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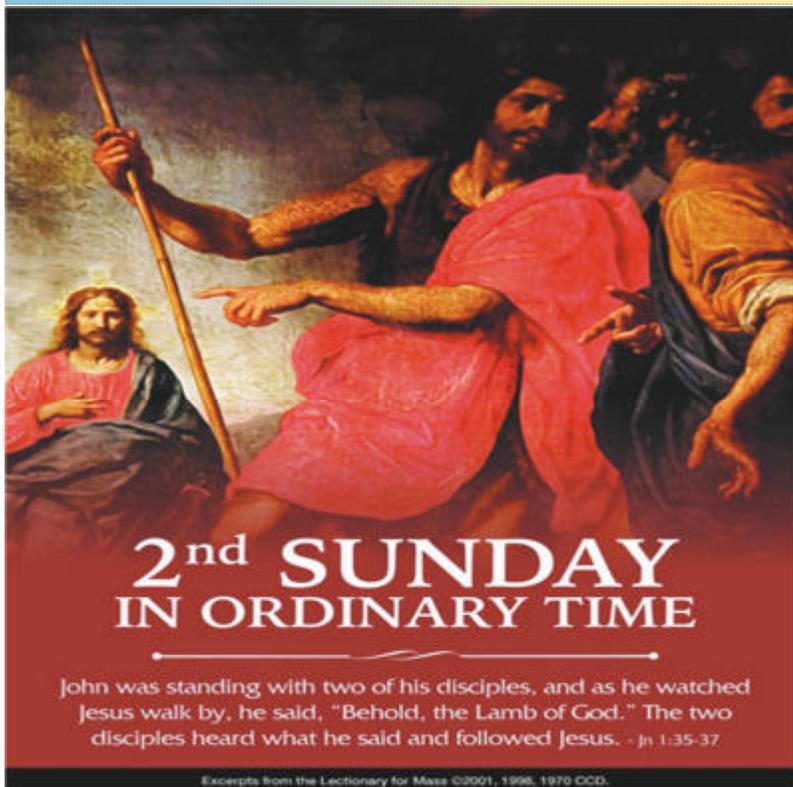
Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Alphonsus - St. Clement, are called by Jesus Christ to know Him and celebrate His Word. Sustained by the sacramental life rooted in the Eucharist, we reach out in service to all through faith, love, and fellowship.

Fr. Linus Kinyua, Pastor

Fr. Gregory Deters, Associate Pastor

JANUARY 17, 2021



Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other.

Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. **Speak Lord, your servant is listening.**

INFORMATION about Year End Statements

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2020 Parish Contribution Statements will be mailed upon request. Requests can be made by calling the Parish office 313-581-5218 or print your name and address on a sheet of paper and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to info@sta-stc.comcastbiz.net.

Thank you and God bless you for your support throughout 2020. Your continued support in 2021 is greatly appreciated.



Saturday, Jan. 16 4:00 pm Fr. Greg

+Mary McNeely-Taylor by Family
 +Dick & Anne Butler by Kumor Family
 +William Millon & Josephine Durham by Pat Durham
 +Andrew Ventro (Bday) by Family
 Living & Deceased Parks Family by Madeline Prokop
 Living & Deceased Ballard Family by Madeline Prokop

Sunday, Jan. 17

9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Greg

Living & Deceased Members of Chapel

9:00 am Fr. Linus

+Mary Senn by Shawn & Kathy Roskosky

11:00 am Fr. Linus

+Norman & Shirley Burger by Family
 Living & Deceased Members of Joseph & Gertrude Burger
 Spec. Int. Pat Durham by LIFT

Monday, Jan. 18 8:30 am Fr. Linus

+Nancy Howard (Bday) by Cousins

Tuesday, Jan. 19 8:30 am Fr. Greg
 For Christian Unity

Thursday, Jan. 21 8:30 am Fr. Greg

Living & Deceased Members of Seminara Family

Friday, Jan. 22 8:30 am Fr. Greg

For An End to Abortion

Saturday, Jan. 23 4:00 pm Fr. Linus

+Paul Romeo (ann) by Sister & Family
 +Charlie Makaroff by Madeline Prokop
 +Hazel Jones by Marilyn Filip
 Living & Deceased Prokop Family by Madeline Prokop
 Living & Deceased Buslowicz by Madeline Prokop

Sunday, Jan. 24

9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Linus

+Pat Buono by Jane Rospierski

9:00 am Fr. Greg

+Richard Rzepka by Family
 +Joseph J & David Bobowski by Family
 +Mary Maliszewski by Family

11:00 am Fr. Greg

Health & Healing Kimberly Polo by Jerry & Andy Coogan



Until further notice, we will not be praying the Rosary in Fr. Yagley Hall on Mondays. We ask that you pray the Rosary daily in your homes.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.



