

We
Praise
Thee!



**HOLY IS ANY PLACE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO TELL YOUR STORY,
HOLY IS ANY PLACE THAT CREATES JUSTICE.**

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION (penance)

Saturday 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

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Dear People Whom God Loves,

The Jesus Story

We come now to money, the second big block to entering the reign of God. Again remember that entering the reign of God does not mean going to heaven. It is about allowing Love to gradually change our hearts, minds and actions to be more the way God wants us to be. The reign of God will, of course, never be fully complete in the world we know. The beginnings can and will be here, but it will never be complete until our world and universe are transformed hereafter.

What does Jesus say about money? Matthew 19:23-24, Jesus said to his disciples:

“Amen I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again, I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” (The kingdom of God is another way of saying the reign of God.)

And in Timothy 6:10a we read: “For the love of money is the root of all evils.” Note that this quote from the first letter of Timothy does not say money is the root of all evils. Rather it says that love of money is the root of all evils.

Why does it say love of money? I think that is because money is not evil in itself but it easily becomes addictive. When we are caught in addiction, our life centers around our addiction. It subordinates everything else.

Whatever is the center of our life becomes our God. That center may be money, power or other things. It can be our most cherished beliefs and opinions. Perhaps that is why we stubbornly cling to our positions. Not letting in any information that challenges our position can be called an ideology. It has become our idol, our substitute for God.

Obviously, we need to use our money to take reasonable care of ourselves and our families. There is a kernel of truth in saying that I have earned my

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Al-Anon: 11:30am-12:30pm, Parish Center

TUESDAYS

Women's Spirituality Group: 5:00-6:30pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAYS

Youth Group: Meets at 6:30pm, Grades 7-12, Parish Center.

THURSDAYS

Women's Spirituality Group: 9:30-11:00am, Parish Center

Centering Prayer: 12-1:00pm; 7-8:00pm, Parish Center

Lectio Divina: 6:00-6:50 pm, Parish Center Library, Meets 1st & 3rd

Thursdays of each month.

Scriptural Rosary: Parish Center chapel 11-11:45am.

SATURDAYS

Penance: 3:00-3:30pm

Mass: 4:00pm

SUNDAYS

Mass: 8:00am and 10:00am

Centering Prayer: 1st & 3rd Sunday mornings between Sunday mass times from 9:15-9:45am, Parish Center.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENTS

- ❖ Caramel Roll Sunday: Sunday, February 2, after Mass times
- ❖ Religious Education: Classes meet on Sundays, February 9, 16 & 23.
- ❖ Knitting & Crocheting Group: Saturday, February 8, 9:30am, Parish Center
- ❖ Sought through Prayer and Meditation Workshop: Tuesday, February 11, from 12pm-1:30pm. Register with Lindsay Lopez.
- ❖ Loaves & Fishes Ministry: Thursday, February 13 at St. Matthew
- ❖ Religious Ed 5th & 6th Grades: Birthday Party Collection, weekends Feb 15 & 16 and Feb 22 & 23
- ❖ *Letter to a Suffering Church*: Book discussion, Saturday, February 15, 9:30-11:30am.
- ❖ Ash Wednesday Service: February 26, 5:30pm
- ❖ Youth Group Meatless Spaghetti Dinner: Wednesday, February 26, following the Ash Wednesday service.
- ❖ Advanced Care Planning: Saturday, February 29, 9am-2pm

money, so I can use it any way I want. The kernel of truth is that we all need some kind of motivation. When deeper motives are lacking, money can encourage us. We might also say I have used my talents to make money—again a kernel of truth.

As we enter the reign of God we realize that our talents as gifts. We didn't earn them. I might say that I have used and developed my talents. This is true enough, and praiseworthy. But as we enter the reign of God, we realize that our talents are not just for us and a select few, but for many others. Our talents promote the flourishing of the human race.

Entering the reign of God does not mean that we lose our individuality. It ensures that we are also connected to the community of humanity. Interestingly, this connection with others also makes us become more who we really are.

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,
Father Clay

LENTEN SCHEDULE ACTIVITIES

- ❖ February 26: Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30pm.
- ❖ February 28: Quiet Centering Prayer, 10am-11am in Church.
- ❖ February 28: Stations of the Cross, 11am-12pm in Church

- ❖ March 6, 13, 20, 27 Quiet Centering Prayer, 10am-11am in Church
- ❖ March 6, 13, 20, 27 Stations of the Cross, 11am-12pm in Church
- ❖ March 11: Wednesday, Soup Supper at St. Stan's, 6pm.
- ❖ March 25: Wednesday, Soup Supper at St. Stan's, 6pm.

