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Dear People Whom God Loves,

Entering the Reign of God

This doesn't mean that we don't have principles and beliefs. It does mean to me that our actions will be deeply influenced by our softened hearts.

I don't think that the scribes and Pharisees, chief priests and elders, were necessarily bad people. I do think that they did good religious things, but their hearts were not softened. For me, that means that they were not entering the reign of God, while sinners, tax collectors and prostitutes were entering the reign of God.

I think of entering the reign of God as the slow painful process of allowing the great Love that Jesus named Abba to soften our hearts and transform us. I don't think that this can come about by our will power. We can, however, be willing to let Abba transform us. That transformation is difficult because we cling in unhealthy ways to various drives and needs within us.

We can learn from Jesus' contact with the woman caught in adultery. By not condemning her, by accepting her, Jesus helped her to see the goodness inside her that would allow her to change her life. In my opinion, only love can draw people into love.

If I am close to correct in understanding what Jesus meant by the reign of God, this is the mission that Jesus gave his disciples:

Spread the good news to all nations. Tell them by example
and word that Abba wants them to know of his love, mercy
and forgiveness that embraces everyone.

All of us are called to allow Abba's image in us to grow and transform our hearts. How can we help draw people into the reign of God if we are not entering it ourselves?

I now want to apply this to the polarization in our church that exists, in my opinion, in the tension between Culture I and Culture II Catholicism. This is not to deny other tensions. I know that it is difficult for me and many others to be willing to listen and learn from people who think differently and have beliefs that are different from ours. It is easy to believe that the way that we see it is right and the whole truth. Then we don't listen very well.

We allow into our minds only the thinking that conforms to our own thoughts, and we dismiss ideas contrary to our own. I believe that this is quite common in us humans. The result usually is that we don't learn anything. We just get stronger and louder as we cling to our partial truths. Only God sees the whole picture.

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,

Father Clay

JUNE CALENDAR

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

- Women’s Spirituality Group: 5:00-6:30pm, Parish Center. Call Lindsay Lopez (651-292-1913) with any questions.

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

- Women’s Spirituality Group: 10:00-11:30am, Parish Center.
- Lectio Divina: 6:00-6:50 pm currently meeting online.
- Centering Prayer: 12:00pm-1:00pm, Parish Center or 7:00-8:00pm currently meeting online.

Please call Lindsay Lopez (651-292-191) with any questions or for information to join meetings online.

SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS

❖ Father’s Day: Sunday, June 20

MASSES—JUNE 5--JUNE 13, 2021

Sat. 4:00 Shirley Ayotte	Sat. 4:00 Peggy Sanchez
Sun. 8:00 Rosanne Hertel	Sun. 8:00 Bridget Sipe
10:00 Louise Eggleton	10:00 Clarice Gombold

Mass Readings: Corpus Christi
First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8 (168B)
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15
Gospel: Mark 14:12-16; 22-26



LECTIO DIVINA

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

(SOCIAL) DISTANCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic many of us have grown in appreciation of and desire for some of those things we’ve had to do without: going out for a good burger, a shared cup of coffee with an elderly parent, big life celebrations like graduations and weddings.

As Catholics, in the absence of communion with each other and Holy Communion, we've had a chance to reflect upon the joy that comes from fellowship, and the life that comes from the Eucharist. As the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, we welcome you back to St. Stanislaus to experience that joy and life for we are Created for Communion.

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After Mass times on the weekend of **July 17 & 18 and August 14 & 15**, we invite all to gather together in our Church Hall for **Doughnut Sunday** to share and reconnect.



**\*\* MASS CHANGES THIS MONTH \*\***

We thank you all for your kind patience, understanding and consideration of safety for yourself and others as we move through the COVID19 pandemic.

**Beginning the weekend of June 5 & 6**, we plan to resume the celebration of Mass as we had before the pandemic. We will continue to live stream the Saturday, 4pm Mass for those who are not able to attend Mass in person. Out of an abundance of caution, we will also continue to maintain social distancing in church. If the City of St. Paul removes the mask mandate, we ask that you please consider wearing a mask, but masks will no longer be required.



