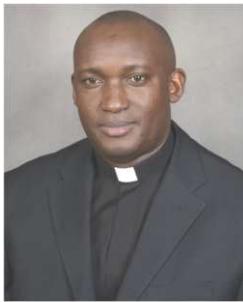


# FROM FR. DEO

February 15, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good!

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal, which follows the theme “Together We Bring Light.” Cardinal Cupich reminds us that together we bring God’s light to our world when we support struggling parish communities, Catholic schools, religious education and ministry formation programs, and initiatives that uphold life and promote peace. Through your generosity, light reaches our communities and touches the lives of many—especially those who are suffering, in need, or underserved. After the homily, we will be invited to make our pledge. I encourage you to pray and to support the Annual Catholic Appeal as generously as you are able.

In Parish news, we will begin the holy season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Lent is a sacred time of repentance and renewal, calling us to live the Gospel more faithfully as individuals and as a parish community. Throughout Lent, the parish will offer opportunities for spiritual growth, including Missions, Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer, and other resources. Please consult the parish bulletin and website for the complete Lenten schedule. May this Lenten season be a time of grace, healing, and spiritual renewal for us all.

I warmly invite you to our State of the Parish listening session on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the school auditorium. This gathering will bring clergy, staff, and parishioners together in a synodal spirit of listening, dialogue, and shared discernment. You will receive an update on parish life and learn about our plans to address the challenges before us. Parishioners are invited to share their insights and to contribute to the parish’s pastoral mission. Come and learn what God is doing in our parish—and where He is calling us next.

One of the core pillars of our parish vision is to be an intentionally welcoming parish family. We seek to express this spirit in our Mass celebrations by extending God’s hospitality to one another. For this reason, beginning on the First Sunday of Lent, we will be invited to greet one another before Mass as a sign of welcome and communion.

In social news, the winter season of Adult Volleyball at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity begins this Sunday, February 15, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The players will receive a special blessing during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. My team is hoping to win it all again!!! Please join us, support our teams, and enjoy a fun evening together!

Finally, I invite you to take up a Lenten discipleship challenge: bring or invite a friend or family member to Mass. Together, let us bring Christ’s light to others.

Happy and Fruitful Lent!

Fr Deo