In the Gospel today, Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?" Often we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Michael Baran**, whose funeral was this past week.

May he have eternal life with our Blessed Mother and all the saints. May his family be comforted in the hope of the Resurrection. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may he rest in peace. Amen.*



Online Mass from St. Alphonsus – St. Clement

Every weekend mass is now available online from St. Alphonsus-St. Clement. In this way those who are unable to attend mass in person during the pandemic can remain connected with our parish family by participating in the mass online.

The 4:00 PM Saturday masses are being streamed live and are available for viewing on our YouTube channel. The mass is also being recorded and can be viewed anytime afterwards. Click on the link for the mass on the homepage of the parish website

www.stals-stclem.org

Acts of Spiritual Communion



It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving

Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sin that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

May God grant you peace and health during this time of great and unprecedented need. I pray you find comfort in knowing that God will never leave nor forsake you.

Pray for the Sick of the Parish. St. Joseph, help of the sick, pray for them.

Luigi Aronne, Eugene Bernard, Kathleen Bitonti, Louis & Giorgina Cascardo, Maria Cercone, Catherine Cody, Jerry Coogan, Theresa Dean, Barb Delgado, Evelyn Derengowski, Betty Fisher, Betty Fucinari, Mary Furioso, Peggy Goodart, Geri Haddad, Thomas Horvath, Jeranne Jackson, Margaret Javor, Virginia Karvelis, Marie Kobane, Becky, Kohaen, Kimberly Kucel, Walter Kucel, Jan Lawrence, Robert Lijaj, Jan Majewski, Tony Mardarski, Phyllis Marek, Bernadine Mistor, Mary Mitchell, Lois Mueller Kavanaugh, Theresa Mullen, Frank Palmeri, Maria Nino, Henry Perle, Jennifer Przepiora, Diane Raymond, Serafina Romano, Pearly Ruffin, Dana Slepsky, Margaret Smith, Rosario Aleta So, Judith Stafford, Greg Stawara, Chuck Stevens, Martha Stott, Marcy Tarlow, Albert Toccaceli, Joshua Yeager, The Parishioners of HFV Assisted Living and Health Care.



Please notify the Parish office for changes to our prayer list.



Please save the date and prayerfully consider attending the Rose Mass for the Unborn at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth on **Wednesday, January 27 at 6 pm**. The Rose Ceremony takes place during the Mass to commemorate the more than 62 million innocent, unborn victims of abortion as this year marks the 48th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Christians from all churches and denominations are invited. The Rose Ceremony is a beautiful way to give witness for life. Please join us! Call LIFESPAN 734-422-6230 or go to www.milifespan.org for more information on this even.



Day Of Prayer For The Legal Protection Of Unborn Children—Jan. 22

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

*Pope Saint John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae*



We have received a communication from Archbishop Vigneron regarding the dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. The dispensation is extended until **February 17, 2021.**

We encourage you to come and join your parish family in celebrating Mass on Sunday. Sunday Mass and keeping the Lord's Day holy, is still an obligation for all. Those who are in compromising health conditions i.e. immune compromised, the elderly, recent travel out of state, not feeling well, heart or lung disease, diabetes are asked to still stay home. However, healthy individuals, will be required to keep the Sunday obligation. What does that mean?

If you do not attend Mass you still have an obligation to watch Sunday Mass by live-stream, television or other means, to keep holy the Lord's Day. Many folks are now transitioning from being isolated in their homes to becoming involved in more public activities following all of the protocols necessary to be safe and healthy. **Catholics who engage in other activities that would present a similar or greater risk of contamination** (eating out at restaurants, traveling, non-essential shopping, widening one's circle of contacts, engaging in sports activities as a participant or observer etc.) **should begin to return to Sunday Mass as they are able.** "How can I repay the LORD for all of His goodness..." (Psalm 116:12).

