



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2022**

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Pastor.....Father Sathi Antony  
Chairperson.....Maureen Daoust  
Stewardship.....Dawn Hengen  
Liturgy.....Gary St. Onge  
Protocol/Personnel .....James & Doris Trobert  
Hospitality.....Clayton & Colleen Harkins  
Fellowship.....David & Anita Kjersem  
Social Justice.....Dante & Mary Ann Pangan  
Deanery Pastoral Council.....Larry Johnstone  
Faith Formation & Evangalization.....  
Communication & Production.....Patrick & Jessica Fisher  
Ecumensim Representative.....Connie Wheeler  
Catholic Women’s League.....Brenda Keating  
Knights of Columbus.....Sheldon Spilchuk  
Catholic School Liaisons  
St. Mary’s School.....Ryan Jutras  
Sacred Heart School.....Amber Hilstrom  
Recording Secretary.....Gwen Van De Woestyne

**Finance Council**

Kim & Dana Skjonsby  
Joan Fingler  
Lynnwood Cundall  
Randy Franke

**Personnel Committee**

James Trobert  
Kim & Dana Skjonsby  
Maureen Daoust  
Gwen Van De Woestyne

**Liturgy Committee**

Chair.....Gary St. Onge  
Decorating Coordinator.....David & Karen Meckler  
Children’s Liturgy Coordinator.....Cindy Billesberger  
Sacristan Coordinator.....Connie Wheeler  
Adoration Coordinator.....Bridget Bittman  
Music Ministry Director.....Jocelyn Hall  
Sound System Coordinator.....Patrick Fisher  
Lector Coordinator.....Debbie Augey  
Holy Communion Coordinator.....Amanda Hagel  
Altar Server Coordinator..... Vacant  
Ministry Scheduling Coordinator.....Treena Hirsch

# ABOUT OUR PARISH

Since the early 1900's, St. John the Baptist Parish has been a center of faith for the families in Estevan and area. As we move forward into 2023, we are guided by the Archdiocesan guidelines as set out by Archbishop Donald Bolen.

Our hope is that we can fully live our Baptismal call and work together to build a church community that welcomes everyone in the spirit and love that our Lord Jesus Christ modelled throughout His ministry. As we move forward in our faith journey as a parish our goal is to live our lives as caring brothers and sisters of Christ, working together to build a vital parish community through stewardship, evangelization and dialogue.

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, Plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*  
Jeremiah 29:11-13

## Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Sathi Antony

**Pastoral Assistant:** Connie Wheeler

**Office Administrator:** Jocelyn Hall

**Finance Administrator:** Cindy Dalziel

**Pastoral Care Coordinator:**

Gwen Van De Woestyne

**Music Ministry Director:**

Jocelyn Hall

**Facility Manager/Caretaker:**

Sigfredo Gonzalez

**Janitorial Services:** Joseph Be

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# Welcome

St. John the Baptist Parish has worked diligently this year to focus on our service and ministry for our entire parish. We have made a commitment to be a Welcoming Church, bringing joy to everyone in our Parish Family as we grow as disciples of Christ. We have seen the Music Ministry grow with the renewal of choirs in the schools as well as the development of our own Parish Praise Choir. We have vibrant faith communities established in each of our care homes. The Holy Spirit continues to bless us with continued growth in our Parish.

Our current Parish priorities clearly offer a vision of how we can serve our Parish Family with determination and Spirit driven grace. We have strived to meet the needs of our Parish Family compassionately and with the joy that comes through Christ our Saviour.

## Message From Pastoral Council Chair

2022 was a year filled with abundant blessings from God our Father here at St. John the Baptist. Our PPC members work tirelessly and joyfully to meet the needs of our Church, offering their time, talent, and treasure for all. The Mother Church is calling us all to engage in Synodality, journeying together as People of God, striving to be better listeners, understanding how God might be speaking to all of us. In this way we can only become stronger together as the Holy Spirit works in us all to build His kingdom here at SJB.

As a council we aspire to listen and respond to the needs of our parish and community, focusing on the priorities we have set together. We always return to our SJB Mission Statement in which our Parish is a warm and inviting family, living our baptismal call and nourished by the Eucharist, serving the needs of all with joy and gratitude, practicing stewardship, celebrating the sacraments, and witnessing God in others. We can all pause and ask ourselves if we as individuals are living out this mission.

