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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.

RECONCILIATION (penance)

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

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

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Dear People Whom God Loves,

Communicating the Message of Jesus Today

What I see as our pastoral challenge today is do a better job of ministering to all of our people: traditional, progressive, and those who don't fit exactly into either category. We need to keep the faith and minister to all, which is a huge challenge. We will never minister perfectly or even close to perfectly. But it is imperative that this be the horizon toward which we walk, and we can only do so by the grace of God.

What I see is that we need to go deeper than "traditional" and "progressive" people. If we listen to and learn from each other we will go deeper. We will find that our "traditional" and "progressive" ways gain new life and insight. We will learn to love each other with our many differences. We will discover that we are all humans with the loving presence of God in us, that we are all Catholics. To quote James Joyce speaking of the Catholic Church, "Here comes everybody."

The old Catholic saying still rings true: "In essentials unity, in non-essentials freedom, in all things charity."

8) Not recognizing that we are in a different situation than we were in the 1950s can interfere with communicating the message of Jesus.

At that time we were accustomed to democracy in the USA, but this did not greatly influence our understanding of how democratic principles might in any way apply to governance of our church.

The Second Vatican Council fostered the idea that collegiality was important for our church. The realization that the early Christians practiced collegiality became more widespread.

This was not to say that our church should function just like democracy in our country. But we began to recognize that collegiality was a way of introducing some democratic values into our church's government.

NOVEMBER 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.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

- ❖ Caramel Roll Sunday: Sunday, November 3 after mass times
- ❖ Religious Education: Classes meet on Sundays, November 10 & 17. No class on November 3 and 24.
- ❖ Knitting & Crocheting Group: Sat, Nov 16, 9:30am, Parish Center
- ❖ Volunteer Appreciation Event: Sunday, November 24, 11am, church hall
- ❖ Knitting & Crocheting Group hand-knit dish cloths sale: Saturday, November 30 after 4pm mass and between mass times on Sunday, December 1st. Church vestibule

MASSES—NOVEMBER 3—NOVEMBER 10

Sat. 4:00 Bob Gatti

Sun. 8:00 Maddie Ann Murphy

10:00 Carole Gonsowski

Sat. 4:00 Sherry Rymerson

Sun. 8:00 Tony Klepaida Family

10:00 Clarice Gombold

9) Most people in the 1950s saw reality as stable and fixed. With advancing scientific knowledge and the more rapid spread of that knowledge among most people, reality is now recognized as dynamic.

Reality was always dynamic but we didn't see it that way. This means that more people today see the need for adjustment and creativity. Saying "we've always done it this way" doesn't convince as many people. We can learn from the past, but we cannot just repeat the past uncritically and be credible.

Our church has faced challenges throughout its history and has survived. We will always face challenges, but the challenges keep becoming different. I trust the spirit of God. I trust that Spirit will always be with us. We must recognize that we have a part to play. I see that part of our task is to be willing to recognize the "sign of the times."

Some of what is new is good, some is bad. Some of what is old is good, some is bad. I believe that when we are open, the Spirit can work in us most effectively. I also believe that the Spirit only needs a crack to get into us. Perhaps I am not willing to be open. But perhaps I can at least be willing to be willing to be open.

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,
Father Clay

KNITTERS HELPING THE COMMUNITY

The St. Stan's knitting group will be selling hand-knit dish cloths on Saturday, November 30 after the 4pm mass and on Caramel Roll Sunday, December 1 between mass times. All proceeds will be donated to a charity in need in St. Paul. Thank you to Carolyn Kostolnik for overseeing the Knitting & Crocheting group! The group is open to the St. Stan's parish community and provides community outreach. Newcomers welcome! Please call Carolyn for more information at 651-483-9107.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE

Family members are often at a loss when it comes to supporting victims and survivors of clergy sexual abuse. Join others who are relatives of these victim/survivors as they try to grasp and understand the trauma their loved one has suffered. This group meets on the **second Tuesday of the month** beginning **November 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m.** at 357 Stonebridge Blvd., St. Paul. Questions? Contact Paula Kaempffer, Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention, 651-291-4429.

