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I have enjoyed my Lenten journey with my Small Group as we go through the book, "What on Earth am I Here For?" I have learned that God intentionally made me with unique DNA giving me specific gifts. The section on belonging really has made me think about my time spent at St. Paul. Am I a spectator or a contributor? Do I just attend Mass each Sunday to fulfill my Sunday obligation or do I use the gifts God has given me and contribute to the ministries of our parish, our church home and church family?

As Catholics we celebrate the Eucharist, receiving the Body of Christ. Jesus has an expectation that we will use the gifts we are given to do his work. We become the Body of Christ and each of us functions as a unique part of that body. We must use those gifts we have been given so that the body works to His plan. In First Corinthians, Chapter 12, Saint Paul says, "The body is one and has many members, but all the members, many though they are, are one body, and so it is with Christ. Now the body is not one member it is many." As parishioners of St. Paul we are all part of one body. May we all have a desire to be members who are committed participants in our church family. As we continue to prepare for Easter, I pray each of us realizes the gifts that have been given to us, and make a choice to share those gifts here at St. Paul, in our families, community, and the world.