

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.

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Dear People Whom God Loves,

### **The Jesus Story**

This leads us to reflect on the effect Jesus' crucifixion had on his disciples. They had high hopes that with Jesus the reign of God would come about. In the story of the two disciples on their journey to Emmaus, the two disciples used the telling words "we had hoped." Their hopes were shattered.

Let us ponder this situation of deep dejection. Their leader whom they admired and followed had been executed like a criminal. Moreover, the male disciples had this great fear and must have thought, Our leader has been crucified. Will they be coming after me next? So they huddled together in fear. The female disciples were not in the same danger. But they all must have been feeling much as we would if our family and friends were destroyed and we had not one to turn to.

We now look at Jesus' resurrection. Resurrection is what happened to Jesus. The Easter experience is what happened to his followers.

What happened to Jesus? He was transformed from the life that he had here on earth to a new and glorious state with God. It is this state of being to which we give the name heaven. The resurrection is not a historical event. It is an event beyond history. This is not saying that Jesus did not rise from the dead. The testimony of his followers, of their experience that he was alive, is historical.

What is the Easter experience? Jesus' followers came to the faith that Jesus still lived, not in the same way as before but still truly alive. Coming to this faith did not come easily, but it did come.

The appearance stories in the gospels, which tell us about their journey to faith, tell of their struggle with doubts. It was Jesus, but he was not the same as before.

This faith in the presence of Jesus still with them produced a dramatic change in his followers. They lost their fear and despair. They were full of courage and hope. They experienced Jesus' presence in the "breaking of

## **JULY CALENDAR**

### **MONDAYS**

Al-Anon: 11:30am-12:30pm, Parish Center

### **TUESDAYS**

Women's Spirituality Group: 6:00-7:30pm, on the second and fourth Tuesdays. These groups meet on the church lawn or via online. Please call Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-1913 with any questions.

### **THURSDAYS**

Women's Spirituality Group: 10:00-11:30am on the church or via online.  
Centering Prayer: 7:00-8:00pm online.  
Lectio Divina: 6:00-6:50 pm currently meeting online.  
Please call Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-191 with any questions or information to join meetings online.

### **SATURDAYS**

Penance: By appointment  
Mass: 4:00pm

### **SUNDAYS**

Mass: 8:00am and 10:00am

### **JULY SPECIAL EVENTS**

- ❖ St. Stan's Reopens for Masses: Saturday July 4 and Sunday July 5
- ❖ Loaves & Fishes Ministry: Thursday, July 9 at St. Matthew's
- ❖ Sought Through Prayer and Meditation Workshop: Step 7, Tuesday, July 14 12:00pm—1:30pm, online. Please contact Lindsay Lopez 651-292-1913 or [lindsay@ststans.org](mailto:lindsay@ststans.org) for information on how to join the virtual meeting.



### **MASSES—JULY 4—JULY 12**

Sat. 4:00 Patty Thompson  
Sun. 8:00 Duane Foster  
10:00 Sean Mulcahy

Sat. 4:00 Jill Mergens Haukos  
Sun. 8:00 Clarice Gombold  
10:00 Anne Gonzalez

### **LECTIO DIVINA**

*Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.*

bread." This likely means that they came together to share meals as they did with Jesus before he died. This was the beginning of the Jesus movement.

They believed that the Spirit of Jesus was with them and enabled them to preach and live the message of Jesus. They saw this as their mission from Jesus and the Spirit. This mission of the Jesus movement eventually became the church.

It is important to remember that we don't first have church and then the church makes up the mission. The mission comes first. The church is formed to carry out the mission. A phrase that is sometimes used is "the mission has a church."

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,  
Father Clay

### **WELCOME BACK! WE HAVE MISSED YOU!**

As we return to mass the first weekend in July—July 4 and 5, we continue to practice social distancing of six feet in all directions. As recommended, people 65 years and older or with compromised immune systems are encouraged to stay at home. It is our plan to live stream mass once we reopen. Once we return to mass and are gathered together, we will review the changes in church (as well as post updates on the St. Stan's website) so we can understand the guidelines to maintaining a safe worship environment for all.



