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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,

Radical Forgiveness

Radical Forgiveness is the title of a book written by Colin Tipping. The process presented in the book can be used within our traditional theology.

Here I am writing from a theological perspective that comes from our belief in the Blessed Trinity: the three in one, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all one God. Let us see how this belief can deeply influence our lives.

All of our understanding is of course limited by our limited humanness, and what I write is further limited by my own imperfect understanding. That being said, we can know enough to allow the three in one to transform our lives.

We will first look at the Trinity and then see how we can incorporate the process of radical forgiveness.

Jesus says, "Who is good but God alone?" In the first letter of John we read, "God is Love." I think that the words *good* and *love* point to the same reality. To be God means to be Goodness and Love.

I find it hard to capture the depth of what it means to be Goodness and Love. For me goodness and love are deeper than any other words we can use. I find it helpful not to use other words, but instead to let the words *goodness* and *love* quietly sink in. You do it in any way that works for you.

One thing we can say is that Goodness and Love are effusive, overflowing, emptying out, giving, sharing and selfless. This can give us a little insight about what it means to be God.

The Trinity tells us that while being one God, this Goodness and Love flows in and through the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Nothing is held back. God is this effusive communion of Goodness and Love. Please remember that my words are only weak and frail pointers to what it is to be God.

The Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) tells us that God is the source of all

JUNE 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 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.

JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS

- ❖ Knitting & Crocheting Group: Saturday, June 1, 9:30 am, Parish Center library
- ❖ The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day Mass: Thursday May 30, will be observed on the following Sunday, June 2, 2019.

FRANCISCAN RETREATS AND SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Embrace the energy of spring on 60 acres of forest and prairie on these two June retreats:

Women's Mid-week Retreat June 11-13

Women and Men, extended June Silent Retreat June 20-23

Theme: *Rejoice and be Glad: Our Call to Holiness in Today's World* - how holiness is not just for people on stain glass windows with halos around their heads! Please call to register - 952-447-2182. Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center - 16385 St Francis Lane, Prior Lake MN 55372 www.franciscanretreats.net

MASSES—JUNE 1—JUNE 9

Sat. 4:00 Jim Bastyr Sr.

Sun. 8:00 Mitchell Sweeney

10:00 Clarice Gombold

Sat. 4:00 Lawrence Hubbard

Sun. 8:00 Oma & Don Crystal

10:00 Louise & Robert Eggleton

beings (the universe). Everything exists only because of this overflowing of Goodness and Love. The universe itself is the overflowing of Goodness and Love. Without Goodness and Love we wouldn't be here.

This overflowing Goodness and Love is in humanity in a special way in Jesus, and it is in all of us in a real different way than in Jesus. This presence is called the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This presence is in all the rest of the universe, but in a different way than in us humans—different but very real.

The presence of Goodness and Love is always working in us and everything else to enable us to become what we are meant to be. For us humans, since we are made in the image of God, that means being drawn into an increasingly deeper Goodness and Love.

It is also important to remember that Goodness and Love is working not only in and through our virtues and good decisions, but also through our mistakes and sins, through the bad things that happen and the bad things that are done to us. My personal experience is that Goodness and Love have worked best in me through my blunders and sins. That may sound strange, but it is my experience.

Our belief in this all pervasive Goodness and Love is fundamental to radical forgiveness.

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,
Father Clay

WE ARE BLESSED

We are honored to have such a lovely parish community! With the help of so many of you: St. Stan's Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Businesses (Oven Hearth Bakery, Maplewood Bakery, Van Paper, Polybest Inc.)--together we were able to give Fr. Clay a beautiful celebration for his 44 years of a dedicated ministry that taught us the power of love, the necessity for community and the importance of carrying the message forward. May our future be one of carrying the message of Love forward to those who worship with us now and will join us in the future. For those who were unable to attend the event, we will have the little keepsake magnets and *Smile, God Loves you* cards available in church. "Always remember God loves you unconditionally!"—Fr. Clay.

LECTIO DIVINA

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.



YOUTH GROUP 2019 FUNDRAISER THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Youth Fundraiser a huge success! Thanks to all who helped with the planning, those who donated items for our auctions, and all those who attended the dinner and bid on the auction items. Just under \$7,000.00 was raised this year! This fundraiser helps finance our special speakers for the year and helps make all of

our retreats, service projects, and summer spiritual growth trips affordable for our students. **Thank you** again for your support!

MISSION APPEAL FOR THE DIOCESE OF NYUNDO, RWANDA

As part of the 2019 Missionary Cooperation Plan, St Stanislaus will again host a mission organization at our parish. The weekend of June 22 & June 23, Fr. Bernard Kanayoge, who represents the Diocese of Nyundo, Rawanda, will be visiting with us at mass times. In the aftermath of the 1994 genocide perpetrated against Tutsi, the educational system changed radically. The same educational system which had been used as a tool in perpetuating hatred and divisionism was transformed into a tool to promote reconciliation among Rwandan youth. In 1995, the Ministry of Education stated that a new direction for Rwandan education would be implemented. The new policy declared that Rwanda would produce citizens free from ethnic regional, national and religious prejudices and who are committed to human rights and the society. In this regard, the role of the education sector was to contribute to national reconciliation by creating a culture of peace, emphasizing positive, non-violent national values and promoting the universal values of justice, tolerance, respect for others, solidarity and democracy.

For the 2018-2019 school year, the Nyundo diocese set a goal to rehabilitate a former Orphanage of Noel Center to a primary school for young people who are eager to enroll. Our young people are the future of our Church and our country. Through education, we will teach them to think critically, to be creative, to dialogue, to learn from each other, and to love God and their neighbor. The goal is to encourage people to live together and give up genocide forever. At this time, we are asking you to give a hand in our effort to raise enough money to purchase important materials like roofing, cement and wood.

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

The Knitting & Crocheting group will meet in the parish library on Saturday June 1, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. You are welcome to call Carolyn for more information at 651-483-9107.

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP!

Thank you for your donations of linens, towels, and money on the weekend of March 27. The residents of St. Christopher's Place received a total of 55 linens and 55 towels. They are all very thankful for your donations. Most of all, thank you for showing God's spirit through your continued giving and support to those less fortunate than you.

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND DIAPER DRIVE

A special *thank you* to all those who contributed to the Mother's Day Weekend Diaper Drive. Once again, St. Stan's parishioners were extremely generous. We delivered 814 diapers, 544 baby wipes, and a check in the amount of \$1,391.00 to Joseph's Coat on Tuesday, May 14. The check will be used to purchase additional diapers and baby wipes as needed. What a great success!

WE HAVE SO MUCH TO OFFER AT STAN'S

Do you know someone that might like to get to know us at St. Stan's? We welcome all newcomers and visitors! Bring a friend or neighbor. Below is the ad Highland *Villager* posted for St. Stan's in March.



*Holy is any place where
it is safe to tell your story.
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creates justice.*

How are you today? We welcome your story.

Father John Clay

What can we say about Father Clay?

The humble, loving, one of a kind.

He shared himself for many a year.

What would we have done if he wasn't here?

God knows we love him, and we all have been blessed.

Oh how we'll miss him, but God knows he needs his rest.

Enjoy your retirement Father Clay,

And know we're all just a phone call or visit away.

--St. Stanislaus Women's Spirituality Group