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| **Saint Simon Catholic Parish Lenten Retreat**  **“Keeping Time … Sacred” Monday, March 13, 2023**  The world needs more YOU in it.  In her speeches, Marian Wright Edelman, founder of Children’s Defense Fund, reminds us that a lot of people these days are still waiting for Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Teresa or Mahatma Gandhi to come back–but they are gone.  We are it.  It is up to us now. It is up to you. More than ever before, our world needs more goodness, more kindness, more caring, more action, more “you” in it.  John F. Kennedy said that one person can make a difference, and every person must try. What if each of us really tried? What if each of us spontaneously decided that, one by one, we really can be the better world we wish for?  This is our time,  Yours and mine.  You have important discoveries to make.  Now is the time to make them.  You have important talents to develop.  Now is the time to develop them,  You have important gifts to give to the world.  Now is the time to give them.  -Unknown | **Closing Prayer “ONE”**  How many people does it take to make a difference?  One  One song can spark a moment  One flower can wake the dream  One tree can start a forest  One bird can herald spring  One smile begins a friendship  One handclasp lifts a soul  One star can guide a ship at sea  One word can frame the goal  One vote can change a nation  One sunbeam lights a room  One candle wipes out darkness  One laugh will conquer gloom  One step must start each journey  One word must start a prayer  One hope will raise our spirits  One touch can show you care  One voice can speak with wisdom  One heart can know what’s true  One life can make a difference  That difference starts with you.  -Unknown |