In the meantime, here are some of changes you can expect:

- We will ask our greeters to help welcome people coming in and assist with the flow of movement within our church, seating from front to back of church.
- Pews will be marked to maintain social distancing
- Missals and songbooks have been temporarily removed from the pews as a precaution. We will not be singing until safe to do so.
- All are required to wear masks
- We will have a designated basket to collect all donations in lieu of ushers
- Our holy water fonts remain emptied

Please feel free to contact Kim Myers, Parish Administrator at 651-224-7998 or [kimmyers@ststans.org](mailto:kimmyers@ststans.org) with any questions or concerns.

## **DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY (DMI)**

You may recall as part of the Archdiocesan Synod, last March parishes throughout the Archdiocese were offered to take part in the Catholic Leadership Institute's DMI Survey. The survey allowed parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and provide feedback on parish efforts to help in the process. Parishioners were asked to take this 10-15 minute survey on their smartphone, tablet or computer. Paper surveys were also provided. Responses were asked to be submitted by March 1, 2020. St. Stan's will be provided with our parish results later this fall. There will be some upcoming training to help review and identify important areas. Parishioner, Zoe Ryan and Parish Administrator, Kim Myers will be attending the three part training over the next three months. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to contact Kim Myers at 651-224-7998 or [kimmyers@ststans.org](mailto:kimmyers@ststans.org).

## **SOUGHT THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION WORKSHOP**

This workshop is still meeting once a month on the second Tuesday of each month from 12pm-1:30pm but is now meeting online. 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. July's virtual meeting will be on Step 7 on Tuesday, July 14 from 12-1:30pm. To register call or email Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-1913 or [lindsay@ststans.org](mailto:lindsay@ststans.org).

## **ST. STAN'S YOUTH GROUP UPDATE**

Hello from the St. Stan's Youth Group! Our group has been meeting online since March and just ended our regular meetings in the online format. Last Wednesday we met for a socially distanced picnic. It was wonderful for our young people to be able to see one another, play some games and share a meal.

Unfortunately our highly anticipated trip to San Juan, Guatemala for late July has been postponed until next summer. Between concerns over whether we would even be allowed to travel there and also what kind of interactions with the people we would be able to have amidst COVID concerns, postponing the trip seemed our best choice.

We have two exciting events we are working on in place of our trip. One is a Service Day, which is being planned for early July. Our students will do some service and participate in some educational activities around racial justice. Our other event is a **community movie night planned for Wednesday, August 12th**.

We will show a movie on the lawn at church with popcorn and drinks provided. This event will be open to the church and the neighborhood as we build community together. Please keep our young people in St. Stans Youth Group in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to learn and grow together in our ever changing world.



## **FALL FESTIVAL AND CRAFT FAIR**

During this time of COVID-19 it has been very important to St. Stan's to choose to keep everyone safe as possible. Because of this priority the decision has been made to cancel this year's Fall Festival and Craft Fair. We know these events will be missed in our community and that St. Stan's depends upon the financial support they provide. In lieu of these cancellations, we will be hosting other fundraisers in their place. More information to come...

## **HEALTH SCREENING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19**

St. Stan's will be posting The Minnesota Department of Health posters that note for your safety and others the following health screening questions.

*If you have any of these symptoms, go home, stay away from other people, and contact your health care provider:*

- **Fever or Feeling Feverish**
- **Chills**
- **A New Cough**
- **Shortness of Breath**
- **A New Sore Throat**
- **New Muscle Aches**
- **New Headache**
- **New Loss of Smell or Taste**

## **FROM ANTHEM BY LEONARD COHEN**

The birds they sing at the break of day.  
Start again I heard them say.  
Don't dwell on what has passed away  
or what is yet to be.  
Ring the bells that still can ring.  
Forget your perfect offering.  
There is a crack in everything.  
That's how the light gets in.