

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.”

—Jeremiah 1:5

Scripture tells us that God has a distinctive plan for each of us, a unique purpose only we can fulfill. Recognizing that purpose and living accordingly is difficult in a world that encourages us to focus on ourselves rather than on others. It is important that we take the time to listen for his voice - the small gentle whisper guiding us in our life's journey. Spend some time in prayer sharing your joys, your fears and your questions with God. Seek his direction, support and encouragement, and then spend some time answering the following questions as a foundation for your commitment to our parish and its ministries.

How have I seen God working in my life? We need only slow down and look at the people around us to see God's presence.

Have I actively sought his voice in prayer?

If not, consider fasting from noise or technology for 15 minutes a day to begin making time for God's voice to be heard.

What is my role as a faithful steward supporting our parish ministries? Perhaps this will be in prayer or active participation in one of our many ministries mentoring a young adult into a ministry or welcoming our high school and Iowa Central students into parish ministries.

What can I do to grow in my willingness to joyfully embrace God's call?

No matter what you choose, I sincerely hope and pray that you will make time to spend with God this week. He is your creator and knows all that he has planned for you!