been collected with a goal of 4 million by December very reachable

ii. If not, what can we do?

*Post on our Facebook page our goal, how parishioners can help, link in comments and have Father Paul ask

*Include a basket or ask for gifts at Grandparent events and mail letters

- Any feedback from Fr. Paul after our discussion last meeting about Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign?

*The proposed timeline and goal has been approved

*60% of collected gifts will be given back to St. John's

d. Donor Tools – Led by Mary

- How can we improve the "Donate" webpage to make it easier to make a gift?

*Have both the church and school listed on both webpages

*Move up the analysis deadline

*Do we need to sell it or have a long explanation of how to donate? Could the Ways to Give page have more explanation and have the donate page be more simple and straightforward?

7. Other – Chris C.

CONCLUDE

8. PLC Recommendation Form

- a. Yes _____
- b. No _____
- c. Recommendation summary. Form forwarded to _____.

9. PLC Report – 3-5 items

- a. Grateful Hearts Campaign update
- b. School Collaboration
- c. Restore to Gather

10. Closing prayer

11. Adjournment

