



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today I write to you with a very grateful heart! I am truly thankful for the generosity you have shown during the past year. 2020 has been a year full of uncertainty and unprecedented times, but the Lord has been faithful and has walked beside us here at the Parish. I am also grateful for the support and encouragement you have shown me in my first year here at St. John the Baptist.

On the reverse side of this letter you will find our ***St. John the Baptist 2019-2020 Financial Report*** for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Reviewing this report will help you see clearly what it costs to underwrite the life and work of our Parish. Your continued and faithful generosity enables us to carry out our mission of forming missionary disciples of Jesus Christ and to support others beyond the Parish boundaries, including the poor in the Ypsilanti area. The Discipleship Survey that was held last winter indicated that one of the very clear areas for growth as a parish was to maintain greater financial transparency. Recognizing our need to always be improving, we want to offer this report as a means of giving more insight into our financials and hopefully answer questions you may have.

A few highlights of note from this past year: ***Giving has increased by more than 19% while our overall spending decreased by 14%.***

One of the areas we plan on expanding with our financial resources is evangelization and discipleship. Growing as an intentional community of missionary disciples to “hear Jesus, love Jesus, and share the gift of salvation with everyone we meet” (Forming Missionary Disciples Prayer) is a top priority here at St. John the Baptist. An example of this is the response we have already received to the launch of small groups this fall and the monthly REVIVE nights. Of course, this is just the start of significantly more that we believe the Lord desires to do here.

We intend to exercise good stewardship with the generosity you have shown, recognizing that we will “stand before the judgment seat of Christ” to offer an account of how we have handled these resources. A prudent practice is to have about a year’s worth of expenses in savings. A portion of funds will continue to be saved as a “rainy day” fund for future parish needs. We do recognize some potentially big capital projects coming up, such as our roof needing repairs, along with some of the concrete steps in need of a more thorough restoration. While these might seem daunting, we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord who is the source of every good gift.

God bless you my dear brothers and sisters! I want to express my gratitude to our Finance Council for their support, and of course, to all of you for demonstrating your trust in the Lord by your financial contributions.

In Christ,

Fr. Daniel Westermann, Pastor

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
2019-2020 Financial Report**

	2019-2020	2018-2019
Income		
Offertory Collections Totals	\$804,105	\$684,739
Legacy & Estate Gifts Totals	\$16,900	\$3,075
Rental Income Receipts Totals	\$36,441	\$32,037
Cemetery Receipts Totals	\$38,795	\$32,070
Other Cash Receipts Totals	\$42,667	\$50,564
Income Totals	\$938,908	\$802,485
Expenses		
Administration Totals <i>Office Staff Salaries & Benefits, Information Technology, Insurance, Diocesan Assessment</i>	\$250,348	\$342,679
Capital Expenditures Totals <i>Live-Streaming & Cry Room Network, Security Camera System</i>	\$11,817	\$0
Inter-Parochial Support Totals <i>Tuition Assistance, HVCS Tuition Assistance</i>	\$36,972	\$24,000
Elementary Religious Education Totals <i>Youth Faith Formation Salary, Books & Supplies</i>	\$15,434	\$15,490
Evangelization Totals <i>Evangelization Salary & Benefits, Supplies, Programming Fees</i>	\$30,384	\$0
Instructional Totals <i>Director of Religious Education Salary & Benefits</i>	\$414	\$56,078
Music Totals <i>Musician Salary & Benefits, Contracted Musicians</i>	\$71,138	\$111,587
Parish Life Totals <i>Hospitality</i>	\$1,017	\$2,003
Plant Operation & Maintenance Totals <i>Maintenance Staff Salaries & Benefits, Building Maintenance & Supplies, Utilities</i>	\$124,407	\$153,003
Worship Totals <i>Pastor's Salary & Benefits, Visiting Priests, Supplies</i>	\$71,582	\$59,773
Cemetery Expense Totals <i>All Cemetery Related Expenses</i>	\$39,972	\$27,413
Campus Ministry Totals <i>Campus Minister Salary & Benefits, FOCUS</i>	\$87,808	\$73,659
Other Expense Totals <i>Online Giving Expenses, Fund Raising Expenses, Payroll Processing Fees</i>	\$2,889	\$61
Expense Totals	\$744,182	\$865,746
Income minus Expenses	\$194,726	-\$63,261