

Church of St. John the Apostle

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CHRIST OUR LIGHT

Dear St. John's Parish Family,

On behalf of our Parish Staff, I wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season! In the past several months, as our church and our society slowly recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are truly hopeful for the future. I have been greatly encouraged seeing more and more people returning to weekly worship at St. John's and welcome over 100 new families that have registered in our parish family in the past year!

While the pandemic has caused an unprecedented interruption in our lives, it has also presented some amazing opportunities. As you may know, back in March 2020 when churches were shut down, we scrambled and pivoted toward Live Streaming of the Weekend Mass that reached out to parishioners as well as non-parishioners, in line with our Vision and Mission to **Go and Make Disciples** (Matthew 28:18). Though collections were understandably reduced, we managed to purchase and install the technology needed for Live Streaming, continued to make payments on our mortgage and maintained a balanced budget, all thanks to your generosity!

We are looking to complete new capital projects to support our Mission. **During the next year, we want to enhance both our in-person and streaming by taking advantage of newer technologies to improve the sound and lighting in the church. A list of these improvements will be posted at church and on our website.** Once these projects are completed, additional projects will be planned with remaining funds. Realize that capital projects often cannot be funded only from weekly collections. That is why we decided to run a Mini Capital Campaign "**Christ Our Light**" to fund these necessary capital improvements.

There is information on the other side of the page that details how each of us can make a sacrificial gift using the Suggested Gift Chart to the **Christ Our Light** Campaign. The Gift Chart shows pledges in a wide range of payments over the course of three months which will make it possible for many families to take part in the program and not commit to a long-term payment plan. Even if you are unable to make a financial gift, please return the envelope with an expression of your prayerful needs and support.

Time will be set aside during all Masses on the **weekend of November 20-21** for St. John's Parishioners to make your pledge. Please bring your response envelope, or be prepared to complete an envelope at Mass.

While I realize this is a time of great economic hardship, I humbly ask you to prayerfully consider committing to a financial gift for our parish projects. Any amount, however small, is most appreciated. If you are unable to give financially, know that I am grateful for your gift of presence in our community.

Thank you for reviewing the contents of this letter and for your prayerful consideration about how you can support our parish. Please know that you and your families remain in my daily prayers, and I humbly ask that I remain in yours.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Reichlen



Fr. Gregory A. Reichlen
Pastor

*Rejoice always, pray
constantly,
give thanks in all
circumstances;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.
I Thessalonians 5:16-18*



Three Easy Steps to Support Church of St. John the Apostle

Gift	3-Month Total
\$8,500/month	\$25,500
\$4,200/month	\$12,600
\$1,700/month	\$5,100
\$1,250/month	\$3,750
\$850/month	\$2,550
\$600/month	\$1,800
\$500/month	\$1,500
\$400/month	\$1,200
\$300/month	\$900
\$200/month	\$600
\$100/month	\$300
\$75/month	\$225
\$50/month	\$150

*God is our refuge
and our strength, an
ever-present help in
distress.*

Psalm 46:2

Please Pray!

We covet the prayers of all our parishioners, whether or not circumstances allow you to financially contribute!

1 Prayerfully Select a Monthly Gift for the Next Three Months

Place this appeal among those very important commitments you make.

2 Select Your Method of Payment

- A. Write a check and use the three envelopes monthly for the next three months. OR
- B. Go online to www.churchofstjohn.com and select "ways to give" then choose Christ Our Light campaign to give.

3 Invite Others to Participate!

Visit our website at www.churchofstjohn.com for current parish updates and more information. Please invite others to participate.

Let's move forward-together!

Consider other forms of giving such as stocks, bonds, IRAs or property, which may be directly transferred to the parish, resulting in a potential tax savings to you!



**Church of St. John
Christ Our Light Campaign
Proposed Capital Improvements**

1. Replace the two sound boards that are not sufficient, nor integrated to allow individual control to each of the microphones for both the sound system in the church and for streaming over the Internet.
2. Improve the ability of the Priest and Deacon to hear what is said from the pulpit when sitting in the presider's chairs.
3. Mitigate the echo in the church.
4. Remove the low-level hiss/hum heard while streaming.
5. Synchronize lip movements with the sound during streaming.
6. Protect the sound equipment in the cabinet with an adequate power supply that protects against power spikes.
7. Hardwire the video monitors to replace a wireless HDMI system that was a temporary solution used to drive the primary front monitor and the two additional monitors for larger gatherings in the Church.
8. Install new speakers in the rear of the Church to replace the four mid-range Bose speakers.
9. Improve the Church lighting to the sanctuary area and the music area.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office @ 570-223-9144.
Thank you for your support!