

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is quickly approaching. It is a time of cleansing and preparing for experiencing Christ's full life at Easter. Cleansing is a process of emptying ourselves of excess baggage for the journey to fuller faith and life.

When we say we have faith, we have to then answer the question, "How much?" Faith has to lead to action or it is empty. Our trust in God can be measured by how much we are able and willing to give of His gifts to us while recognizing from Whom they came and to Whom we owe a deep debt of gratitude.

Through our annual stewardship campaign, we are asking people to renew their commitment of time, talent and treasure to our parish with this deep debt of gratitude in mind. We are called to move forward with our generosity in sharing what we have, believing that there will still be more for our needs. This is trusting faith, not blind faith.

In this packet you will find information about ways to give of your time and talent within our parish community. You will also find a commitment card where you can indicate your areas of interest and make your financial pledge to the parish. Please bring your completed commitment card with you to mass during our *Celebrate Stewardship Weekend* on March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. During the liturgy we will collectively present our gifts to God and celebrate the love that He has for us and that we have for one another.

Our parish is enriched daily by the presence and participation of every member. Thank you for your consistent generosity in the past and your continued commitment to your St. Elizabeth brothers and sisters.

Yours in His service,

Fr. Terry Bruce