LECTIO DIVINA *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.*

GREETERS NEEDED!

St. Stan's is expanding its Greeter Ministry. Greeters welcome people to church on weekends and provide the first contact to newcomers, people returning to the church after an absence and regular attendees. This one-to-one ministry acknowledges the importance of each person attending mass. What an honor! We are looking for new greeters at all of our weekend masses: 4pm Saturday mass, 8am Sunday mass and 10am Sunday mass. Please contact Pat Tommet at 651-698-1969 for more information and to sign-up. Thank you!

LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTRIES TRAINING

At our *Looking for You* event in July we sought new volunteers for our various ministries and acquired some new volunteers in several areas. We thank you! We had a couple of parishioners sign up to serve as Lectors and/or Eucharistic ministers, and we welcome additional volunteers interested in serving in these specific ministries. We will be providing **two training sessions** in November for those who would like to serve as Lectors or Eucharistic ministers at St. Stan's. The trainings will be conducted by our sacristan, Pat Heroff, on Saturday, November 9 at 3:00pm and Sunday, November 10 at 11:00am. If you are interested in becoming a Church Lector or Eucharistic minister, please feel free to contact Kim Myers at 651-224-7998 or kimmyers@ststans.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please note religious education classes meet on November 10 and 17 this month. Happy Thanksgiving!



THE 36TH BOB AND DOROTHY CASPER THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanksgiving service will be held on November 28, 2019 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1154 Seminole Avenue, West Saint Paul, MN 55118 and is sponsored by the Casper family and Cherokee Tavern. Would you like to know that all your neighbors have a meal this Thanksgiving? Dine in, take out or delivered Thanksgiving meals are available. This is a community event open to people in need or who might be alone at Thanksgiving. We welcome you to partner with St. Stan's and Cherokee Tavern and help us feed our neighbors in need. **Please contact Kim Myers at 651-224-7998 or kimmyers@ststans.org for more information and meal tickets.** Thank you to Parishioner, Dave Freier, for serving as St. Stan's representative for this community event.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES—THANK YOU!

Thank you to Mary Ryan and Erin Bourget for sharing their time and information with our parish for Pope Francis' World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The dinner and shared information and conversation following the special mass on September 28 made for a lovely gathering. In addition, the parish generously contributed to the St. Thomas More Sanctuary \$1,125.00. We thank you all! The collection goes into a general fund for daily living, legal aid and other resources needed for those hoping to immigrate to our country. We hope to continue to support this charitable effort!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AND NEWCOMER WELCOME EVENT

St. Stan's is so extraordinarily grateful to our kind, hard-working, dedicated volunteers. We Thank You All and would like to extend an invitation to you and your families to a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday, November 24 at 11:00am following the 10am mass. St. Stan's would not be what it is today without all of you! We also wish to invite all St. Stan's new members so we can get to know you better. If you know of someone you would like to introduce to St. Stan's parish, we encourage you to extend the invitation. Please RSVP by November 17 to Kim Myers at 651-224-7998 or kimmyers@ststans.org.

THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree will be put up the weekend of November 16 & 17, and it will be available for your kind donations through the weekend of December 14 & 15. We will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets and socks. Your donations will be distributed to the needy.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT NOVEMBER 23-24

Our special collection in November will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Please join us for **Thanksgiving service** at St. Stan's at 9:30 am on Thursday, November 28 2019. We invite you to join us for refreshments in the church hall following the service.

*"Blessed be the gifts you never notice,
your health, eyes to behold the world,
thoughts to countenance the unknown,
memory to harvest vanished days,
your heart to feel the world's waves,
your breath to breathe the nourishment
of distance made intimate by earth."*

~ John O'Donohue