As a council we are working at bringing our Church from maintenance to mission. We are learning more everyday together about pastoral leadership and deepening our faith together growing in discipleship. In our commitment we are creating a 'Sunday Experience' for our parishioners, focusing on 3 M's-Music, Ministry, and Message.

I am always amazed by our PPC members, parishioners serving in ministry, and our staff for their incredible works. I feel truly blessed to be part of such an amazing leadership team and Parish Family here at St. John the Baptist. Our Parish Pastoral Council continually prays for our entire Parish Family. In turn I ask that you too, please pray for all of us in leadership and ministry, that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit, leaning on Him in our times of need and offering our praise and thanksgiving for the beautiful gifts He bestows upon us.

Blessings,

Maureen Daoust- SJB Pastoral Council Chairperson





# A Message From Father Antony

The Grace of God poured abundantly into our Parish Family in 2022 which we are grateful to God the Father Almighty. So many of our Parish Members joined in Parish Ministry and so many families extended generously their God given treasure to the Parish, the Body of Christ, tremendous work of Ministry to Unity, Oneness of Joy and Love. Our liturgical celebrations and other evangelization activities were very much appreciated by everyone, and we were a testimony for visitors and around the world through the December Newsletter from Divine Renovation. This all happened because of our Parish Pastoral Council, Leadership Team, Finance Council, Staffs and awesome Volunteer Ministers committed to fulfilling the Parish Priorities in such a way that they are filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and moving on with Spirit driven power.

As we continue our Synodality journey with the entire Church in preparation for the Council on Synodality in October 2023, we are focused on walking together with all in the Community to make the Kingdom of God a real one for everyone. We are a growing Faith Family and let us continue our Journey of Faith, listening to the Voice of the Lord, encouraged by the Teachings of the Church, and strengthened by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. To ensure that we are moving in the right direction of leading the community to the fullness of Gospel Life this coming year, let us follow our call to be true servants of Christ.

Father Amado Canaverall joined our ministry team in August. His assistance has been welcomed in our mission parishes of Torquay and Bienfait as well as in our senior care homes. His welcoming smile and compassion are a great gift to our parish family.

I personally appreciate and thank Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, Finance Council, our wonderful Staff Team, and those involved in shepherding the Community. Also, I am very grateful to those who have generously shared their treasure for raising our Parish Family. May God Bless Us from His generosity as we follow Him: The Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Wishing You All The Very Best in 2023-24!

A Humble Servant of St. John the Baptist  
Fr. Sathi Antony, Pastor, Estevan.



# Personnel Committee

It is hard to believe that yet another year has gone by! We were grateful that 2022 saw a return to “normal” however, change is still always inevitable and the last year was no exception.

After years of dedicated service, Office Administrator Karla Woloshin bid farewell to St. John the Baptist at the end of January, 2023. We wish her well in her future endeavours! In filling this position, we welcomed a familiar face – Jocelyn Hall, our current Music Director. She will be working Monday to Friday from 9am to 12pm. To cover the afternoon shift from 12pm to 3pm, Father reached out to various Parishioners to fill in on a volunteer basis.

A big welcome and thank you to the following:

Monday: Lynnwood Cundall

Tuesday: Colinda Doerr

Wednesday: Yvette Yuzak

Thursday: Anita LeNouail

Friday: Dan and Bev Jenish

Please stop by the Parish Office to say “Hi!” to our new staffers. Randy Franke has also stepped aside from his position as Facilities Manager and we thank our caretaker, Sigfredo Gonzalez, for now assuming most of these duties, including caring for the St. John the Baptist Community Centre and grounds.

We thank all staff for their continued hard work and dedication to our Parish as we are truly blessed with their time, talents and treasure!

