

2017 End of Year Wish List

Parish Ministries

The Amazing Parish Conference, Dallas, April 2018. There is one member of the parish's Leadership Team who has not yet attended an Amazing Parish conference. *The Amazing Parish* is a multi-faceted resource for parish leaders to help them lead their parishes to become truly amazing centers of discipleship and evangelization. Nearly all of Fr. Skluzacek's Leadership Team have already attended the conference. The one remaining member can learn about the rich resources available to help lead our parish in *amazing* ways. Sponsorship: \$1,000. Frequent flyer points also welcome!

Built-In Video Projection in St. Joseph's Hall. This would serve our programs, ministries, special events, and Mass overflow. Ceiling-mounted projection systems are now standard in social halls such as ours. Help us catch up and better serve our needs! Estimated cost for system: \$2,500. Full package of 3 built-in projectors & screens with enhanced sound system integration: \$8,500.

Security Cameras in Church, Plaza and Youth Room. This is also now standard in public spaces, including churches. Security cameras will help us protect the investment we make in our beautiful spaces—our art, our sacred space, and the common areas vital to our ministries. Estimated cost: \$3,000.

Outdoor Marquee Sign(s). We are exploring the possibility of installing an outdoor electronic sign that is able to scroll messages about our parish and its Masses and events. \$20,000 estimated.

Capital Reserve Fund. Your gifts here support the many needs of maintaining and improving our building and its mechanical operations. If you like heat in the winter and AC in the summer and an attractive campus, your gifts here support our campus!

Debt Elimination. Give an extra gift this year to further our goal of eliminating our parish debt.

St. John the Baptist School Needs

Document cameras – 2 cameras needed, \$500 each. These cameras enable us to enlarge documents or book pages and project them onto a screen.

Classroom money kits – 2 needed, \$25 each. These kits facilitate the teaching of counting money.

Classroom rugs – 2 needed, \$125 each. These rugs help define the student sitting area in the classroom and accent a classroom's décor.

Standing desks – 3 needed, \$300 each. For student use, these standing desks provide an ergonomic alternative to sitting.

Tables – 6 needed, \$180 each. For classroom use, these tables will promote collaboration and enhance the learning environment.

Books for classroom and school library. Financial gifts of any size welcome toward a goal of \$1,500.

Preschool: Financial gifts of any amount for an Advent wreath, alphabots, numberbots, block sets, and books and other supplies.

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Office of Discipleship & Mission

New TVs & wall mounts in Parish Center meeting rooms. (5 rooms.) Presently only two of our meeting rooms have mounted TVs and VCR/DVD players, and after 17 years, they simply don't work anymore. \$750 per room will allow us to install new, flat screen monitors and new Blu-Ray/DVD players that are Internet stream-capable. Donors may sponsor one or any number of rooms.

Portable microphone and speaker. This would enable our department to turn almost any space, indoors or out, into a functioning space to gather, speak and teach. \$175.

Cash gifts of any amount for: updated book and DVD selections for Sunday School and Family Formation; new Christian toys and puzzles for the Nursery and Sunday School; an Advent Wreath for Sunday School; Advent candles for a new large wreath for RCIA.

Office of Worship

Hearing Loop for the church nave. We are considering installing a "hearing loop" inside the nave of the church for anyone who has an existing hearing aid with a telecoil and/or for those whose hearing is compromised and would like to hear clearly by using a small earpiece. The loop is a wire connected to our church's sound system that transmits the sound electromagnetically, thus boosting a hearing aid's ability to receive the signal and for the listener to hear. Total project cost: \$25,000.

West side exterior lighting. St. John's recently received a grant to install new or improved lighting on the west side exterior of the church building. The large cross will be lit, as will the recessed sections of the west façade. Additional lighting enhancements include new downlights at the old entrance (\$750), new up- and down-lights at the skylights over the main entrance (\$1,500), new floodlights at the base of the bell tower (\$1,800), and new floodlights for the bells themselves (\$4,000).

Church sound system. Our current system is 17+ years old and needs either significant enhancement or replacement. A new system would meet our needs for many years to come. \$65,000.

Stripping & repair of church ceiling. Remove the discolored sound absorption spray and restore the ceiling to its original aesthetic. Doing this in conjunction with a new, well-tuned sound system would significantly enhance the interior of our worship space, and enrich the worship experience for our parishioners. Estimated cost: \$99,000.

Please note: costs listed above are estimates; actual costs may be more or less than the amount listed. Please know that any designated donations remaining after project completion will be re-designated to another purpose at the parish's discretion. Thank you!