

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

The next part of the Jesus story is his suffering and death. It is important for our understanding that we let go of some of the thinking that was prevalent in medieval times. This thinking grew out of the authority structure in place at that time. This was the time of emperors, kings, dukes, barons, and so on.

The seriousness of an offense was determined by the position held by the person offended. The higher the person offended, the greater was the offense. To offend a king was a greater offense than to offend a duke.

So when a "great" one was offended, the offender had to go to great lengths to make up for the offense.

What does this have to do with Jesus? The thinking at the time was that God is offended by sin. (This sounds to me like God was perceived as having an inflated ego. Ponder this image of God: God demands his "pound of flesh.")

Since God is infinite, the offense is infinite. Since we humans are finite, there is nothing we can do to repay God for our offending him by sin.

So it's Jesus to the rescue. Since Jesus is human, he can make recompense for us humans by his suffering and death. Since Jesus is divine, the repayment is infinite. Therefore, God is appeased and we are restored to friendship with God.

Why was Jesus tortured and crucified? Jesus' having proclaimed and lived the reign of God led to his suffering and death. Jesus did not want to suffer and die. The agony in the garden testifies to this. Nor was God pleased by his suffering and death.

Jesus saw that proclaiming and living the reign of God was his mission from Abba. Jesus chose to be faithful to that mission no matter what it cost, and

MARCH 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--every Thursday during Lent.

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.

MARCH SPECIAL EVENTS

- ❖ Caramel Roll Sunday: Sunday, March 1, after Mass times
- ❖ Lenten Retreat: Sunday, March 1, 11:30am-2:30pm, Parish Center
- ❖ Religious Education: Classes meet on Sundays, March 8, 15, 22 and 29. Class Party for Grades 3-6, Saturday March 28.
- ❖ Knitting & Crocheting Group: Sat., March 7, 9:30am, Parish Center
- ❖ Sought through Prayer and Meditation Workshop: Tuesday, March 10, from 12pm-1:30pm. Parish Center.
- ❖ Soup Suppers: Wed., March 11 & March 25, 6pm, Church hall
- ❖ Loaves & Fishes Ministry: Thursday, March 12 at St. Matthew's
- ❖ Red Cross Blood Drive: Saturday, March 21, 9am-3pm
- ❖ Women's Ecumenical Luncheon: Saturday, March 28, St. Peter's

MASSES—FEBRUARY 29—MARCH 8

Sat. 4:00 John Fitzpatrick

Sat. 4:00 Keith Krensing

Sun. 8:00 Aloysius Svobodny

Sun. 8:00 Romain & Ronalee Lucas

10:00 Larry Gervais

10:00 Clarice Gombold

the cost was that in living his mission he made powerful enemies who wanted to do away with him.

"The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people meanwhile were seeking to put him to death, but they could find no way because so many of the people were hanging on his words."
(Luke 17:47b-48)

Jesus was challenging the religious authorities and calling them to account. He was a prophet, and prophets lay bare uncomfortable truths that people in power want to remain hidden. That is why prophets so often come to an untimely end.

In the mystery of salvation we Christians believe that God works through Jesus' whole life and being. But let us not think of God as wanting Jesus' or anyone else's pain and tragedy.

Can we make some sense of innocent suffering while we believe that God is all powerful and all good?

Some confusion can arise from equating cause as applied to God and cause as applied to people.

Creation and making things are not the same. Creation means making something from nothing. That is different from what we do as people. We people make something out of something else.

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,
Father Clay

YOUTH GROUP FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN--MARCH 4, 6-7:00PM



We invite you and to come and join St. Stan's Youth Group in packing food for needy people around the world! This is for elementary age kids and up. We have 70 spots reserved so come and join us. *Feed My Starving Children* is located at 990 Lone Oak Road in Eagan. To register you can go to <https://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=M292BX> and enter code M292BX or you can email or call Kristine at kristine@ststans.org with your name and Kristine will register you.

LENTEN SCHEDULE ACTIVITIES

- ❖ 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. Youth Group Hosting.
 - ❖ March 25: Wednesday, Soup Supper at St. Stan's, 6pm.
 - ❖ March 28: Women's Ecumenical Luncheon at St. Peter's Lutheran Church
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- ❖ 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 Ecumenical Walk 12:00pm Meet at Salvation Army
 - ❖ April 10: Good Friday Service, 5:30pm
 - ❖ April 11: Easter Vigil Mass, 5:30pm. *No Penance and No 4:00pm Mass.*
 - ❖ April 12: Easter Masses, 8am & 10am

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER UPDATE

We will be having only two Soup Suppers this Lenten season. Both gatherings will be at St. Stan's on Wednesdays March 11 (Youth Group Night) and March 25. Our theme will focus on *Compassion Towards Your Neighbor*. Please keep St. Mark's and St. Luke's Lutheran Churches, along with their Pastor Emily Rova-Hegener, in your prayers as they work towards combining their communities. We look forward to Celebrating and Working with them again in the future. **Remember.** Soup Suppers begin at 6:00pm with a pot of your wonderful soup followed by a Lenten Reflection in the church at 6:30pm.

PLEASE NOTE! DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY (DMI)

As part of the Archdiocesan Synod, parishes throughout the Archdiocese are offering the Catholic Leadership Institute's DMI Survey to parishioners. The survey allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and provide feedback on parish efforts to help in the process. Parishioners can take this 10-15 minute survey on their smartphone, tablet or computer. Paper surveys will also be provided. Emails are not requested and responses are confidential. **Please complete the online or paper survey by March 1, 2020.** St. Stan's will be provided with our parish results. Please feel free to contact Kim Myers, Parish Administrator, at 651-224-7998 or kimmyers@ststans.org with any questions. The survey can be found online at DiscipleMakerIndex.com.



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.

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.

MARCH 21 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Stan's will again be hosting a blood drive to support the Red Cross, **Saturday, March 21 from 9am-3pm**. There will be a Red Cross blood mobile in front of the church. To sign up contact Mark Thiel at 651-647- 6675 or mmmka@comcast.net. You may also register at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "St Stan". Drop-ins are also welcome. Refreshments will be provided, also inside the blood mobile.

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 final two are:

Saturday, Mar. 7, 9 a.m.-noon, Transfiguration, Oakdale

Saturday, Mar. 14, 9 a.m.-noon, St. Alphonsus, Brooklyn Center (bilingual Spanish/English)

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These 14 Steps that you are now about to walk you do not take alone. We invite you to join us every Friday during Lent for Clarence Enzler's "Everyone's Way of the Cross." Please note the Church will be open at 10:00am for Quiet Prayer and Reflection before the reading of the stations at 11:00am.

LECTIO DIVINA

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.