James Trobert, Chair

Personnel Committee



# Liturgy

The goal of the Liturgy Committee is to make our celebrations as beautiful and meaningful as they can be for our congregation. To that end we try to get as many people to participate in the ministries as possible. We have people in charge of music, education of the ministers, sound technicians, children's liturgy, altar servers, adoration, decorating and scheduling. As you read this we will be working on the preparation for Easter week. Easter and Christmas are the two major periods we need to prepare for. We recently finished the Christmas celebrations and we were pleased with the number of people who attended our celebrations which took place with beautiful services carried out in a beautifully decorated environment. We received many comments on these celebrations especially from visitors. Although we have a lot of ministers we are always in need of more. Sound technicians are very few and this is our biggest need. We can always use more hospitality hosts, children's liturgy teachers, lectors, Holy Communion ministers and Precious Blood ministers. Last fall we had a Ministry Workshop which was led by Father Ron Andree and it was very interesting and constructive. If you are interested in finding out more about any of these ministries please contact me or any of the members of the committee. Even if you do not want to commit yet, finding out about them may be valuable for you. The more ministers we have the easier it is for all of us.

Thanks to all members of my committee  
Gary St. Onge, Coordinator



# Fellowship

It was a year filled with joy of faith at seeing our Parish Family members return to Holy Mass and renew friendships. Parishioners and guests were excited to be sharing, connecting, and celebrating God's work with each other. This ministry is complimented by the hard work of many volunteers and generosity of supporters which contributed to:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Estevan Ministerial Association Lenten Soup Lunch
- Easter Vigil Reception
- Archbishop Don Bolen Appreciation Supper
- Pentecost Celebration Brunch
- Mass on the Grass/Parish Picnic
- Christ the King Brunch
- All Souls Day Reception
- Synod Consultations
- Name Tag Weekends



The monthly Jam Session, "Music with Friends", celebrated its first anniversary in December. This unique gathering has gained popularity in our parish and our surrounding communities. Both the young and "the more mature" parishioners and visitors are treated to music, food, and fellowship. Our Parish Hall is filled with smiles, visiting, song, and dance. Attendance has surpassed our expectations. A huge thank you to Yvette and Don Yuzak on this committee who may love music and dance even more than we do – if that is possible!



**... I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43.1)**

**"My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music." (Psalm 57:7)**

The Fellowship Committee acknowledges all of the support from Parish Pastoral Council. We are grateful for the guidance and leadership given to us in this ministry. We pray that the Fellowship Ministry at St. John the Baptist continues to build a community of faith and love.

A young boy asked his father, "Dad, what is the size of God?" The father looked up at the sky and saw a plane and asked his son, "What is the size of this plane?" The boy replied, "It is very small. I can hardly see it." Then the father took him to the airport and as they approached a plane, he asked, "Now, my son, how big is this plane?" The boy replied, "Wow, dad, it's huge!"

Then the father told him, "God's size depends on how close or far you are to him. The closer you are to him, the greater and greater he will be in your life!"

Dave and Anita Kjersem  
Fellowship Committee Chairperson



# Pastoral Assistant Report



This year I witnessed amazing growth in our Parish. As I was reflecting on the year for this report, I have to say I am so proud of all our ministers, councils, and committees. Our Parish Family has come so far, and I receive many comments from our parishioners about how they feel so welcomed and cared for when they come through our door. There is nothing better in my ministry than when I watch a parishioner begin by participating in the Holy Mass, then move into a ministry and become a leader.

We have many opportunities for expressing our faith, which include first and foremost the liturgies we celebrate, the special Holy Masses throughout the liturgical year, our Advent, Christmas, Lenten, and Easter celebrations, Mass on the Grass and our All Saints and All Soul's Holy Masses. Everyone comes together to give our Parish Family the best experience of Holy Mass.

Thank you to our Liturgy Committee, the Adoration Team, all our ministers, the Decorating Committee, the Hospitality Committee, our Music Ministry, Fellowship Committee, the CWL, K of C and our Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council. With all these people united in praising and worshipping God in the best way, it is a true joy to be a small part of our mission.

I am blessed in my ministry to take part in the faith journey of our families as they prepare and celebrate the sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Eucharist, First Reconciliation, and Marriage. Each class, each family, each celebration brings me hope, joy, and greater faith.

I am also blessed to be there for our families who are experiencing illness and loss. Our Resurrection Mass Team is amazing. From anointing people in their last days, surrounding the family with prayer during their grief, leading the Vigil, celebrating a beautiful, loving Resurrection Mass, taking our time at the internment and providing a time of fellowship at the lunch, the family is supported throughout the journey. Thank you to our Resurrection Mass Team. You will be blessed abundantly as you care for our funeral families.

