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Dear Friends,

Culture. It is something we talk about at St John's. It seems the culture has changed over the years. I recognize it in different ways. We keep the chapel open, and welcome all people to use the chapel, and in the summer, use the courtyard. We reach out into the community with food and sweaters and socks among other things.

Another way our culture has changed was manifested on Tuesday, in the aftermath of all the snow that fell. The person we hired to remove snow was detained. I went out and ran the new snowblower, Kim was out with a shovel, and Theresa sent out an email asking for help. The morning was spent answering calls and watching people come with shovels in hand.

This is the new culture at St John's. We have less people saying something should be done, expecting someone else to do it, and more people seeing a problem or being told there is a problem, and taking personal responsibility. That is a picture of a healthy family, pulling together.

On the immediate front, thanks to everyone who responded to the call for help on Tuesday morning. In the larger picture, thanks to God for all in this parish family who have worked hard and sacrificed to build a new church family over the years!

Fr David