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

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Dear People Whom God Loves,

***Mother Church***

Pope John XXIII is often seen as a hero by “liberal” Catholics and Pope John Paul II is often seen as a hero by “conservative” Catholics. Both are now proclaimed saints by Pope Francis. I see a deep symbolism in their simultaneous canonization.

It is not healthy to think in terms of conservative and liberal Catholics. There are of course different points of view, and we need to be open to learn from other perspectives. If Saint John XXIII is our hero, our task is to love, listen to and learn from those who hold Saint John Paul II as their hero. If Saint John Paul II is our hero, our task is to love, listen to and learn from those who hold Saint John XXIII as their hero. This will help us to broaden our understanding of what is true. Reality is what it is, but only God comprehends it fully. We so easily can believe that our vision is the whole truth.

Here are the questions we need to ask ourselves: Am I and is our church following in the footsteps of Jesus? Are we by word and example living the mission he gave us? His mission becomes our mission, to spread the good news. We must see how Jesus lived and taught if we are to know what the good news is.

Jesus taught us of the universal love of God, who makes his sun rise on the bad and good, and causes rain to fall on the just and unjust. Jesus did not reject the tax collectors, the prostitutes, the sinners, the adulterous and others who were the outcasts of his religious society. His acceptance, understanding and love drew many of them into a happier and more virtuous life.

It is not enough for us to believe in Jesus. We are called to follow Jesus. Only then are we living as our heavenly Father wants us to live.

Jesus gave us the mission to spread the good news. We must not only

understand the mission, but must also realize that without a structure, the mission will easily die out. That need for structure in order to spread the good news slowly became the church. Structure is essential. Its purpose is to serve the mission.

I believe that a healthy structure must integrate both “conservative” and “liberal” viewpoints with eyes on the mission. I say this because I believe that conservative and liberal viewpoints are both rather narrow. We come closer to the proper structure when they are integrated. Then we have something much deeper than conservative/liberal. I say this because integration is not just horse-trading. It is not accomplished by putting in a conservative viewpoint here and a liberal viewpoint there.

Integration comes at some point in our open struggle with both viewpoints as we find a deeper truth that is neither conservative nor liberal, but still holds what is valuable in each and is much more valuable than either one. We might even come closer to the views of Jesus.

This happens because instead of stubbornly clinging to our viewpoint, we are more open to allowing the Holy Spirit to bring us a new vision. The Holy Spirit is patient and subtle. Because the Spirit is love, the Spirit does not force us but respects our freedom. Therefore, the Spirit needs some degree of willingness on our part.

More to come.

Smile, God loves you,  
*Father Clay*

## MARCH CALENDAR

### MONDAYS

- Al-Anon: 11:30am-12:30pm, online.

### TUESDAYS

- Women's Spirituality Group: 5:00-6:30pm, Parish Center library. Meets March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Please call Lindsay Lopez at 651-292-1913 with any questions.

### WEDNESDAYS

- Youth Group: Meets 6:30pm—8:00pm, Grades 7-12, Church Hall.

### THURSDAYS

- Women's Spirituality Group: 9:30am-11:00am online and in person, Parish Center library. Meets March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.
- Centering Prayer: 12:00pm-1:00pm, Parish Center and 7:00-8:00pm (currently meeting online) on March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.
- Lectio Divina: 6:00-6:50pm meeting online on March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. 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

## MARCH SPECIAL EVENTS

- ❖ Friday, March 4, 11, 18, and 25: Quiet prayer at 10am followed by Stations of the Cross at 11am, Church.
- ❖ **A separate handout of Lenten Mass Times and Activities for both March and April 2022 is available in church or on our [website](#).**
- ❖ Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30: Lenten Reflection—5:30 quiet prayer and music followed by program at 6:00pm.
- ❖ Sunday, March 13: Father Matt Linn celebrates 10am Mass and following Mass will speak on Step 10 of the Twelve Steps.

- ❖ Sunday, March 20: Father Matt Linn celebrates 10am Mass and following Mass will speak on Step 11 of the Twelve Steps.

## LECTIO DIVINA

*One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God*

## MASSES—MARCH 5—MARCH 13, 2022

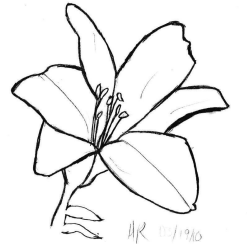
Sat. 10:00 Rolf Middleton	Sat. 4:00 Father John Clay
Sun. 8:00 Clarice Gombold	Sun. 8:00 People of St. Stan's
10:00 Keith Krensing	10:00 Jim Polta

## Mass Readings: First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (24C)

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13



## 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.

## MONTHLY BULLETINS CAN BE EMAILED TO YOU!

Each month, we send by mail and email the monthly bulletin to our parishioners. Every other weekend, the bulletins are printed and distributed at church for that particular weekend. We do offer the option of an emailed monthly bulletin in lieu of the mailed paper bulletin. The emailed monthly bulletin does contain some links and resources not available in the paper bulletin. If you would like to have the monthly bulletin emailed to you, rather than mailed you can

- 1) Text 'STSTANSMN' to 84576 OR
- 2) Click [HERE](#) to enter your name and email OR
- 3) Contact Kim Myers, Parish Administrator  
[kimmyers@ststans.org](mailto:kimmyers@ststans.org) or 651-224-7998.