Our mission, in short, is to be disciples of Christ, experiencing a lifelong conversion. Our Bible Study Team takes this mission to heart by providing faithful, thought provoking, educational, faith building Bible Studies each fall and each season of Lent. I have had the pleasure of watching these leaders in our Parish Family grow and share their faith with others. And I thank our participants for their knowledge, questions and openness in the discussions. This is one of my favorite parts of my ministry.

As I look forward to and plan for the upcoming years, I pray that we never cease to grow as a Parish Family, that God continues to bless us, that we be an example for other parishes in our Diocese and that we share our many gifts with all.

I also want to express a special thank you to Father Antony. Everyday he inspires me, challenges me, shares his knowledge and wisdom, and encourages me. I am thankful for his mentorship and his commitment to growth with not only me, but our whole staff team.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Wheeler

# Knights of Columbus



First we would like to welcome Father Adamo to our Parish. This year Brother Knights helped with setting up and dismantling the outdoor and indoor decorations for the Christmas and Advent seasons. We were also actively involved in the ministries for the Christmas Masses.

Brother Knights were involved in our traditional burning of the palms and the Shrove Tuesday Supper along with the Ash Wednesday Mass.

One highlight for our council was the ushering of Archbishop Don from Lampman to Estevan for Confirmation. Archbishop Don thanked the Knights on Bikes and said it reminded him of the escort he participated in when he was in Rome at the Vatican.

The Knights continued their roles in the The Christ the King Brunch, answering phones for United Way Telethon, monthly K of C Church ministries, Salvation Army kettle ringing and the Angel Tree drive. The Knights also provided 30 Christmas hampers for needy families in Estevan. We have donated to many community groups and events. We continue to support Kenosee Boys and Girls Camp, the Estevan and Area Music Festival, Prolife, etc.

We again served at the Annual Christmas Dinner meal for the residents and their families of Creighton Lodge. This was the first year that Father Antony was able to participate. We all had a great time.

The most memorable and important thing we did this year was to spearhead the re-acquisition of the St. John's Community Center property. The brotherhood recognized the importance of the building and property as an asset to our Parish not only today but for the future growth of the parish. We are committed to this project and will continue to fundraise and develop plans that best support the future growth of our Parish Family.

We are also proud to announce that we will be hosting the K of C Annual Charity appeal Draw supper and Dance in November of this year. The John Brothers (also brother Knights) will be providing the music through the evening. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There are many small things that are not seen that our brothers do in the parish and community and it is difficult to list them all, but I would like to thank them all for their service to God, family and community. We are so blessed.

I would like to challenge all men of our parish to stand up, join the Knights and help be the role models and the foundation of our church. The more we join and work together the stronger our parish will be for today and the future.

God has blessed me with all of you so may God bless you all.

Sheldon Spilchuk  
Grand Knight

# SYNOD 2022 - A Listening Church

As the process of preparing for the Synod gathering of the World Church continues, the Synod team participated in online discussions and were part of a consultation regarding our Archdiocese key messages that we would like to share with the representative group. The information we gathered through our own consultations and online surveys have resulted in a concerted effort to provide the best Holy Mass experience for all who worship at St. John the Baptist Parish through our music and hospitality ministries. Another key request was consistent children's programming. Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at our 10 am. Holy Mass. Together we can be the Church that we are called to be. We need only to listen and be companions as we journey together.



# Hospitality

Our celebration of the Mass starts at the doors of the church. Everyone is welcome and at home. Remember the last time you visited a new Church? Ask yourself what would have made it the best possible experience.

Hospitality is personal because it is about people.

We have increased in hospitality ministers and we are so grateful for the sharing of time, talent and treasure. We are building disciples equipped to spread and share God's love. With every event the parish hosts you will see the smiles and hear greetings from the hospitality team.

We will continue to devote the first Saturday/Sunday of every month to Name Tag Weekend, especially for the new parishioners, but also for those of us who are still getting to know each other on a first name basis.

The youth at St Mary's has joined the ministry and we are so excited to see the students participate. The joy they extend is so real. Even the children are very generous with their talent.

We have had many positive comments regarding the hospitality ministry. Having the ministers at the doors of the Church to help with the elevators, offer a steady hand or give a warm hug has many great comments.

