

## Highlights from St. John the Baptist Parish Council Meeting September 18, 2025

The Annual Parish Financial Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 prepared by accountant Amy Kernan was submitted to the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

### Facilities Updates:

- An auditorium committee meeting took place to discuss the future use of the auditorium/gym.
- Auditorium windows/curtains are scheduled to be replaced by November/December.
- Bathroom in auditorium to be enlarged including handicap accessibility and is out for bids.
- Confessional and Sacristy improvements have been tabled until further discussion with contractors.
- Work still ongoing in church choir.
- Proposed lights to illuminate the back of the altar.
- Proposed new church front doors.

**Fr. Joseph's 25-year Ordination Event:** Friday, October 3, 2025 has been set as the date for the celebration of Fr. Joseph's 25<sup>th</sup> year of his ordination. The event will include a 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist church followed by a reception in the auditorium. Slaps BBQ who will be catering the event.

### 125<sup>th</sup> Directory/Anniversary:

- The anniversary book is currently at the printers.
- Most everything is covered for the event, including the band and the food.
- Ornaments have been ordered and it has been proposed to charge \$20 per ornament.

### Auditorium:

- Discussed rental of the auditorium open to parishioners or parishioner sponsors.
- The rental money is submitted to the parish.
- With new windows and new paint, it was questioned if sports/practices should be allowed in the auditorium.
- Discussed: Charges for Deposit/Security/Insurance as well as time of use.

### Upcoming Mass Schedule:

- November 1 All Saints Day – No additional Masses. Since this falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted.
- November 2 All Souls Day – Sunday regular schedule.
- November 27 Thanksgiving – 8:30 Mass at St. John the Baptist
- December 8 Immaculate Conception: 8:00 a.m. Holy Family; 10:00 a.m. SJB
- December 24 Christmas Eve – 4:00 p.m. and Midnight St. John the Baptist
- December 25 Christmas Day – Holy Family Time: TBD

### Upcoming Events:

- Strudel sale – Weekend before Thanksgiving
- Club Pancake Breakfast October 5 after 9:00 Mass
- Strawberry Hill Altar Societies Golf Tournament October 6
- Turkey raffle tickets to raise money for grade school/high school/college student scholarships.