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

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

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Dear People Whom God Loves,

Jesus Is Savior

St. Anselm precipitated a big shift in the eleventh century. The idea of a ransom to Satan was dropped. It was replaced by the idea that because sin is an offense against God, God's honor was injured and recompense had to be made to God to restore the honor that sin had damaged.

In that medieval time, the severity of an offense depended upon the position that the offended person held in society. Offense against a serf wasn't much. Offense against a duke was far greater. Offense against a king was huge.

Now since God is infinite, the offense is infinite. That means that infinite reparation to that honor had to be made. This would be impossible for a human to make. At the same time, the reparation had to be made by a human because the offense was caused by humans.

So St. Anselm reasoned that Jesus being of human nature and divine nature solved the problem. Since Jesus was human he could offer reparation for humans. Since Jesus was divine the reparation was infinite. And so we are saved.

This thinking preserves the core belief that Jesus is Savior, that God is Savior, that Jesus is human and divine and that we are saved.

What is the cost? God demanded his pound of flesh. God was appeased and his honor restored by the horrible suffering and death of Jesus. What an image of God! Saying that Jesus paid the price easily draws us into an image of God that is far removed from "God is love." (John 4:8b)

I don't think that this image can draw us into the merciful beauty of salvation. I don't think that it would be helpful for many people today. Today's theologians have the task of presenting salvation in a manner that will draw the people of today into this beautiful mystery.

The following thoughts help me be drawn into the mystery of the infinite mercy and love that is God.

MAY 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.

MAY SPECIAL EVENTS

- ❖ Knitting & Crocheting Group: Saturday, May 4, 9:30 am, Parish Center library
- ❖ First Communion: Sunday, May 5, 10:00am mass
- ❖ Mother's Day Weekend Diaper Drive: Saturday & Sunday, May 11 and 12.
- ❖ Youth Group Fundraiser: Monday, May 13, 5:15pm DeGidio's
- ❖ *Gather Together in Celebration*: Sunday, May 19 11am-2pm. Outdoor picnic (church hall if rain) celebrating Fr. Clay's retirement and 44 year legacy at St. Stan's *and* the Future of St. Stan's.
- ❖ Men's Spirituality Group meeting: Monday, May 20, Parish Center
- ❖ The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day Mass: Thursday May 30, will be observed on the following Sunday, June 2, 2019.

MASSES—MAY 4—MAY 12

Sat. 4:00 Val Pezzani

Sat. 4:00 Douglas Griep

Sun. 8:00 Lawrence Hubbard

Sun. 8:00 Karl Esslinger

10:00 Louise & Robert Eggleton

10:00 Bonnie Eggleton

Jesus worked with people who were caught in sin. I see his compassion and acceptance of them. I also see that this compassionate love and acceptance opened them to at least a beginning realization of the goodness inside of them. I see this inner goodness as the presence of God (LOVE), which could then begin healing the wound of sin. Sin in some way is a rejection of love (GOD/LOVE).

Another way to say this is that Jesus was loving people into love. Jesus was interested in healing their wounds; he was not interested in condemning them.

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,
Father Clay

ANDIAMO! A NIGHT IN LITTLE ITALY! ST STANS YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

Join us **Monday, May 13th** for St. Stan's annual **Youth Group Fundraiser**.

Food, friends and family are what make life sweet--come enjoy a lively evening of



wonderful Italian food at DeGidio's Italian Buffet. Be

entertained by the amazing talent of COMEDY

SPORTZ! Tickets will be available for sale after each mass in April and May.

Tickets are \$25 each. For tickets and table reservations of 8-10 call Kim Myers at 651-224-7998 or [e-mail kimmyers@ststans.org](mailto:kimmyers@ststans.org).

DeGidio's
Italian Buffet Dinner
5:15 Social and Silent Auction
6:15 Dinner
7:30 Entertainment

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT WANT TO GET TO KNOW ST. STAN'S?

Holy is any place where it is safe to tell you story.

Holy is any place that creates justice.

