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

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Dear People Whom God Loves,

**Who Are We?**

I think that it is clear to most of us that we humans want to be happy. I think that we also don't make ourselves happy. Things may bring us some pleasure and enjoyment but they don't bring happiness.

Before the Enlightenment, the individual rights of most people were not honored by most of the elite. In fact, I don't think they even thought about individual rights. In our culture, we are aware of individual rights even though we don't always honor them.

There is a danger, however, that we may be drawn to think we can find happiness as individual people. This can lead us to seek happiness by seeking wealth, power, fame or positions of "importance."

I am suggesting that we cannot become happy unless we love. When we love, someone becomes a person to us. They are someone and I am someone. We are joined but are distinct. Sometimes this is called an I-thou relationship.

With frail and halting words I would like to express this, which springs from our belief as Christians. This is not something that we can come to through reason. However, it is reasonable because it gives meaning to life and responds to our human drive for happiness, which I think of as the same as love.

In the first letter of John we hear, "God is love." I understand this to say that to be God means to be Infinite Love. In the beginning of John's Gospel we hear, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. ...And the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

The word flesh in scripture refers to humans from the point of view of human misery, boredom, and frustration. God became this particular man, Jesus of Nazareth.

## **JULY CALENDAR**

### **MONDAYS**

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

### **WEDNESDAYS**

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

### **THURSDAYS**

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

Lectio Divina: 6:00-6:50 pm, Parish Center Library, Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday mornings between Sunday mass times from 9:15-9:45am, Parish Center.

### **JULY SPECIAL EVENTS**

- ❖ *Sought Through Prayer and Meditation:* Spiritual growth workshop inspired by Step 11 and focusing on the varying forms of prayer. July 16, 23 and 30 from 1:30-3pm, Parish Center.
- ❖ Looking for YOU: Volunteer opportunities meeting. July 20 2:45-3:45pm & July 21, 9-10am and 11am-12pm, Church Hall.
- ❖ Annual Food Drive: July 27 & 28 weekend.
- ❖ Fr. Clay turns 93 years old: Sunday, July 7!



### **MASSES—JULY 6—JULY 14**

Sat. 4:00 Fr. Clay's 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday

Sun. 8:00 Fr. Clay's 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday

10:00 Fr. Clay's 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday

Sat. 4:00 Peggy Sanchez

Sun. 8:00 Earl C. Simonson

10:00 Anne Byrne Gonzalez

### **LECTIO DIVINA**

*Let the peace of Christ control your hearts: let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*

In Paul's letter to the Philippians we hear the pre-Pauline hymn: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."

God who is love is humble. In Jesus, God comes to serve us, healing us from our unloving choices, in other words, saving us from sin. It is Love that is saving us, enabling us to be drawn out of our alienation of un-love into compassionate relation with each other. It is the self-emptying love that is God that draws us into a self-emptying relationship with God, which is expressed in our self-emptying relationship with others. This could never be done by any kind of human or worldly effort. It is the gift of God's own self. That is why we call it grace.

Who are we? We are not just ourselves. We are that, but we are meant to be in relationship. Who are we? We are ourselves and in relationship. We will not be happy until we are both, because that is who we are.

The Christian message that comes from faith is reasonable because it responds to the human longing for happiness and shows the power that makes it happen. It is the Love Power we call God. It is the Love Power that is beyond our world and universe, and is at the same time within it.

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,  
Father Clay

### **THANK YOU FROM FR. CLAY**

Thank you for coming to celebrate my retirement. I appreciate your kind words, thoughts, and gifts. Thank you for all the things you have done for me. I am a better person because of all of you. Smile, God loves you. —Fr. Clay

### **SAVE THE DATE!—SUMMER ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY AUGUST 3**

Inspired by the fun and success of the Youth Group's January Trivia night, we decided to host a summer Adult Trivia Night on Saturday, August 3. Hosted by West 7<sup>th</sup> Community Reporter's former columnist and National Catholic Reporter's former staff writer Zoe Ryan! Cost is \$15.00 per person (cash at the door). Team Tables limited to eight people. Please preregister by emailing Kim Myers at [ststanstrivia@gmail.com](mailto:ststanstrivia@gmail.com) or call Kim at 651-224-7998 by July 31 to reserve your table of eight. Walk-ins welcome if space allows. Cost includes snacks and soft drinks and a whole lot of laughter! Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Registration and food at 5:15 p.m. Trivia begins at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds to fund the work of St. Stan's parish—a West 7<sup>th</sup> neighborhood parish since 1872.

