

WHAT DOES LENT MEAN TO ME?

By Dan Prezell

I have learned that Lent is more than giving up something. Lent entails actively doing something, not merely making sacrifices. Lent is an authentic call to right living; by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This is what creates a “clean heart.” My goal for Lent 2018 is to make the Lenten activity of prayer, fasting and almsgiving an activity for Life, not simply for the season of Lent 2018!

“We must remember that the Eucharist is central in our faith and our parish.”

Our parish’s Mission Statement is a beautiful, all-encompassing one! As we continue our growth as a parish, we all must keep our mission present and alive. We must remember that the Eucharist is central in our faith and our parish. We MUST continue to give. Giving in time, talent and treasure is critical. Therefore, as we approach Lent 2018, please join me as our parish Communication Team and Parish Council invite you to participate in this year’s Lenten Reflection Exchange to inspire us all in our spiritual journey this Lenten season.

About Dan

Brenda and Dan Prezell have been parishioners at St. Mary of the Annunciation for over 30 years. Their three children were educated at Santa Maria del Popolo where Brenda also taught for 11 years. Dan became “fully engaged in the parish” seven years ago when he retired from the Lake County Forest Preserve District. He says, “At that time the Lord helped me decide to live in faith.”



Dan currently serves as Co-Chair of the Parish Council, lector, altar server, and Lead Minister of Care at Advocate Condell Hospital, distributing Communion three days a week. Brenda is a catechist for the Children’s Liturgy of the Word. He added, “Brenda and I continue to witness and admire the great support and services that we enjoy by being part of the St. Mary of the Annunciation family.”