In hosting the Interdenominational Christmas Service the guests that enjoyed the evening commented on the inviting warmth they felt as they entered the church .

I have noticed the eagerness the ministers are showing in fulfilling all that is called of them. I have also noticed the eagerness the parishioners are showing in taking the gifts to the altar.

Clayton and Colleen Harkins  
Hospitality Chairpersons



Pope Francis said "home is a place of hospitality, a dwelling, a pleasant environment where one stays readily, finds oneself, feels inserted into a territory, a community."

We are a Parish Family, the church is you and is your home. It is where you find love, warmth and affection.

# Priorities 2022 in Action





# Stewardship

A ministry Workshop was held on Saturday, November 19th . All ministers and anyone discerning to join a ministry were invited to attend. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the liturgy and how we can serve in various ministries. We were blessed to have Father Ron Andree, the Archdiocesan Director of Liturgy, facilitating the workshop. Thanks to all who participated.

Sharing God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure: St. John the Baptist Parish ministries, and those who serve in them, are always evolving and changing.

We encourage all members of our parish, to prayerfully consider offering your special time and talents to serve in a ministry or become involved a committee. A sincere thank you to all who offer their time and talents to our parish!



A big thank you to all who shared their treasure and donated over the past year for the maintenance and upkeep of our church, to support the many ministries, liturgical celebrations, and special events.

We are truly blessed by your generosity! Did you know you can set up your weekly or monthly offerings through an Automatic Funds Transfer? It is convenient and it ensures you will be consistently contributing to the parish. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Stewardship is about our response to God's invitation to discipleship. Please contact me if you are interested in serving or if you are just curious about a particular ministry or committee. Thank you so much!

Dawn Hengen





# Pastoral Care Ministry

St. John the Baptist Parish provides Pastoral Care Ministry to our Parish Family through home communion ministry, call ministry and senior care home ministry. Our team has grown to 20 ministers who serve in a variety of ways. Our home communion ministry is offered to those who are unable to come to Holy Mass due to illness or physical limitations as well as the elderly who find Mass attendance difficult. This ministry is truly a special gift to be part of.

The chapel at St. Joseph's Hospital has returned to weekly Mass as well as communion ministry available daily. The hospital Spiritual Care Coordinator, Beckey Franke, has been a welcome addition to our team. We are also grateful to our Music Ministry there as well as our ministry team who prepare the altar and assist with the needs of our long term parishioners during Mass. Addictions Program participants are welcome members of our community, attending our Masses. We strive to offer any assistance they may need through prayer and providing bibles, rosaries and other supports. We are committed to helping to support the spiritual needs of all who work, live and receive care there.

Our senior care ministry is provided by ministry teams in the three facilities in our community. Creighton Lodge and Hillview Manor each have a weekly communion service offered with 20-25 parishioners attending each week. Holy Mass is celebrated at each care home once a month. Members of our Parish Family who live at the Estevan Regional Nursing Home receive communion weekly as well. Our Pastoral Care ministry participants receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick twice a year as part of our Advent and Lenten seasons. We are working to expand our ministry in these facilities to include other opportunities for prayer.

We have added an outreach component to our Pastoral Care ministry this year. We are visiting a senior care facility in the community of Midale twice a month offering communion and a visit to the residents there. We have been blessed with new friendships and treasure our new friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Van De Woestyne  
Pastoral Care Coordinator



# Catholic Women's League



The Catholic Women's League membership for 2022 was recorded as 100. As noted last year, we have two centenarian members Blanche Keating and Marie Dubreuil.

Our members were in charge of all ministries, for the Holy Mass, for one Sunday during the months of February, April and June. Many of our members take part every Sunday in the Mass ministries and well as Pastoral ministries.

Members lead the rosary during May and October, and in Lent we lead the Stations of the Cross. Many take part in the Bible Studies in the spring and fall. There were members who also led and took part in the Synod discussions.

The CWL hosted the Name Tag Sunday April 30/May 1 with a presentation of the roles of the CWL in our Parish, presented by Gail Dodds. In November we held an Advent retreat lead by Connie Wheeler and Brenda Keating, that was much appreciated. We hope to hold this during Lent as well as next Advent.

