***Advent Season***

 I sincerely hope you’re having a joyful Advent Season. Sometimes Advent can be hectic. It can be filled with snow, traffic jams, shopping and trying to get family together or traveling to visit folks. Life is busy enough already! Still, I believe Advent is a time to reflect and ponder. It’s a time in the womb of life preparing for Christ’s birth in our hearts. When I take the time to ponder, it fuels me for the busy stuff and makes it fun. What to ponder? Well, The Spirit speaks to us in many ways.

I can remember seeing on T.V. some amazing ice sculptures that were intricate and graceful, scintillating. I remember my mom sighing after beautiful Advent hymns at Mass. I remember Dad singing while setting up the Christmas tree and lights, even when it was hard to get them to work! I remember snowball fights and sledding. But perhaps the biggest thing is just remembering the faces, so many different faces. There have been so many people in my life who helped me so much and really cared deeply. It seems like preparing our hearts for Christmas is about showing family and people how much we care. When we do this, we receive a lot of love too. Oftentimes they can outdo us! But that’s okay . . . there’s always next year.