

November 23, 2020

Dear Family and Friends,

When I last wrote to you, it was to report that we had one Resident who had tested positive and was moved to our isolation unit. I am grateful to our dear Lord to report that the Resident has recovered! Since the positive case, we have tested all Residents and staff twice over the past 14 days and all are negative. Blessed be God! Because of the high positivity rate in Jackson County our staff will now be tested twice a week until the rate is below 10%. As much as we have hoped to be long past this pandemic and reunited with our families this Thanksgiving and coming Christmas Season, we must continue to follow our prudent safety measures. Therefore, we will follow the CMS guidance and not have residents leave this Thanksgiving.

However, our staff has been working especially hard to make special and safe arrangements for our Residents to enjoy a delicious, traditional Thanksgiving dinner in **our dining rooms** with appropriate distancing between Residents and tables. This is the first time they will be back in the dining rooms since March! All Residents and staff will share a special Thanksgiving dinner next Thursday in the company of one another. While it will not be the same without their families, we promise to make the day very special, joyful and to celebrate this time together with them.

Our new Little Sister, Sister Helena, completed her 14 days of precautionary quarantine since arriving from Chicago. Sister Helena is full of joyful enthusiasm and love and eager to begin living her vow of hospitality near the elderly. We are so happy to have her as part of our family here at Jeanne Jugan Center.

In spite of this pandemic, we are humbly grateful for all of God's answered prayers to keep us safe. Our staff continues heroically to care for our residents and their own families, please continue to pray for them and their safety.

A Thanksgiving Prayer – *Father all-powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day, we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



Happy Thanksgiving to one
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Mother Margaret and all the Little Sisters