The CWL sanitized pews for weddings and funerals, as well as helping with the weekend services. Our council provided the refreshments for parish functions for the year. The league spearheads the serving of lunches for funerals, along with the help of other women in the parish. (We are in need for volunteers from the Parish to help with the funerals to keep the cost to a minimum). Our members met three times to make pies to be served at the Annual Parish Picnic.

Many apples were donated, so extra pies were made and sold. The proceeds from these sales will be used to send members to conventions. 2022 Scholarship recipients of \$1,000.00 each were Garrett Schwab and Keira Phillips. Estevan & Area District Music Festival awards were given for a total of \$350.00.

Many birthday, wedding anniversary, get well and sympathy cards were sent out.

Masses were said for ill and deceased members. Our council recognized 60 years of Health Care in Saskatchewan in July. Our members participated in the World Day of Prayer in March, organized by St. Paul's United Church. Many of our members are Pro Life members and our council purchases a membership.

The Regina Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members, was held virtually April 30, 2022 with a few taking part. The "Joy of Leadership" was presented by Diocesan President, Janette Reiger, in October with Provincial President, Connie Crichton, talking about the highlights of the National Annual Meeting of Members. Estevan Regional councils attended this presentation. A CWL Policy and Procedure manual for the Estevan Council is being developed. In March, Letters of Appreciation were sent to all our membership, as we weathered the storm of Covid 19 pandemic. Our 50/50 lottery was very successful again this year. The \$5,000.00 prize winner was Britt Gedak. Thank you to all our parishioners for supporting us in this endeavor. Our council enjoyed a potluck supper in June, fun night with a class on painting wine glasses in September and a Christmas supper in December with entertainment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Keating, CWL President

# St. John's Community Center Re-Acquisiton

St. John the Baptist Community Center was reacquired by the Parish in August of 2022 . This eliminated a legally binding agreement between St. John the Baptist Parish and the purchaser of St. John School that included shared use of the Church's current parking area south of the school. A bid was successful, the donors purchased the school and donated it to the Church. It was acquired at a price which equals approximately 1/3 of the value we originally sold it for, The legally binding agreement attached to St. John School has been removed. The building was winterized and left in a safe, dormant state until a suitable plan is put into place.

Efforts to fundraise are planned for the upcoming year to support the next steps of determining how the building will be used in the future and recoup some of the purchase price.

We understand that this is a big undertaking and will involve a lot of time, money, and work but there has been a lot of optimism and enthusiasm for this project and for the future of St. John the Baptist Parish. There is undoubtedly some skepticism and caution when initiating a project of this magnitude however nothing is impossible with the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit!





# Special Thanks to PPC Members

We would like to acknowledge two members of our council who are retiring from their positions as Social Justice Chairpersons:  
Conrad and Kandyce Mieli.

We would like to thank these parishioners who have been so dedicated to meeting the needs of our Parish Family over the years. We know that you will continue to minister in other meaningful ways within our parish community.

With grateful hearts we pray for health and happiness for you all!

# Welcome to New PPC Members

Dante and Mary Ann Pangan - Social Justice



# 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

- 1 Welcoming, Opening Prayer, and Remarks - Maureen Daoust
2. Call to Order by Maureen Daoust, Chairperson at 11:32 am
3. Introduction of Pastoral and Financial Council Members- Maureen Daoust, Chairperson
4. Approval of the Agenda: motion made by Kim Skjonsby, second Gail Dodds, carried
5. Approval of the 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes -motion made by Gary St. Onge, Second by JoAnne Schoff,carried
6. Old Business arising from the 2021 annual report:
7. **Adoption of Committee Reports (as circulated)**: Dawn Hengen, Sheldon Spilchuk

## ii)**Pastoral Council**

- a) Liturgy -Gary St. Onge
  - b) Fellowship - Dave and Anita Kjersem
  - c) Faith Formation and Evangelization
  - d) Social Justice
  - e) Stewardship - Dawn Hengen
  - f) Hospitality - Clayton and Colleen Harkins
  - g) Ecumenism - Connie Wheeler
  - h) Personnel - James Trobert
  - i) Catholic Schools
  - j) Knights of Columbus -Sheldon Spilchuk
  - k) Catholic Women's League- Brenda Keating
  - l) Deanery Pastoral Council- Larry Johnstone
- \*\*Additional Reports Submitted
- Pastoral Care- Gwen Van De Woestyne
- Pastoral Assistant - Connie Wheeler

## ii)**Finance Council**

- a) Finance
- b) Building and Grounds- Facility Manager Report

### Discussion in regards to the committee reports:

Questions arose regarding the maintenance of the church- Randy is currently overseeing the maintenance of the church with Sigfredo and Joseph responsible for the cleaning and grounds maintenance.