## **SOUGHT THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

This 11<sup>th</sup> Step inspired workshop will look at the many aspects of prayer—Praise, Asking, Gratitude, and Listening. We will explore together what prayer is, what it can become, and practice different forms. The workshop will be facilitated by Mary Lapham, Minnesota Contemplative Outreach Coordinator; Welcoming Prayer Presenter and Lindsay Lopez, Educator and Franciscan trained Spiritual Director.

**The day group series will meet on Tuesdays, July 16, 23 and 30 from 1:30-3:00pm. The evening group series will meet on Tuesdays, August 6, 13 and 20 from 6:00-7:30pm.** Suggested donation \$30.00. Please contact Lindsay Lopez to register at 651-292-1913 or [lindsay@ststans.org](mailto:lindsay@ststans.org).

## **LOOKING FOR "YOU"**

We invite "You"--*one and all*, to an informational meeting on the various volunteering opportunities available at St. Stan's. 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 have sign-up sheets for our current needs in addition to a place for your thoughts and ideas. To keep St. Stan's a happy, healthy, welcoming church will require all of us working together. We are looking for "You."

In July we will meet on Saturday, July 20 from 2:45-3:45pm and Sunday July 21 from 9-10am and 11am-12pm in the Church Hall. We plan to host a similar event in the fall as well. Thank you!

## **FOOD DRIVE: JULY 27-28, 2019**

On the weekend of **July 27-28**, St. Stan's will be having its Annual Food Drive Collection to support people who live in the West 7th Street Community. Food and cash donations will be accepted. A \$1 donation can provide \$8 worth of food and grocery products. The Salvation Army uses the cash donations to purchase food from Second Harvest, which is then distributed to people in need. **Did you know?**

- 1 in 10 neighbors are at risk for missing meals.
- 1 in 3 Minnesota children doesn't get enough food to eat.
- 10 percent of people who need food are seniors over the age of 60.

Grocery bags will be available at the entrances of St. Stan's on July 21-22. If you would like to contribute money for the Food Drive, but you will not be attending Mass at St. Stan's on the weekend of July 27-28, please put your cash or check in an envelope, marked "July Food Drive" and put it in the collection basket on one of the weekends prior to the drive. Envelopes will be available in the pews or you can use your own. Thank you once again for your generous support for this great need among our neighbors.

## **A TIME OF TRANSITION AT ST. STAN'S**

We have been experiencing a significant period of transition at St. Stan's. We have been blessed to find Fr. Dennis as our priest and have celebrated Fr. Clay's legacy and ministry of 44 years. Transition, of course, brings change and part of the change we are experiencing is an accelerated operating loss. In order to remain financially stable and independent, we have had to make some very difficult decisions. Unfortunately, we have had to make staffing changes. We eliminated our Office Manager/Religious Education Assistant and Volunteer Manager positions. In addition, we have reduced hours for our Sacristan, Custodian and Youth Group Ministry Employees. Benefits for remaining staff have also been impacted. These actions will aid us in carrying forth Fr. Clay's legacy and the message of unconditional love. We ask for your prayers for our staff. We ask also for your support as we move forward with all that we have to offer at St. Stan's. Announcements have been made at mass, and your questions are welcome. Please feel free to contact Kim Myers, Parish Administrator at 651-224-7998 or [kimmyers@ststans.org](mailto:kimmyers@ststans.org). We are all in it together.

## **YOUTH GROUP SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

St. Stan's Youth Group travels to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area from July 24-28 so please keep the group in your hearts and prayers as they commune in the wilderness.

## **FALL FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 8 VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

We are inviting all interested volunteers that would like to assist with the Fall Festival to please contact committee chair Tim Lucas at 651-336-7072 or at [timlucas75@gmail.com](mailto:timlucas75@gmail.com). As in years past, we have a number of openings for volunteer help. Jobs big and small are available! This is a great opportunity for community fellowship, fun and service to St. Stan's parish.

## **YARD AND GARAGE SALES**

If you find yourself shopping the yard and garage sales this summer, please keep in mind our annual Fall Festival and Winter Warmth Drive. Summer sales are a great time to stock up on needed festival and warmth drive items at a great price! Thank you!

## **FALL EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

Registration for all Youth Programming will be the weekends of September 7 & 8 and 14 & 15 after each Mass, in the Parish Center. Programs include Sunday School, Religious Education: Kindergarten – Sixth Grade, and Sacrament Classes. Youth Group registration will be on September 25, 6-8pm in the Church Hall.

## **CRAFT FAIR TABLES AVAILABLE**

Our annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday October 5 from 9am–4pm in the church hall. Tables are available for \$35.00. If you or someone you know is interested in getting a table please contact Lindsay by email at [lindsay@ststans.org](mailto:lindsay@ststans.org) and Lindsay will send you an application. The Craft Fair is a great time and helps fund the Children's Religious Programs at St. Stan's.