



***HOLY IS ANY PLACE WHERE IT IS SAFE TO TELL YOUR STORY.***

***HOLY IS ANY PLACE THAT CREATES JUSTICE.***

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Dear People Whom God Loves,

### **GOD (Love) and Evolution**

**It is essential that we not confuse theology and science. They both deal with the universe, but not in the same way.**

Science shows us what the universe is like and how it works. This is always ongoing. The scientific view of the universe today is very different from the view centuries ago. Science cannot and is not supposed to explain why the universe exists. It accepts what exists and tells us wonderful information about it. Science is based on observation and reason. That is its grandeur and its limitation.

Theology on the other hand is based on the belief that there is something, which is not a thing, beyond the universe. This something, again not a thing, gives us an understanding of why there is a universe. It helps us understand that there is a purpose to the universe, and that there is a mysterious presence in the universe that is not accessible to science. This belief is reasonable, but it cannot be proven by reason. It is another kind of knowing. Theology leads us to a mysterious realization that there is something more. There is something ultimate and beyond what meets the eye that is very real and often changes the way we look at everyone and everything.

This realization can happen to us when our child is born, when we see the mountains, the ocean, the Grand Canyon, the sunset, when we are alone on a walk through the woods, when we are quiet and reflective, when we pray, when we experience love in a new and deep way, when we experience forgiveness and a vision of a new path. It can happen in church.

I see science and theology as friends who need each other to help us see and live life in a deeper way. Belief can help us find meaning in a way that reason does not. Reason can help our belief not to wander into paths that are

destructive.

### **There are primary and secondary causes of creation.**

Theologians often speak of God (the creator) as the primary cause. Creatures (including humans) that cause things are called secondary causes.

This is a crucial distinction because we are speaking of two very different processes. I prefer not to call creating a primary cause, because it is mysterious and not just a bigger way of causing than the way creatures cause.

When creatures cause, they use something to cause a result. There was nothing for God to use to make the cosmos. That is why we call it creation from nothing.

I see similarity between creating and the way creatures cause things, beyond the fact that both produce a result.

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,  
Father Clay

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

**MONDAYS**

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

**TUESDAYS**

- Women’s Spirituality Group: 6:00-7:30pm. The group meets online until further notice. Please call Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-1913 with any questions.

**WEDNESDAYS**

- Youth Group: Meets 6:30pm—8:00pm, Grades 7-12, Parish Center

**THURSDAYS**

- Women’s Spirituality Group: 10:00-11:30am, online until future notice.
  - Centering Prayer: 12:00-1:00pm online.
  - Lectio Divina: 6:00-6:50 pm currently meeting online.
  - Centering Prayer: 7:00-8:00pm online.
- Please call Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-191 with any questions or information to join meetings online.

**SATURDAYS**

- Penance: 3:00-3:30pm
- Mass: 4:00pm

**SUNDAYS**

- Mass: 8:00am and 10:00am

**FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENTS**

- ❖ February 17: Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30pm.
- ❖ February 19, 26: Quiet Centering Prayer, 10am-11am in Church.
- ❖ February 19, 26: Stations of the Cross, 11am-12pm in Church
- ❖ February 20, 21, 27, 28: Youth Group Food Drive (see note below)

**MASSSES—FEBRUARY 6—FEBRUARY 14**

Sat. 4:00 Darrell J. Kopf	Sat. 4:00 Rosanne Hertel
Sun. 8:00 John Clay	Sun. 8:00 Don Anderson
10:00 Nicholas Zimmer	10:00 Deceased Members of St. Stan’s

**LECTIO DIVINA**

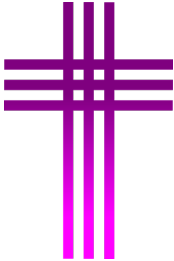
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

**Mass Readings:**

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (74B)  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23.  
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

**LENTEN SCHEDULE ACTIVITIES**

Masses below marked with \*\* are also live streamed on our [Facebook page](#).