Church insurance policy - the churches in the Archdiocese are all part of a pastoral plan that is negotiated for the group. The policy price is for all of the Archdiocese's parishes.

Financial Contributions- discussion regarding the need for consistent contributions followed with the consensus that with investment in ministries and new ministers this would lead to more attendance and an increase in contributions

# 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

## 8. New Business:

- Parish priorities 2022

Liturgy priorities - Great thanks to Connies for the organization of the mass ministries.

- Music ministry is being developed with a children's choir planned

- ministry workshops will be held in the upcoming months

- Children's liturgy and altar servers will return the coming months

Fellowship Priorities - Free will offering will be added to the Make Music With Friends gatherings

- The committee will track the events to see when they attend - this will help us plan for events that have lower attendance

Hospitality priorities- This ministry is always looking for more ministers. Contact Colleen if you are interested

Stewardship Priorities - Everyone is encouraged to actively invite others to find ministry that works for them.

Dawn is adding information to the website regarding the different ways that parishioners can serve. There are always opportunities to be part of individual events or activities.

Ecumenism Priorities- The ministerial group in the city has met as a group and is working towards making plans for our community. We have a covenant agreement with the Anglican and Trinity Lutheran congregations. We welcome the Anglican church on a regular basis. We will be sharing our Easter Vigil with our Anglican brothers and sisters this year.

Knights of Columbus Priorities - The Knights are working to update their contact list including email addresses. They have added a parish website link. There have been efforts to build school connections in the coming year.

Catholic Women's League -The funeral lunch ministry has expanded to include all women and men in the parish. Everyone is welcome to support this ministry. There is always a need for baking, servers, phone committee and cleaning team members.

- Synod 2021-2023 -The Synod committee offered listening sessions through December and January with the schools participating in an online survey for both teachers and students. The data will be forwarded to the Archdiocese once it is compiled into one document. The invitation to be a listening church is still very much a priority for the Archdiocese moving forward. We need to actively engage in asking and communicating the needs of the parish.

## 9. Closing Remarks: Father Antony

## 10. Closing Prayer: Father Antony

# Finance Report

2022 was a financially challenging year for SJB with substantial increases to utility and insurance costs. The 2023 Budget reflects some areas that needed to be reduced in order to offset the increases in these expenses. Although some cuts were necessary the focus of 2023 will be to encourage all parishioners to increase their time, talent and treasure contributions to ensure we are able to continue to serve the needs of our parish and community.

SJB is organizing a Spring fundraiser on April 15, 2023, featuring a catered meal from A Little Taste of Heaven and a comedy/ventriloquist performance from Doug Arden. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a Parish, enjoy fellowship, be entertained while raising money for St. John Community Centre. To purchase tickets or to sign up to volunteer for the event you can contact Cindy at the parish office or Kim and Dana Skjonsby.

We are always so grateful for the generosity of our parish family for their continued sharing of their treasures. Our parish family has stepped forward to assist us financially so that our parish community can not only survive but thrive as we work to build the Kingdom of God at St. John the Baptist Parish.

