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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,

Communicating the Message of Jesus Today

The message of Jesus will fall on deaf ears if we do not express it in ways that draw people in toward the depths of that message.

I believe that the message of Jesus can be valuable to people of many different times and cultures. I believe that it has the power to touch perhaps all humans. I also believe that we stand in the way of spreading that message by not understanding that our own cultural expression does not touch people of different cultures.

I also understand that Jesus' message is not totally elastic. The more deeply we understand the message, the better we will be able to express it in a way that draws in many kinds of people.

I of course am not capable of doing this. That is why we need dialog among theologians and bishops throughout the world, along with the Magisterium of our church. We also need to hear the thoughts, dreams and fears of the people in the pews, people of other religions, and people of no religion.

Doing this will be messy. Pursuing truth is messy. I believe that the Spirit of God works better in messiness than rigidity. When we are rigid we don't leave much room for the Spirit.

Getting back to my random thoughts about why we are in such a different place in our country in 2015 than we were in the 1950s:

- 1) Belief in God was more widespread in the 1950s. Our country is much more secular today.

We can't just assume that a person believes in God. Certain images of God that don't deserve to be believed in have caused some of this change. When someone tells me that they don't believe in God, I sometimes ask them, "What kind of God is it that you don't believe in?"

- 2) Science has revealed to us a different understanding of the

OCTOBER 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.

OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS

- ❖ Craft Fair: Saturday, October 5, 9am-4pm, Church hall.
- ❖ Caramel Roll Sunday: Sunday, October 6 after mass times
- ❖ Parish gathering & Dixieland Jazz Mass: Saturday, October 12, 3pm gathering in the church hall followed by 4pm mass.
- ❖ Knitting & Crocheting Group: Sat, Oct 12, 9:30am, Parish Center
- ❖ Religious Ed Youth Kindergarten-Grade 6 1ST day of classes: Oct 13, 9am, Parish Center
- ❖ Spiritual Growth series: begins Sunday, Oct 13, 11:30am-1:00pm, Parish Center library
- ❖ Annual Warmth Drive: Saturday Oct 26 & Sunday Oct 27, Church

MASSES—OCTOBER 5—OCTOBER 13

Sat. 4:00 Bob Gatti

Sun. 8:00 Oma & Don Crystal

10:00 Clarice Gombold

Sat. 4:00 Peggy Sanchez

Sun. 8:00 Bonnie Eggleton

10:00 Louise & Robert Eggleton

universe from what used to be common.

This can lead to a tragic and unnecessary question: *Do I hold onto my faith or do I accept the knowledge that science reveals?*

The science story tells us what happened—the Big Bang and consequent development. It is a story based on reason, experiment and mathematical calculation. That story leaves me in awe and wonder, and it makes me wonder not just about what happened but the deeper question: What is this all about? What does it mean? What is behind it? Why is the universe intelligible? These wonderings draw me to believe in God. I know that it may not do that for others.

The Jewish-Christian story in the book of Genesis, the first book of our Bible, tells me something:

It tells me that when I look more deeply, I understand the way the physical world looked to people in ancient times.

It tells me that there is something more to the universe than meets the eye.

It tells me that there is something ultimate behind what science can discover.

It tells me that this ultimate reality is interested in and has concern for us humans and the world.

It tells me that we humans resemble God because of our freedom that allows us to love (and of course hate).

It tells me that this ultimate reality is infinite love and so cannot hate.

I am grateful for the science story and the Genesis story. They are different and at the same time they complement each other. But the Jesus story deepens the Genesis story.

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,
Father Clay

LECTIO DIVINA

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

FALL FESTIVAL RESULTS

A special *Thank You* to all volunteers who contributed to the event! Also a big *Thank You* to all parishioners who donated goods and prizes. What a gift you all are to St. Stan's! Despite a bit of rainy weather, we had a great result with this year's festival raising **\$20,000** to benefit St. Stanislaus programs! We couldn't do it without you! Congratulations to our Fall Fest Raffle Winners: Pat McPherson \$1,000.00; Glen James \$300.00; Chet Broman \$200.00; Tony Ingram \$25.00; Kathleen Elizabeth \$25.00 and Don Filiowich \$25.00.

