Pastor's Corner

Grand Annual Letter 2026

May God's Blessings and favors fall upon every person and family who choose to call Saint John the Evangelist Parish your spiritual home and your place of growth in faith and practice as a grateful and practicing Catholic. I write this letter with gratitude and in hope as the intercession of Saint John the Gospel writer continues to call us in faith hope and love as we walk with goodness in this life and toward unity with Christ in the next. The purpose of this letter is to urge you and our community and neighbors to give generously to the Grand Annual Collection taken up for the good and growth of our venerable parish over the course of the coming years. St. John has many needs to be satisfied by your generosity with this Collection, both physical and spiritual and it is my happy responsibility to oversee such satisfaction as we go forward together.

Among the needs both physical and plant based are the replacement of the lighting in the church, the care of the windows both stained glassed and other, and the ordinary and regular payment of bills which accrue from snow removal, heating and air conditioning expenditure including oil and gas payments, regular maintenance, the payment of salaries and other to those who work to maintain and improve our buildings and grounds.

Among the needs of our faith life and growth include the payment of salaries, insurance premiums, living expense to our priests, the offerings made to retreat and other speaker, and the heavy burden of the payment of costs for liturgical supplies musical needs and payments to singers and organists.

Among the needs of our staff maintenance and growth includes weekly hourly wages, overtime, and professional development of staff, maintenance people and vendors who provide both expected and unexpected relief from burdens. Please refer to the Profit and Loss statement as well as Budget versus Actual statement to identify specific costs and expenditures.

My almost nine years of serving you in the Name of Jesus is something for which I am grateful and hopeful. As we go forward, I look forward to our growth in faith and numbers Such is possible as we have seen for quite some time now. My homilies are well received and have motivated both young and not so to come and to come back to Jesus and Church. The Eucharist is available to many who have varied schedules and varied cultural background. We have seen growth both in generosity and in practice of our community faithful friends. So,we ask as we have before and expect satisfaction as we have seen before. Our goal for this year's Grand Annual is $100,000 and we will ask each individual and or family to consider a gift of $1,000. Some will have difficulty making such a gift, others will not and can give much more. Each is asked to give not only according to means but with goodness and grace.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of a gift. Alone we will fail but with the strong effort of our common strength and bond we will succeed!

God Bless, Fr. Joe