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- ❖ March 5, 12, 19, 26 Quiet Centering Prayer, 10am-11am in Church
- ❖ March 5, 12, 19, 26 Stations of the Cross, 11am-12pm in Church
- ❖ March 27: Palm Sunday Mass 4pm\*\*
- ❖ March 28: Palm Sunday Masses 8am and 10am
- ❖ March 28: Communal Penance 11am (following 10am Mass)\*\*
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- ❖ April 1: Holy Thursday Mass, 5:30pm\*\*
- ❖ April 2: Good Friday Service, 5:30pm\*\*
- ❖ April 2: Quiet Centering Prayer, 10m-11am in Church
- ❖ April 2: Stations of the Cross, 11am-12pm in Church.
- ❖ April 3: Easter Vigil Mass, 5:30pm (no 4pm mass this Saturday)\*\*
- ❖ April 4: Easter Masses, 8am & 10am

**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.

**ST. STAN'S LENTEN CHALLENGE -- March 1 through March 25** – We are offering a daily challenge during **Lent**. We invite you to Sign Up Now! For 25 days, you will receive a short email each day or text that will spark you to think more deeply about your faith and provide various daily activities. **It's easy to sign up - no passwords or logins needed!** To receive the daily email through our new email and text messaging communication system, called **Flocknote**, sign up by following **one of the two** ways below:

To receive an **email**:

Send a text to the number 84576 with the word STSTANSMN as the message. You will receive a text with a link to enter your contact information.

**OR**

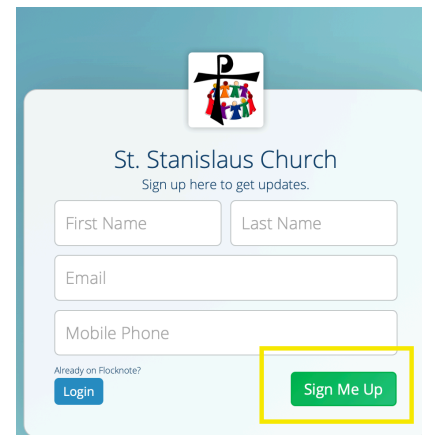
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**SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 20, 2021 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Stan's will again be hosting a blood drive to support the Red Cross, **Saturday, March 20 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](mailto:mmmka@comcast.net). You may also register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code "St Stan". Drop-ins are also welcome. Refreshments will be provided, also inside the blood mobile.



**YOUTH GROUP FOOD DRIVE**

February 20-21 & 27-28, 2021

On the weekends of **February 20-21 and 27-28**, **St. Stan's Youth Group** will be having a Food Drive Collection to support the mission of 7th Street W. Salvation Army. Food and cash donations will be accepted. The COVID-19 outbreak continues to drive a very high demand for emergency food assistance. The need is great!



**Food Donations** ...Youth group members will be located outside of church along Superior and Western streets at **3:30 to 4:30 pm on Saturdays, February 20 & 27** and at **7:30 to 8:30 am and 9:30 to 10:30 am on Sundays, February 21 & 28** to collect food donations.

**Cash Donations** ... Drop cash donations in a special collection basket labeled 'Food Drive' in the church vestibule or give to a youth group member outside of church. Cash donations can also be made by sending a check payable to St. Stan's (indicate Food Drive on the memo line) or by making an online donation on our website at [www.ststans.org](http://www.ststans.org) : click the 'Donate Now' menu and select 'Food Drive'.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

St. Stan's website has a few new features and is being updated frequently with new information! Check out our website at [www.ststans.org](http://www.ststans.org) to read Father Dennis's weekly homily (found under the 'Fr. Dennis' menu), or browse parishioner Katie Walter's blog as she explores her story and how God's love is helping her connect to holiness, love and safety (see 'Blog' menu or at [www.dearpeoplewhomgodloves.com](http://www.dearpeoplewhomgodloves.com)). Please note we have discontinued our prayer request option on the website as it was presenting the site with loading problems. We are working to resolve the issue and plan to re-introduce it to our web site.



**ST. STAN’S FINANCIAL PROFILE**

While St. Stan’s faces, along with many others, challenges during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic we are maintaining a stable financial profile. Our total income has been trending downward, but we continue to diligently manage our expenses. We will continue to post our Financial Reports on the communication board in the vestibule, but please feel free to contact Kim Myers, Parish Administrator, at 651-224-7998 or [kimmyers@ststans.org](mailto:kimmyers@ststans.org) with any specific questions or concerns. Our Pastoral Councils have been meeting jointly and more frequently throughout the pandemic to monitor our finances and parish programming.

We thank you for your generous ongoing support of St. Stan’s!

	Money collected from contributions	Money spent performing St. Stan’s mission	Funding (Shortfall)/ Overage
<b>Current Fiscal Year</b> 7/1/20-12/31/20	<b>\$324,613.23</b>	<b>\$210,082.13</b>	<b>\$114,531.10</b>