BARBARY COAST DIXIELAND MASS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

We invite all on **Saturday, October 12, at 3pm for a parish gathering** with a New Orleans inspired snack, coffee and hot chocolate in the church hall followed by our traditional annual jazz mass at 4pm. Thank you to Dick Petersen and his band!

WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

Welcome St. Stan's Religious Education students! We look forward to sharing God's love with you in our many lessons and activities. Religious education classes for students kindergarten through 6th grade begin on Sunday, October 13 at 9:00am in the Parish Center. If you are not already registered and would like to attend classes, please contact Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-1913 or email at lindsay@ststans.org.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SERIES OFFERED THIS FALL

The text *Dear People Whom God Loves* by Fr. John Clay will be used for this year's spiritual growth series program. Please note the six month program beginning in October 2019 will be held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month through March 2020 from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Parish Center Library. This program will be facilitated by Anita Gonzalez. To Register and/or purchase book please contact Lindsay Lope at 651-292-1913 or email Lindsay@ststans.org. Book purchase price is \$7.00. Suggested program donation \$30.00.

ANNUAL WARMTH DRIVE

As nature's summer green bursts into fall colors and the warm summer days experience a significant cool down, we begin our transition into the next white, cold Minnesota season. Once again we are partnering with Joseph's Coat to supply needed warm clothing and bedding to families in our local community who otherwise might not have the comfort and safety these things provide. Our annual Warmth Drive will be held on **Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27**. Clean, gently used indoor and outdoor winter clothes, new heavy socks, and warm bedding are needed. Cash donations will also be gratefully accepted.



ARE YOU CONSIDERING VOLUNTEERING AT ST STANS?

Attending a *VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children* session training is an archdiocese requirement for anyone interacting with minors and vulnerable adults. If you are considering volunteering to work in a ministry with minors or vulnerable adults at St. Stan's you will need to attend this training session. Please feel free to contact Lindsay Lopez at lindsay@ststans.org or 651-292-1913 or Kim Myers at kimmyers@ststans.org or 651-224-7998 with any questions. You are welcome to attend the training even if you aren't planning on volunteering but would like information on keeping minors and vulnerable adults safe. You can register for a session at a time and place you choose by accessing this link: http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=21441&theme=0

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 next two are: **Fri., Oct. 11, 6-9 p.m. at Guardian Angels (Oakdale) and Sat., Oct. 12, 9 a.m.-noon at Our Lady of Guadalupe (St. Paul) – bilingual event: Spanish/English.** Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUPS

The women's spirituality groups meet on Tuesdays from 5-6:30pm and Thursdays from 9:30-11am. This is a weekly program that runs from September through May. We share our journey of faith through sharing our stories, retreats, books, songs and scripture. If you have any questions contact Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-1913 or lindsay@ststans.org.

FRANCISCAN RETREAT AND SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Men's October Silent Retreat

Friday October 18 (7:30 PM) through Sunday October 20th (ending after brunch) Theme: *Silence; the Icon of God's Mystery*

Includes four conferences on the power of regular silence in our spiritual lives. By **Fr. Daniel Manger** a Camaldolese Benedictine monk and prior of the Monastery of the Risen Christ in San Luis Obispo California. Silence is observed after the Opening Welcome to make it easier to absorb the teachings and discern God's will for our lives. Fully private rooms; space limited.

Women's October Weekend (Oct 11-13) Retreats. Theme: *Rejoice and be Glad; our Call to Holiness Today.* All meals cooked on site by our Chef Judy. Call 952-447-2182 to **register** or online at: www.franciscanretreats.net.

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center - 16385 Saint Francis Lane, Prior Lake MN