**St John The Baptist Parish**  
**Statement of Operations and Net Assets**  
**Year Ending December 31st 2022**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>	<b>2022 Actual</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>
Regular Collections	\$450,000.00	\$491,615.92	\$495,000.00
Bishop's Appeal Rebate	\$1,000.00	\$602.00	\$0.00
Church/Hall Rent	\$0.00	\$1,505.00	\$1,500.00
Land Rent/Surface Lease	\$10,000.00	\$11,200.00	\$11,200.00
Mission Support	\$17,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$31,200.00
Gov't Subsidy	\$0.00	\$5,049.20	\$0.00
Interest	\$1,500.00	\$1,188.78	\$1,100.00
Bulletin Sponsorship	\$5,000.00	\$9,525.00	\$6,000.00
Miscellaneous -Schedule 1	\$11,000.00	\$7,685.16	\$7,600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$495,500.00</b>	<b>\$542,371.06</b>	<b>\$553,600.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$225,000.00	\$261,255.55	\$265,000.00
Priest's Retirement Fund	\$20,000.00	\$20,460.36	\$20,500.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$45,000.00	\$42,235.40	\$45,000.00
Insurance	\$37,888.52	\$28,416.39	\$40,575.00
Honorariums	\$8,000.00	\$12,760.00	\$750.00
Mileage	\$6,000.00	\$4,990.21	\$4,000.00
Bldgs & Grds - Operations	\$25,000.00	\$25,088.86	\$24,800.00
Stewardship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Parish Pastoral Council	\$2,500.00	\$369.62	\$2,500.00
Liturgy	\$18,680.00	\$22,673.17	\$20,000.00
Communications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Ministry Education & Conf.	\$7,000.00	\$1,585.43	\$7,000.00
Parish Vision & Mission	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith & Evangelization	\$2,700.00	\$3,464.08	\$2,500.00
PPC Hospitality & Appreciat	\$8,000.00	\$5,268.65	\$4,500.00
Pastoral Care	\$2,100.00	\$555.93	\$2,100.00
Fellowship Committee	\$4,500.00	-\$93.44	\$3,500.00
Pastoral Ministry	\$2,000.00	-\$460.49	\$2,000.00
Social Justice-Needy Assist.	\$300.00	\$1,192.00	\$300.00
Estevan Deanery	\$750.00	\$140.17	\$500.00
Office Expenses/Cleaning	\$18,000.00	\$23,220.89	\$15,100.00
Rectory Expenses/Cleaning	\$8,000.00	\$10,589.11	\$5,000.00
Church Maintenance/Expense:	\$25,000.00	\$27,608.15	\$28,000.00
Utilities	\$35,000.00	\$43,227.35	\$44,000.00
Taxes	\$3,000.00	\$2,947.14	\$3,000.00
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$9.23	\$15.00
Accounting & Lawyer Fees	\$1,500.00	\$2,076.22	\$1,600.00
Assets Purchased	\$0.00	\$2,181.16	\$0.00
Subscriptions	\$4,000.00	\$4,298.46	\$4,300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$510,318.52</b>	<b>\$546,059.60</b>	<b>\$549,290.00</b>
<b>Net Assets at Year End</b>	<b>-\$14,818.52</b>	<b>-\$3,688.54</b>	<b>\$4,310.00</b>

## St John The Baptist Parish

### Schedule 1

#### Miscellaneous

Initial Offering	\$690.00
Assets Sold	\$0.00
Coffee Fund	\$0.00
Flowers	-\$2,837.28
Genealogy	\$0.00
Co-op Equity	\$42.48
GST Rebate	\$4,302.56
Votive Candle	\$4,883.76
Missal Sales	\$603.64
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$7,685.16</u></b>

#### Assets as of December 31st 2022

Affinity CU: Current	\$82,053.59
Affinity CU : Building Fund	\$99,671.96
IPSF: Savings	\$18,711.20
IPSF: Youth Bequest	\$71,439.95
U.S. Bank Account	\$0.54
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$271,877.24</u></b>

#### Diocesan Collections

Archbishop's Appeal	\$43,573.00
Diocesan Collections	\$7,250.00
TRC Healing Response	\$900.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$51,723.00</u></b>

#### Social Justice Committee

Hamper Fund 2022	\$3,815.99
Hamper Donations	\$2,620.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$6,435.99</u></b>

### Inter-Parochial Sharing Fund

Dec 31st 2021 Balance	\$58,095.50
Interest Accrued	\$1,188.78
Withdrawals	\$40,573.08
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$18,711.20</u></b>

#### Assets Purchased

Computer	\$2,181.16
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$2,181.16</u></b>

#### Building Fund

Dec. 31st 2022 Balance	\$74,566.96
Parishioner Contributions	\$22,410.00
Community Centre Contributions	\$39,670.00
<b>Expenses 2022</b>	
Bank Charges	-\$9.00
Expenses	-\$36,966.00
<b>Building Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$99,671.96</u></b>







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