

IT'S A FESTIVAL OF THE SPIRIT!!
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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30
Sunday School & Breakfast Club, 9:45 Adult Choir, 9:30

Worship at All Saints is a time of joy & quiet celebration.

*We hope your spirit is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy and disruptive, we ask you **please to respect** the quiet and dignity --- both of your neighbor and our worship experience. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our good-looking, moderately festive, and highly paid staff is always anxious to care for your "young ones." Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendant. Most of all ---- welcome to our humble temple ... the coffee of your dreams and other goodies await you after worship.*

welcome ... maybe an announcement or two

opening prayer

It was crowded ... lots of people ... lots of noise ... a bunch of folks I know are there ... But : I FEEL ALONE.

Do you ever get lonely, Lord?

It's like nobody is listening. All of us are talking --- about "us" ... about "me" ... and we're not listening to anyone else's "heart-song."

I'm sorry, Lord ... when I get like this.

So --- I just walked away. I escaped. I had all this "stuff" going on inside of me, but nowhere to dump it. Nowhere to share it.

I'm so glad I'm here this morning. The silence. The peace.

The goodness of the moment.

I need to listen more ----- to you, Lord ... to the stranger crossing my path ... to my spirit ... to my neighbor ... to my friend ...

to the twists & turns of peoples' journeys around me.

Thanks for being my friend.

Thanks for being my Lord.
Thanks just for being ... for listening.
Help me to do the same ---- amen.

opening song
"Love divine, all loves excelling" 315

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

"will my younger friends come forward?" ... kids' time

song
"There's a wideness in God's mercy" 290

meditation

song
"Shall we gather at the river" 690

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offering and offertory
(choir anthem: "Gloria Patri" 8:30)

prayers and Lord's prayer

closing song
"Joyful, joyful, we adore Three" 551

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

We have beautiful altar flowers this morning ...

**from Ron and Shari Krywanio ... in honor of the birth of their granddaughter --- ISABELLA CATHERINE. Blessings and joy to you and your family.*

The eternal light shines brightly ... in loving memory of Kathy Ruiter's aunt – Mary Jachim – from the senior "young at hearts."

A FEW HUMBLE HAPPENINGS IN OUR HUMBLE TEMPLE

ENJOY TODAY'S **OKTOBERFEST ...** a BIG THANK-YOU to our festive program committee and to all who are making this morning fun.

Monday: Yoga, 6:00

Tuesday: Church Council, 7:30

Wednesday: Yoga, 7:00

Thursday: Evening worship, with Communion --- 7:30

Next Saturday (Halloween) --- YOUTH SERVING LUNCH at the Ronald McDonald House (see sign-up) ... we are looking for dessert donations ... sign-up in narthex.

NEXT SUNDAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We have our usual services ... with the reading of names of those who have "gone before" ... votive candle sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

OUR POT-LUCK is at 4:00 ... we gather and visit for the first hour, then eat at 5:00 ... with a "Mark Nussle sing-a-long" and "Scott Cz's Wheel of Wisdom" to follow. Come and enjoy --- YOUTH GROUP ... you gotta come and support Scott!!

***Tail-gate Bears party ... Sunday, Nov. 8 ... bring your own food, then we'll share ... cash bar available. You can use our big grill.*

***Bingo with the veterans at Manteno --- Illinois Veteran's Home.*

Monday, Nov. 16 ... leaving the church about 11:30 ... back late afternoon. Sponsored by our men's club ... and we invite some of the "other guys" to join us ... sign-up in narthex.

***OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRE is Thursday, Dec.10 and Sunday, Dec. 13 ... it's really a chance to share with the church your "artistic side" ... please sign - up soon. Forms in narthex.*

SENIOR YOUNG AT HEARTS ... we are cooking for you Wednesday. RSVP today.

our always humble and festive staff

Debbie Facius & Kathy Janik, office administrators

Ed Steele, Mr Fix.-it Linda McAley, custodian

Kathy Klang, comptroller Mark Nussle, choir director

Craig Nelson, pastoral support Mike Hefter, organist