### **MARCH 19, 2022 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Stan's will again be hosting a blood drive to support the Red Cross, **Saturday, March 19 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." Refreshments will be provided, also inside the blood mobile. We are grateful to Mark Thiel for overseeing the outreach on behalf of this important community drive.

### **2022 Lenten Mass Times and Events**

*All events are occurring in Church.*

*Events with \*\* are also livestreamed on our [Facebook page](#).*

- ❖ March 4, 11, 18, 25 Quiet Centering Prayer, 10am-11am in Church
- ❖ March 4, 11, 18, 25 Stations of the Cross, 11am-12pm in Church
- ❖ March 9, 16, 23, and 30 Lenten Reflection Evenings in Church 5:30pm quiet prayer and music, 6pm program
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- ❖ April 1, 8, and 15 Quiet Centering Prayer, 10am-11am in Church
- ❖ April 1, 8, and 15 Stations of the Cross, 11am-12pm in Church
- ❖ April 3 Lenten Penance Service 9am (between 8 & 10 am Mass times)
- ❖ April 9 Penance 3-3:30pm, Palm Sunday Mass 4pm\*\*
- ❖ April 10: Palm Sunday Mass 8am & 10am
- ❖ April 14: Holy Thursday Mass 5:30pm\*\*
- ❖ April 15: Good Friday Service 5:30pm\*\*
- ❖ April 16: Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 5:30pm\*\* (no penance or 4pm mass)
- ❖ April 17: Sunday, Easter Masses, 8am & 10am

### **SAFETY PRACTICES AT MASS CONTINUE**

While it appears we may be beginning to emerge from the COVID pandemic of the last two years, at this time we continue to practice some safety protocols at St. Stan's. We hope and pray as we move into spring, these protocols will continue to diminish. We are currently recommending masks for those vaccinated and

unvaccinated. We have a designated basket to collect all donations in lieu of ushers and our holy water fonts remain emptied. We also continue to live stream our Saturday 4pm Mass. Pews are still marked to maintain social distancing. We regularly review the Minnesota Department of Health (DOH) safety protocol guidelines to maintaining a safe worship environment for all. Missals and songbooks have been temporarily removed from the pews as a precaution. However, we welcome you to pick up a Heritage Missal to keep with you and use when you attend Mass. We will not be singing until safe to do so but this restriction may soon be lifted.

### **ST. STANS STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

This fall a group of St. Stan's parishioners and staff gathered together for five Wednesday evenings to address what St. Stan's is doing well, what we might want to discontinue, and what are our current and future needs. The committee concluded the first two priorities should be improving Communication and Enhancing our Community Outreach. The Stewardship Committee plans to address the parish community and will continue to meet throughout 2022 to identify how the St. Stan's community can continue to work together to fulfill our Mission Statement. Dave Bredemus, one of our St. Stan's Trustees will address the parish on the work of the Stewardship Committee in early April. More to come.

### **FATHER MATT LINN TO SPEAK AT ST. STAN'S IN MARCH**

We welcome Father Matt Linn to St. Stan's on Sundays, March 13 and 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in our Church proper. Father Linn will speak on the Alcoholics Anonymous' Twelve Steps and will address Step 10 on Sunday, March 13 and Step 11 on Sunday, March 20.

**Step 10:** Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

**Step 11:** Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Of note—Father Matt Linn has co-authored with Sheila Fabricant Linn and Dennis Linn among many titles, a book called *Belonging: Bonds of Healing and Recovery*, you might find interesting and helpful. Father Linn's books will be available for sale on the two Sundays.

## **LENTEN DEVOTIONS FROM *DRAWN TO THE CROSS***

### **INSPIRATION FROM HENRI NOUWEN.**

Lent Devotions booklets, *Drawn to the Cross*, are available in church or please feel free to contact Kim Myers at 651-224-7998 or [kimmyers@ststans.org](mailto:kimmyers@ststans.org) to obtain a copy. First Sunday of Lent “The Shape of God’s Plan.” *Actions that lead to overwork, exhaustion, and burnout can’t praise and glorify God. What God calls us to do we can do and do well. When we listen in silence to God’s voice and speak with our friends in trust, we will know what we are called to do and we will do it with a grateful heart.* (Henri J. M. Nouwen, *Can You Drink This Cup?*, 100)

All-wise God, help us to discern what we are called to do, and to do it with a grateful and trusting heart. Amen.