

“Did we miss the fall season???”
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Dear Friends ...

There was something SPECIAL “in the aire” this past Sunday. No ---- it wasn’t the preaching.
It was you.

It was our veterans.

Seeing the kids take the medals and presenting them to our vets ... with the music to “My Country
‘tis of Thee” in the background.

It’s seeing all of you come to the altar.

A couple of you for the very first time.

A new born, being held ... a couple of you with walkers ... a few tears, some smiles ---- all God’s children
receiving the gifts.

Each of us with a story. And somehow we all come together. Hopefully receiving a bit of strength ----
to move forward ... and face whatever the next moment or next day will bring.

We are just one church. One medium-sized “humble temple” ... in a world of so many people,
so many places of worship, people going in so many different directions.

After I locked everything up last Sunday ... and looked back at our building ... I re-discovered once
again what a difference we can make: one person, one moment at a time.

*We stand up for people who can’t do it all by themselves.

*We believe kindness and humility have power and make a difference.

*We believe that when we walk in the “footsteps and sandals” of a humble carpenter ...
our “little corner of the kingdom” becomes a bit better.

We need each of you ... your support, your prayers, your commitment to what we stand for.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving and celebrating Jesus’ birth ... I hope our church adds some
depth and spirituality to your holiday.

Most of all --- know that we are here for you and your family and friends.

With joy and love

Don

This is a season of prayer and hope ... praying keeps us connected.

*Wayne and Sandy Demkowicz --- their 8 month old grandson Becket died. They are in Cleveland with their
family. So sorry. *Cindi Johnson continues to re-hab at St. Joseph hospital in Joliet. She is recovering
from brain surgery. *Jim Fitzpatrick is in hospice care at his home. Our prayers are with you ... your wife
Jennifer ... and your daughters Paige and Grace. *Thanks for your generous outreach the Riley family ...
especially their kids Lucy and Winnie. *Sue McVicker continues her recovery at home --- from her stem

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cell and bone marrow transplant. We think of her husband Randy, too.

*Kieran Conway has battled cancer for several years ... and is such a good friend of our church.

He's has some good news ... his treatments are working. *We pray for the Schwieger family ... as they mourn Robert, Sr.'s death and the sudden death of Shannon's cousin's fiancé. *Jim and Carolyn Blaschek celebrate the birth of their daughter Avery. *Don Naughton is now at Providence Re-hab.

*Pat Johnson is home recovering from her accident. *Joe Catalano is having surgery on his hand this week.

*Joan Prinz continues her re-hab for her knee replacement.

There are many others who are not mentioned ... let's keep the prayer connection going.

****THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP, November 28, 10:00**

Followed by our dinner for St. Coletta's in Charter Hall. If you'd like to donate some food for the dinner ... you can sign-up on Sunday.

***DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS ... Saturday, November 30, 10:00.**

We appreciate your help ... as we get ready for the holiday.

YOU CAN PURCHASE A POINTSETTIA PLANT to help decorate our church ... those forms will be available Sunday. The plants are \$25.

OUR CHRISTMAS OUTREACH BEGINS SOON.

We provide gifts and food and some cash for about 15 local families, who are going through tough times ... and for 10 of the group homes from St. Coletta's. We will have the names of folks you can "adopt" in a week or so ... also, we welcome and need cash donations.

ADVENT SUPPERS ARE INFORMAL AND VERY WELCOMING.

We have three ... at 6:30 on Thursdays before worship: December 5, 12, and 19. Please rsvp when you come on Thursday or Sunday. You can bring a dish to share ... but you don't have to.

LOOKING AHEAD

*Sunday School Christmas program and story: Sunday, December 8, 4:00 in the sanctuary ... with a reception to follow in Charter Hall.

*Christmas Eve worship, Tuesday, December 24.

4:00 a family kid-friendly service of the Christmas spirit. And, yes ... candlelight will be included.

7:30 – 10:00 --- open house at the church, hosted by Don and Peggy.

10:00 Candlelight service (with Communion afterwards).

*Christmas Day ... worship at 10:00

Such is life in the "humble temple"

Do your best to "keep it simple" and "keep it spiritual" this crazy time of the year!!

****Our services are now "live-streamed." You can go to our web-site ---**

www.allsaintsjoy.com --- scroll down and go to SUBSCRIBE ... and there you can choose what you'd like to see. Of course ---- there's nothing like being here in person!@!!