- ❖ April 3 and 10: Quiet Centering Prayer, 10m-11am in Church
- ❖ April 3 and 10: Stations of the Cross, 11am-12pm in Church.
- ❖ April 5: Palm Sunday Women's Group Pancake Breakfast, 8am-12pm
- ❖ April 5: Communal Penance, 12:30pm
- ❖ April 9: Holy Thursday Mass, 5:30pm
- ❖ April 10: Good Friday Service, 5:30pm
- ❖ April 11: Easter Vigil Mass, 5:30pm
- ❖ April 12: Easter Masses, 8am & 10am

MASSES—FEBRUARY 1—FEBRUARY 9

Sat. 4:00 Julie Hanson

Sun. 8:00 Aloysius Svobodny

10:00 Louise & Robert Eggleton

Sat. 4:00 Bonnie Eggleton

Sun. 8:00 Oma & Don Crystal

10:00 William Heroff

BIRTHDAY BAGS

Our 5th and 6th grade Religious Education students are collecting Birthday Party Items. They will be collecting cake mixes, frosting, birthday candles and cake pans (disposable works best). These items will be given to the local food shelf in a decorated bag wishing everyone a *Happy Birthday*. Donations will be accepted during the weekends of February 15 & 16 and February 22 & 23. Please look for the decorated Birthday Barrels in the vestibule to drop off your donation. Thank you!

LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH EVENT, SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15 2020

St. Stan's will make available copies of the book by Bishop Robert Barron *Letter to a Suffering Church* and will host an honest, challenging discussion of the book on **Saturday, February 15 from 9:30—11:30am in our Church Hall**. Paula Kaempffer, Archdiocesan Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention, and a SNAP representative will be facilitating the conversation. Register in the church vestibule.

SOUGHT THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION WORKSHOP

This workshop will meet once a month on the second Tuesday of each month from 12pm-1:30pm in the Parish Center library. Each month we will discuss one of the 12 Steps and look at how Step 11 plays a role in our understanding of that step. This workshop will be facilitated by Mary Lapham and Lindsay Lopez. To register call or email Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-1913 or lindsay@ststans.org.

IN FOLLOW UP TO LOOKING FOR "YOU"

Last July we invited our parish community to an informational meeting on the various volunteer ministry opportunities over the weekend of July 20 & 21. We thank you for considering the many volunteer areas available at St. Stan's. In lieu of a specific fall weekend for the event, we are still wanting to follow-up on our commitment to offer opportunities for volunteers. We have many places where your time and talents can help the St. Stan's Community grow in spiritual growth, hospitality and service. We will post sign-up sheets for our current needs in addition to a place for your thoughts and ideas in our church vestibule. To keep St. Stan's a happy, healthy, welcoming church will require all of us working together. We are looking for "You." Thank you!

LENTEN RETREAT SUNDAY WITH LYNN DOSCH, MARCH 1

These 40 days could be viewed as a sacred journey...traveling toward a celebration of new life. Spirit of God, help me take time to rest my heart with you. During our retreat together we will have space for silence, reflection, scripture, prayer, stories, music and fellowship. Join Lynn Dosch, Sunday March 1 from 11:30am-2:30pm in the Parish Center. To register, call Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-1913 or email lindsay@ststans.org. Lunch provided. Free will offering appreciated to help cover expenses.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS THANK YOU!

St. Stan's parish-contribution of **\$3,302** will enable hundreds of religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs, while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you on behalf of all retired women religious, priests and brothers—your financial gift witnesses to the blessing it is to support those who have given a lifetime! Support from the Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members while continuing important ministries to the People of God. Blessings and Thank you!

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD—UPCOMING PRAYER AND LISTENING EVENTS

What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. The next three are:

Tuesday, February 11, 6-9 p.m., Providence Academy, Plymouth

Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m.-noon, Lumen Christi, St. Paul

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6-9 p.m., St. Stephen, Anoka

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod. We are grateful to Tim Lucas for serving as St. Stan's Synod Parish Ambassador.

SAVE THE DATE! ST STANS SPAGHETTI DINNER

Come and join our Youth Group for a tasty meatless spaghetti dinner immediately following the 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Service on February 26. This dinner will help support the youth group mission trip to Guatemala this summer!

MAKING END OF LIFE DECISIONS. THE FIRST IN A MONTHLY SERIES.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 9am-2pm.

The Church of St. Stanislaus will begin a series of monthly discussions about making end of life decisions. Topics offered will include: advance care directives, hospice, organ donation, funeral planning, caregiving, moving out of your home, long term care insurance, and wills.

We think these topics will be of interest for all ages. An older person's concern might be, "Where do I want to spend the last years of my life if I'm no longer able to live in my own home?" A younger person might wonder, "If I die, who will be responsible for my minor children, my disabled family member, or my elderly parents?" Others might worry about, "How do I talk with my parents about their end of life wishes?"

The series will begin with a workshop about Advance Care Planning. Pat Tommet, an Advance Care Planning Facilitator, retired nurse, and member of the Church of St. Stanislaus will conduct the Workshop on Advance Care Planning on **Saturday, February 29th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm** in the Library at the Parish Center. A light lunch will be served.