## Paul Gagel, Business Manager, Letter of Retirement

Dear Parishioners,

After nearly 50 years of doing St. John books and 20 years of doing cluster books I will be retiring on May 5, 2023. Little did I know when Fr. Greg Moorman called me in August of 1973 to be the business manager of St. John's that it would last as long as it did. It certainly has been a pleasure to work with many of the pastors, the finance committee and many other colleagues. I will miss the camaraderie. I am proud of our current financial position and remember times when we had to hold paychecks till enough funds were available. It says much to the kind generosity of our parishioners. It is difficult to say goodbye, however there comes a time when it's best to turn it over to younger minds and fade into the sunset. Thanks for having me. Paul Gagel

## Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of all the parishioners and staff of St. John the Baptist Parish and the Marion Catholic Community, I would like to offer words of thanks and deep gratitude for the gift of ministry and service Paul Gagel has provided these last 50 years. His knowledge and experience, commitment, dedication, persistence and witness of faith have been blessings for our parish community and clearly demonstrate the love and concern that has motivated him throughout these many years.

Paul has helped our parish and cluster transition through many situations over the years and always becoming better and stronger. We are grateful for his willingness to help in this next transition as well. We will take time to review the St. John Business Manager position in light of the NW8 Family of Parishes and the staffing that will best help us serve the needs of St. John's and our NW8 family of parishes.

Personally, I am grateful for Paul's assistance as I transition into my role as pastor of NW8 and our ability to work together with the members of the Finance Commission. I am also grateful for all the extra things Paul has done to help all of us further the mission of Jesus Christ in our parishes

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Ken Schnipke, C.PP.S., Pastor