

August 24, 2020

Dear Friends,

This past week has given us some very good news.

After I wrote last week's letter, I learned that one of our staff members who does not have direct Resident contact tested positive for COVID-19. That employee has not returned to work since testing positive. After doing contact tracing on that individual, we tested several other staff members who, thankfully, tested negative. This is very good news and is encouraging to us that our safety practices (masks, social distancing, assessments) is working. Even though one person was positive, COVID-19 was not passed onto any other staff member who had contact with them.

On another note, last week all staff were tested for COVID-19 at the direction of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). We have not received those results back, but we are praying for the best.

This week will be one of celebration here at St. Augustine's! August 28<sup>th</sup> is the feast of our home's patron, St. Augustine, and August 30<sup>th</sup> is the feast of St. Jeanne Jugan, the woman who began the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor and who is now recognized as a Saint.

We hope you are all staying well and safe. Our halls are quiet and we miss so many of our friends who brought life and excitement to those quiet hallways! We continue to pray that the pandemic will end soon and we can return to normal as much as possible.

God bless you,

Mother Francis