How are you today? We welcome your story.

LECTIO DIVINA

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND DIAPER DRIVE AT ST. STANS

We invite you to celebrate Mother's Day Weekend by making a contribution to St. Stan's Diaper Drive to help moms and small children who are struggling to make ends meet. The need is great! A one month old baby needs a diaper change more than six times a day. After one month, it's four to nine times a day. We will be accepting donations of disposable diapers (all sizes needed, but particularly the larger sizes) and diaper wipes before and after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, May 11 and before and after both the 8 am and 10 am Masses on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12. Cash donations will also be accepted. If you would like to contribute money, but will not be at Mass on Mother's Day weekend, envelopes marked "Diaper Drive" will be in the pews on the weekends of April 27-28 and May 4-5. You can put these envelopes in the regular collection basket. (If you donate by check, make payable to Church of St. Stanislaus.) Please be as generous as you can. All items and cash collected will be donated to Joseph's Coat.

LET'S CELEBRATE FATHER CLAY'S RETIREMENT AND THE FUTURE OF ST. STAN'S!

We invite you all to join us on Sunday, May 19, for our 10am polka mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Fr. Dennis and to be followed by an outdoor picnic (church hall if inclement weather) from 11am-2pm, to celebrate Father Clay's legacy and the future of St. Stan's. Please help get the word out and bring a friend! **We invite you to share with us what you have learned from Father Clay. Cards have been made available for your responses. Please return your responses to us by the weekend of May 4 & 5.** We will have baskets available for your replies or feel free to drop them in the collection baskets. Father Clay has been such a huge blessing to all of us. Let us gather together and be a blessing to each other on this day.

NEW! PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE. REFLECTIONS ON MASCULINE SPIRITUALITY MAY 20 (CHANGE FROM MAY 13), 6-7:15pm

Terry Shaughnessy, a member of St. Stanislaus parish, has been a spiritual director since 1996 and received his Master's in Christian Spirituality and certifications in spiritual direction & retreat work from Creighton University. Terry will be offering reflections on masculine spirituality. Increasingly men are exploring their spiritual nature, especially as they reach mid-life and beyond. If this sounds familiar and intriguing, this may be an evening gathering with other men you may want to attend. We'll hear more about the male spiritual journey and look at the growing interest in men coming together in men's groups and explore the possibility of forming a group at St. Stan's. Please contact Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-1913 or lindsay@ststans.org if you would like to attend on May 20. Parish Center Library.

TWIN CITIES SURVIVORS PEACE CIRCLE

Saturday, May 11, 12-1:45 p.m. Theme: "Looking around and ahead"
Hennepin County Library: Webber Park Branch (Webber Room), 4440 Humboldt Ave. N., Minneapolis

The Twin Cities Survivors Peace Circle is open to all who have experienced the trauma of clergy sexual abuse. The purpose of this group is to gather victims/survivors/thrivers in a safe, supportive environment to share their experiences, listen to others and explore healing. All are welcome and privacy is respected. Contact Jim with questions, concerns or comments: 773-412-0909.

WOMEN'S ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANKS YOU!

Thank you to all who attended the Women's Group Annual Pancake Breakfast We earned \$2332.33! This money helps us to buy books, go on retreats, and fund some of the projects that we hold near and dear.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS

We are deeply grateful to all of our volunteer religious education teachers for the time, inspiration, passion and love they all shared with our religious education students preschool-- 6th grade this year! Pope Francis notes-- "...a computer is sufficient, but to understand how to love, to understand what the values and habits are that create harmony in the world, you need a good teacher."

PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE OUR NEW ST. STAN'S EUCHARISTIC FAMILY AND KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Their first communion Mass will be on Sunday May 5 at 10am

**Aliya Rae Brooks
Wyatt Benjamin Olson
Ronin Bae Jung Rademacher
Norah Donohue Thatcher
Anna Roisin Walter**



"We are companions given to one another as helpers in doing God's work."
-St. Jane de Chantal