Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish,

As we approach the one year anniversary of the completion of our church renovation and the two year mark in our Walking Forward in Faith capital campaign, I want to take a moment to Behold St. John’s. We encounter this concept of behold throughout scripture—234 times in the New Testament alone! When we are called to behold something in scripture, the Lord is calling our attention to something important, to really see and to marvel at some reality. Today, that is what I would like us to do—to Behold St. John’s; to see and to marvel at all of the wonderful things that make our parish a place of encounter with our Lord and a place where disciples are made.

What is St. John’s? It is not just a church, or a school, or a cemetery. It is not just the building in which we worship or the classrooms in which we learn.

Behold each and every parishioner who worships, celebrates the sacraments, welcomes newcomers, proclaims the scriptures in word and song, assists in the distribution of Holy Communion both to those within the worshiping assembly and to those unable to be with us because of illness—YOU are St. John’s.

Behold each and every student who has attended our parish school, prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation, participated in a championship sports team, sung in our children’s choir, served as an altar server—YOU are St. John’s.

Behold the 112,956 pounds of food donated to ICA Food Shelf through our offertory procession collection over the past 10 years. Don’t forget the tremendous amount of time and energy spent reaching out to those in need through our Care & Concern ministries. And then there are the Behind the Scenes folks who spruce up our campus inside and out, help with the day-to-day office chores, and those who always say ‘yes’ to any request when a need arises—YOU are St. John’s.

Prayer is the engine behind it all. Through prayer and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are able to further our mission to know, love, serve and share Christ through worship, teaching, stewardship and witness.

As we strive to be disciples, good stewardship is certainly a disciple’s response. It is not about paying bills; it is not about bank accounts and collections. Stewardship is about doing the work of Christ, engaging our many resources to further the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ.

We have truly made an impact in our community. We have the responsibility to continue to answer Christ’s call to “go therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19-20) with a renewed spirit focused on the new evangelization.

With this in mind, I invite you to prayerfully respond to our Behold St. John’s Program. Please review the contents of this brochure and consider how you and your family can help St. John’s to continue the work of Christ. Our goal is a simple one: to increase our Sunday offertory contributions by 10%. A special Commitment Sunday will be held on November 2nd and 3rd to allow parish family members to connect with one another, celebrate the beautiful work of Christ we are doing as a parish, and to make a prayerful sacrifice. Please commit to our Behold St. John’s Program by joining in financially to support our ministries, further our mission, and reinforce our future.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish!

God bless,

Rev. Alex B. Carlson
Pastor

Online Giving is not meant to replace the traditional Sunday offertory collection; it is meant to enhance it. Many parishioners would rather have the option of giving without writing a check or remembering to bring the check and envelope to church each week. It also gives you the opportunity to contribute to first and/or second collections even if you are out of town, etc.

Please consider this option or continue to use the offertory envelopes you currently receive. If you do not get envelopes but wish to, contact the Parish office at 952-474-8868.

For more information or to sign up for Online Giving, visit our website at http://www.stjohns-excelsior.org/parish/stewardship

You may think your LIGHT is SMALL, but it can make a BIG difference in other people’s LIVES.
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BEHOLD ST. JOHN’S

Worship
- Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Music Ministers
- Sacristans

Building the Future of Our Church
- Adult Bible Study
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- Faith Formation
- RCIA
- School Volunteers

Hospitality
- Greeters
- Hospitality Hosts
- Porters (Welcome Desk Ministers)
- Sextons (Tidy Church after Mass)
- Ushers

Care & Concern
- BeFrienders
- Feed My Starving Children
- Funeral Luncheon Ministry
- ICA Food Shelf
- Knitting Ministry
- Meals on Wheels
- Prayer Chain
- Respect Life

Fellowship
- Knights of Columbus
- Men Who Pray
- Women’s Faith Sharing
- Women’s Book Study

Behind the Scenes
- A/V Technicians
- Cemetery Upkeep
- Church Cleaning
- Collection Counters
- Hospitality Laundry
- Landscaping/Gardening
- Librarian
- Liturgical Environment
- Office Help
- Perpetual Adoration
- Prayer Chain
- Respect Life

Our Year in Review*
- Baptisms: 17
- First Holy Communions: 17
- Confirmations: 11 youth, 3 adult
- Weddings: 3
- Funerals: 12
- New Registered Families: 31

*July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019

Current Rosters**
- Total Registered Families: 685
- Faith Formation Enrollment: 109
- Montessori School Enrollment: 68

July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019
July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020

Operating Income
- Offertory Income
- Catholic Services Appeal
- School Tuition & Tuition Assistance
- School Other Income
- Faith Formation
- Church Other Income
- Total Operating Income

Operating Expense
- Church Operating Expense
- Church Salary Expense
- Church Benefit Expense
- School Operating Expense
- School Salary Expense
- School Benefit Expense
- Tuition Assistance Grants
- Faith Formation
- Other Parish Ministries
- Archdiocesan Assessment
- Interest on Parish Loan
- Total Operating Expense

Net Income/Loss
- Principal Payment
- Net Operating Income/Loss

Non-Operating Income
- Investment Income
- Unrealized Investment Income
- Total Non-Operating Income

Non-Operating Expense
- Investment Expense
- Total Non-Operating Expenses

Net Operating Income/Loss
- Remaining Balance

Capital Campaign as of June 30, 2019
- Total Pledges
- Pledges Redeemed
- Money Spent

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