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Dear People Whom God Loves,

# **Spirituality**

Ken Wilber also writes about lines of development. Lines are the various capacities or energies that we have. He writes about five. They are called developmental lines because they show growth and development.

The five intelligences are: 1) Cognitive, 2) Interpersonal, 3) Psychosexual, 4) Emotional, and 5) Moral.

These intelligences can grow through the three stages that we have discussed. Also, remember that all of these intelligences will not have grown to the same height or, we might say, to the same depth. The levels of awareness will not be the same for all of them, nor should we expect them to be the same. But it is good for us to see where we are. Being aware of where we are can help us not to make some bad decisions and will alert us to when we need growth.

In his book, Wilber presents a Psychograph. The graph describes a person who excels in cognitive intelligence, is fairly good in interpersonal, is poor in psychosexual and moral, and is really poor in emotional. For example, a person may have great cognitive intelligence and at the same time be lacking in compassion and empathy. Hurting others will not bother him. This person can be brilliant in pursuing a life of hatred and destruction.

We may have passing peak experiences (states, not stages) of something in a stage above us. We don't have to have actual growth or practice to have such an experience. For example, we might look into the Grand Canyon and have a peak experience of wonder and awe.

However, to enter into that stage (remember, a stage is permanent) it takes practice, practice, and more practice. The good news is that we can accelerate through the stages by various types of state practices such as meditation. These practices change our brain and so bring about the higher stages of consciousness. From my belief in God, I also see the Loving Energy that we name God drawing us to Him/Herself.

Before continuing with Ken Wilber, I'd like to take a little sidetrack with Lawrence Kohlberg and Carol Gilligan. They write of moral development in six stages and merely touch on a seventh that I won't consider.

Kohlberg's study was exclusively with men. He found the stages that they went through in valuing human rights. All of these stages have to be gone through in sequence. You can't skip over any one of them. Also, you can't understand or value stages above where you are. You may get a glimpse of the stage above you before you enter into it, but generally stages above you just seem wrong and you think that the stage you are in is absolutely right. You stubbornly and righteously discount anyone who is in a stage above. Remember, we all start at zero when we are born.

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,

Father Clay

## **JULY CALENDAR**

## **MONDAYS**

• Al-Anon: 11:30am - 12:30pm, online

#### **TUESDAYS**

#### **WEDNESDAYS - YOUTH GROUP**

- <u>PUSH Week</u> Thursday, **July 22 thru Saturday July 24** @ Guardian Angels Prayer, Unity, Service, and Hospitality; Serving during the day and enjoy fun outings in the evening.
- <u>Movie/Family Fun Night</u> **Saturday, August 14**, 7:30pm 10:15pm @ Church. Movie, Games and Trivia

#### **THURSDAYS**

- Centering Prayer: 12:00 1:00pm, Parish Center, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.
- Centering Prayer: 7:00 8:00pm, meeting online on July 8 & 22.
- <u>Lectio Divina</u>: 6:00 6:50pm currently meeting online on July 8 & 22. Please call Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-1913 with any questions.

#### SATURDAYS

• Penance: 3:00-3:30pm

• Mass: 4:00pm

## **SUNDAYS**

• Mass: 8:00am and 10:00am

# JULY SPECIAL EVENTS

- Doughnut Sunday **July 17 & 18** after each Mass time.
- Youth Group PUSH Week at Guardian Angels July 22-24.
- Mission Cooperation Plan July 24 & 25 with Father Solomon Farinto.

# **MASSES—JULY 3--JULY 11, 2021**

Sat. 4:00 Well Being of Our Country
Sun. 8:00 Well Being of Our Country
10:00 Well Being of Our Country
10:00 Christy Quinlan

## **LECTIO DIVINA**

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Mass Readings: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5 (101B) Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a

# (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.

# **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.

## 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. The Diocese of Ilorin established the St. Vincent Vocational Training Center as part of their commitment to preach the Gospel not just with words but also with action. The Center was established to serve the needs of impoverished widows and those displaced due to violence and terrorism. The Center also serves to empower youth who are too poor to attend school. The Center teaches sewing, wood working, and culinary skills but is in dire need of basic equipment and resources to meet its goals.

Father Solomon will share with us the mission activities in the Diocese of Ilorin and how donations and prayers will serve to help alleviate poverty and empower youth to become responsible stewards of society. Donations received will be used to equip the St. Vincent Vocational Training Center.

## **JULY PRIEST SCHEDULE**

Father Dennis will be away the month of July; we've put together a schedule of priests that will celebrate Mass with us in July. We welcome Father Matthew Linn, Father Michael Slusser, and Father Huy Vu.

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 10am Sun July 18—Fr. Michael Slusser

4pm Sat July 24—Fr. Solomon (Missonary Cooperation Plan) 8am Sun July 25—Fr. Solomon 8am Sun July 18—Fr. Huy Vu (in place of Fr. Peterson) 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.

# 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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# 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.

## 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 <a href="https://www.ststans.org">www.ststans.org</a> 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 <a href="https://www.dearpeoplewhomgodloves.com">www.dearpeoplewhomgodloves.com</a>).