Please feel free to contact our Parish Administrator, Kim Myers at 651-224-7998 with any questions or concerns. We want all to feel welcomed as we desire and make efforts to keep everyone safe.

### JULY PRIEST SCHEDULE

Father Dennis will be away the month of July, and we have put together a schedule of priests that will be celebrating Mass with us in July. We welcome Father Matthew Linn, Father Michael Slusser, and Father Bill Peterson.

#### July 2021 Mass Priest Schedule

4pm Sat July 3—Fr. Matt Linn  
8am Sun July 4—Fr. Michael Slusser

4pm Sat July 10—Fr. Matt Linn  
8am Sun July 11—Fr. Matt Linn  
10am Sun July 11—Fr. Matt Linn

4pm Sat July 17—Fr. Michael Slusser  
8am Sun July 18—Fr. Bill Peterson  
10am Sun July 18—Fr. Michael Slusser

4pm Sat July 24—Fr. Solomon (MCP)  
8am Sun July 25—Fr. Solomon  
10am Sun July 25—Fr. Solomon



### FALL FEST AND CRAFT FAIR

- We do plan to have a **Fall Fest** event this year on **September 12, 2021**.
- However, this year's event will center around an outside picnic meal, raffle, and pull tabs event. While we are still living with the COVID19 pandemic and as more people become vaccinated, we want to gather and enjoy time together as a community while continuing to avoid any unnecessary safety risks. We look forward to sharing more information about this year's Fall Fest event as we approach the date.
- In addition, we will be hosting the annual **St. Stan's Craft Fair** in our Church Hall on **Saturday, October 2, 2021**. We already have several crafters signed up, and we look forward to this event open to the Parish and surrounding communities.

### FALL OFFERINGS

As we move together on our spiritual journey, we will be offering these opportunities this fall—Introduction to Centering Prayer; Introduction to Lectio Divina and The Welcoming Prayer Retreat. Dates yet to be determined; we will keep you updated.



### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS WITH OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Our Parish Community has gone through significant changes over the last couple of years, and we have all faced together the challenge and hardships around the COVID19 pandemic this past year and going forward.

Our Pastoral Councils (Finance and Parish Councils), Trustees and Parish Administrator have been meeting regularly to review our financial position and the current state of affairs at St. Stan's. We agreed it is important at this time to form a St. Stan's Stewardship Committee to help facilitate discussions with our entire Parish Community in an effort to address the current and future needs of St. Stan's.

The Stewardship Committee will involve St. Stan's Parishioners from the Pastoral Councils, St. Stan's Staff and Members of our Congregation. This group plans to host discussion meetings for the entire Parish Community on five Wednesday evenings this fall to address different topics important to our mission at St. Stan's Parish.

**Please Save the Dates for these Wednesday Evenings: October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3.** An agenda for each of the Wednesday meetings will be provided this fall.

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### MISSION APPEAL FOR THE DIOCESE OF ILORIN

As part of the 2021 Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP), St Stanislaus will again host a mission organization at our parish. The weekend of July 24 & July 25, Fr. Solomon Farinto, who represents the ILorin Diocese of Nigeria, will be visiting with us at mass times. More information about Father Solomon's mission to come.

## ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD—SAVE THE DATES BEGINNING THIS SEPTEMBER

As part of the ongoing three year Archdiocesan Synod process which began in 2019 with the Prayer and Listening events many of you attended, we are now approaching the third year. In Year 3, “The Church Engages” and small groups plan to meet in every parish to learn, pray and discuss the three focus areas outlined by Archbishop Hebda. These three areas consist of:

1. Forming parishes that are at the service of evangelization
2. Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus’ love and respond to his call
3. Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young

We invite all parishioners to join in the upcoming six small group sessions to learn, pray and discuss the three focus areas beginning in September, 2021. Parish feedback will then be used to help inform the Deanery consultation in early 2022.

The process will then culminate in the Archdiocesan Synod Assembly held Pentecost weekend, June 3-5, 2022. Please save the dates for meetings at St. Stan’s on **September 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17 and 24**. More information to follow. For further information on the Archdiocese Synod please visit [archspm.org/synod](https://archspm.org/synod).



### 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)).

*“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.”*

— St. Julian