St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Parish, has been following all of the safety and health protocols established by the state, i.e. requirement of wearing a mask, social distancing, disinfecting the church after each service. Therefore, one should feel safe returning to Mass on Sunday. Currently, we are still required to allow only 25% capacity for public worship. We have not reached attendance capacity at the scheduled Masses.

We continue to worship at the usual Mass times, **Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** If for some reason you still do not feel comfortable attending the Sunday Mass, there are still opportunities to attend **daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 am.** Confessions are held on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

We ask you continue to use common sense, stay healthy and safe, and "repay the Lord for all of His goodness! Fr. Greg and I Miss YOU!



Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments Christ is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit,

after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flat-lining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory. Are you bored yet? Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question. What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see. ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~



January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

A Christian Prayer for Unity

One only Holy Spirit of Father and son in whom all are baptized, one giver of many gifts, one tree of many fruits

one speaker of every tongue, renew in our day the wonders of Pentecost, grant that people of every race and nation may understand one another, and as one, proclaim the praises of God.

Grant that all may be one as you, Spirit, with the Father and the Son are one God, one Lord. Grant unity to the Body of Christ; grant unity to the human family. Sole breath of every living thing, may all be one who, in you, live and move and have their being. - Carl K. Moeddel



What you are is God's gift to you.

What you become is your gift to God.



Readings for the Week of Jan. 17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

If you have not done so, we invite you to register in the Parish. Being a member of St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Parish gives you a home. Please complete a registration form located at the exits of the church and drop in the collection basket or call the office 313-581-5218. Thank you.

Check Out Our New Website

Our new and improved parish website contains current parish information. Please visit us at www.stals-stclem.org for the latest details.

Stewardship Report

	<u>w/e 1/3/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$3,441*	\$111,285*
HFV Chapel	\$0	\$14,396
ACTUAL*	\$3,441	\$125,681
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$135,000
<i>Bank Adjustment</i>		
VARIANCE	(\$1,559)	(\$9,319)
Christmas	\$8,653	
Catholic Charities	\$70	
Capital Improvements	\$52	
Religious Retirement	\$228	
Christmas Flowers	\$50	

*Includes On-Line Giving Jan 3 \$355

To give on-line, please register on the Parish Website.

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Parish Website: stals-stclem.org
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Devotions

ROSARY: Monday 6:30 pm (Father Yagley Hall).
PERPETUAL HELP: Tuesday 9:00 am.
HOLY HOUR: 2nd Wednesday 7:00 pm (HFV Chapel)
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 1st Friday 9:00 am.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm, or by appointment.
BAPTISM: Registered Parishioners should call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.
MARRIAGE: The couple must make arrangements at least 6 months prior to date of marriage.
WEDDINGS: Fridays preferred; Saturday, prior to 1 pm.

Parish Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Linus Kinyua**
Associate Pastor: **Rev. Gregory Deters**
Pastoral Minister: **Sr. Margaret Alandt, IHM**
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Housekeeper: **Denise Paniccia**
Maintenance: **Frank Bechard**
Organist: **Lawrence Zelanka & Adam Morency**
Secretary: **Marilyn Filip**

Parish Council

John Savage, Chairperson
Annette Fiedor, Vice-Chairperson
Jennie Sinatra, Secretary

~ Parish Council Members ~

Barbara Bechard, Colleen Charara,
Matthew Keller, Karen Krepps
Chester Lawrence,
Debra Mrocza and Joseph Sullivan

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9 am until 3 pm;
Friday: 9 am until Noon.



Whenever your address, phone number or family status changes, please be sure to contact the parish office and update your information with us. It is important that we keep our parish records up to date. Phone 313-581-5218.

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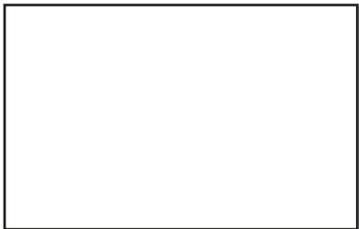
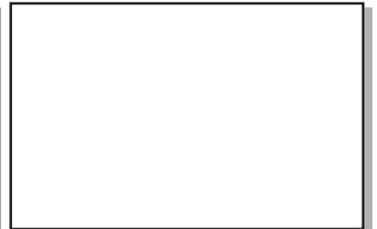

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