

“Grinding it out ... trying to make a difference ... IT’S WHAT WE DO!!

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Mid-to-late September ... looking to October ... 2018

Dear Friends ...

I’m probably not unlike many of you (even tho’ I can only speak for myself) ----- I have those moments when I “wonder” and I “wander.” I wonder about lots of “stuff” ----- the job I’m doing at church ... what I do or don’t do for my family ... the way I handle myself, when things don’t go as I expect. I have my share of doubts and uncertainties ... insecurities that many people don’t see ... but they are there!!

I wander, too. Maybe “wander” off course for a while ... where it’s easy to lose one’s sense of direction ... maybe some of the self-confidence you ordinarily have ... it can get a tad wrinkled.

It’s life.

It’s being human.

It’s knowing my journey or anyone’s journey is no more important or more sacred than the person next me. Yes, we are in this together ... always!

Sunday, September 9. A group of developmentally disabled adults ... forming the St. Coletta’s choir ... they grace us with their presence ... and our adult choir joins them. Their song ---- “The Joy of the Lord” ... they fill our sanctuary with “the joy of the Lord.” One of their administrators comes forward and speaks to us ... thanking all of you for the SPIRIT OF INCLUSIVENESS, defining our church.

“The love bucket” on this day is for a family ----- 3 young boys, whose parents have both died.

At the end of the day ... the “bucket” is full of love, and almost \$2000!@!!

When I leave the building after the 2nd service ... I feel like I’m “walkin’ on air”!! being reminded once again why we are here. Being an “oasis” ---- where God’s spirit and our spirit come together ... giving us the strength and courage to face whatever our journey has in store. Knowing God shares our “wanderings” and our “wonderings.” Yes ---- we do make a difference. One moment ... one person ... one Sunday at a time. (And Thursday nite, too@!!)

I’m sure these newsletters get to be “old hat.” But for me ----- it’s an opportunity to share with you what’s on my mind and in my heart. I do wish more of you would be here on Sunday morning or Thursday night. We send our newsletter to 400 families ... and yet we sometimes struggle to get 200 folks here for worship. All I know is this ... and I don’t know much!@!! ----- we need all of you. From St. Coletta’s to a family in need ... to each of you, for those times when you need “the humble temple” to be there ----- we have a lot at stake. We are open ... we are inclusive ... a lot of folks depend on us ----- but it doesn’t just happen. We need your support. And when you can ... we’d love to have you here.

And ... if you can’t get here ... maybe “the church” can come to you.

With love and peace ...

Don

**OUR FALL SCHEDULE IS IN FULL SWING ... WITH WORSHIP AT 8:30 AND 11:00 adult choir,
Sunday School, and youth group breakfast club between services.
REMEMBER, TOO ... WORSHIP every Thursday evening, 7:30. We share the Lord’s Supper ... many stay afterwards for a cup of coffee and a glass of wine. It’s all about love!!**

OUTREACH BINGO THIS FRIDAY ... SEPTEMBER 21

Doors open at 6:30 ... 1st call at 7:00. Great adult evening. If you have not signed up, but are coming ... give the office a call: 708-448-2939. Thanks.

OUR CONFIRMATION GRADUATES ARE BEING CONFIRMED THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 ...

this is part of our 11:00 service. It's a very brief ceremony and doesn't add much time to our service ... so, please come, support our kids, and share in the moment.

(Hard to believe ... the kids in my first confirmation class are getting close to 60 years old!!)

ANITA DELGAU AND SOME OF HER CO-WORKERS ... they are donating their time at Salon Davinci (179th and 94th Avenue) on Monday, September 24 ... 5:00 – 7:00 PM ... to give haircuts to our St. Coletta's friends.

We donate the pizza ... and even give the workers a fabulous All Saints t-shirt.

MANY OF YOU HAVE NOTICED THAT OUR CHURCH IS HAVING ALL OUR LIGHTING UPGRADED WITH LED LIGHTS AND FIXTURES ... INSIDE AND OUTSIDE.

The company we are working with – ECO LIGHTING SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY – is registered with ComEd. Our project costs about \$32,000 ... and ComEd has an incentive program covering about half the cost. Our exposure is approximately \$16,000. Yes, the lighting is different ... and some of you have mentioned to me that it's too bright in the sanctuary. The last couple weeks we have tried to "tone it down" a bit.

We are working on it. What's nice is that we will be much more energy efficient.

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?? ----- IT IS ALMOST "ALL SAINTS SUNDAY TIME."

November 4 is our anniversary ... capped-off with a 5:30 celebration at Silver Lake Country Club.

This year ... the council has decided to make this event a **"TRIBUTE TO MR. FIX-IT."**

Ed Steele died on Memorial Day weekend this year. Even if you didn't know him very well ... you know about him. Ed and his beautiful wife Annie are at the heart-and-soul of our humble temple.

As we pay tribute to him on All Saints Sunday ... in many ways, we will be paying tribute to what our church stands for. He represented our church with his laugh, his opinions, his openness, his unconditional spirit of loving and giving. It will be a spiritual and fun evening. Tickets will be available beginning

Sunday, September 30 ... so, mark your calendar. We miss you, buddy ... but your spirit is never-ending.

YOUTH GROUPERS 7TH THRU 12TH GRADERS

Our first major event of the fall is the **TEAM BUILDING EVENT AT IRONS OAKS ADVENTURE CENTER.**

October 7 ... leaving the late service a bit early.

We are only charging \$15 ... but, most of all ... we want you to come. We are doing our best to "jump start" and re-juvenate our youth ministry program ... with the help of some really caring and energetic sponsors.

HOW ABOUT THE POWER AND CONNECTION OF PRAYER

*We continue to stand by and pray for the Kaczor family. *Our veterans ... we played bingo, gave away \$1200 in singles, gave them new hats ... thanks to your generosity. God bless the Illinois Veterans' Home.

*Saying good-bye ... funerals this week for the families of: George Hoffman, Jan Peterson, and Keith Maynard.

*Debbie and Alan Facius' daughter Dawn is now engaged to Neal Wiedmann --- yes!! *Sharol and Bill Marciniak's nephew Brian is living with stage-3 cancer. *Ken and Diane Kozik's nephew Sam has just been diagnosed with cancer. *Amie DeBias Weber and her husband Allan have a new baby --- Dominic.

*"Welcome to Bill Colgan, visiting us from Hawaii ... and thanks for the wonderful gifts for the kids' sermon on Sunday: Kakui nuts ---- symbols of friendship and royalty!! *Star Culp (she moved away a while back) has been diagnosed with a form of muscular dystrophy ---- are prayers are with you from afar!!

Our prayer book is open every Sunday ... sorry for any omissions.