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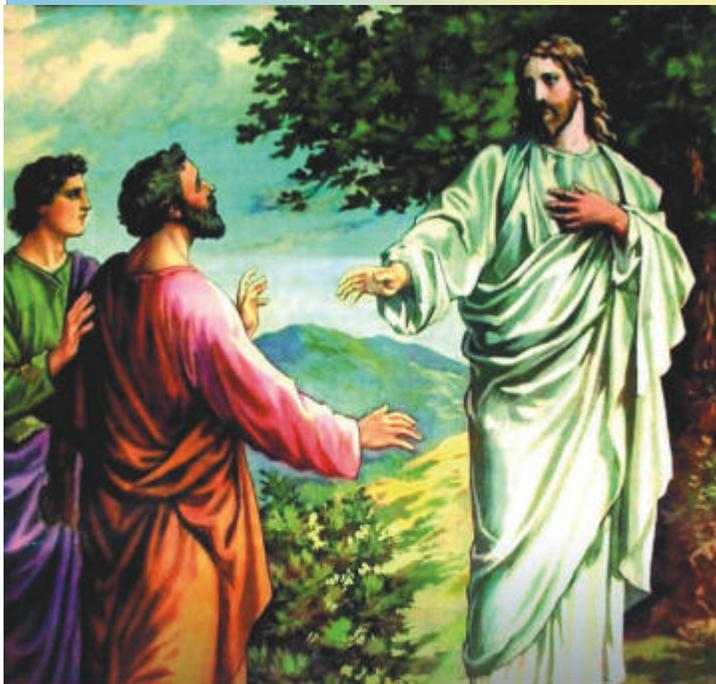
Mission Statement

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 24, 2021



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1998, 1970 CCB)

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It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the

mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow. When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

INFORMATION about Year End Statements

CSA donation statements will be mailed from the Archdiocese of Detroit for donations totaling \$125 or more. If you need a statement and your donation was less than \$125, contact Donor Services at the Archdiocese by emailing csa@aod.org or calling 313-237-5768.

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 an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to info@sta-stc.comcastbiz.net.

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

+Paul Romeo (ann) by Sister & Family
 +Charlie Makaroff by Madeline Prokop
 +Hazel Jones by Marilyn Filip
 +Nancy Nemecek by Adam Morency
 Living & Deceased Prokop Family by Madeline Prokop
 Living & Deceased Buslowicz by Madeline Prokop
 Spec. Int. YCP Detroit Community by Adam Morency

Sunday, Jan. 24

9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Linus

+Pat Buono by Jane Rospierski
 Jim & +Frances Bell by Jim Bell

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

Monday, Jan. 25 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Nicola & Maria Longordo by Cousins

Tuesday, Jan. 26 8:30 am Fr. Linus

+Ann Marie Prokop (Bday) by Friend

Thursday, Jan. 28 8:30 am Fr. Linus

+Casimir Pietron by Family

Friday, Jan. 29 8:30 am Fr. Linus

+Roy Ercoli (Bday) by M. Filip

Saturday, Jan. 30 4:00 pm Fr. Greg

+Khalil Batayeh by Julie Rohr & Ken Jodouin
 +Steve & Carol Bussa by David & Celeste Gilmartin
 +John Gleeson by David & Celeste Gilmartin
 +Catherine Millon (ann) by Daughter
 Spec. Int. Margot Millon by Pat Durham

Sunday, Jan. 31

9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Greg

Living & Deceased HFV Community

9:00 am Fr. Linus

Living & Deceased Parishioners

11:00 am Fr. Linus

Living & Deceased Parishioners



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men". As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we are able to take care of God's poor. May God Bless You!

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Report

The St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the members of our parish and community for the overwhelming support given during this past year. As we close the books on a successful, though very different, 2019-2020 year, we would like to report that our Conference performed 450 service hours, traveled 279 miles and provided nearly \$10,000 in funds for food, utilities, furniture and housing assistance to 944 individuals. Many of those served were recipients of the "Care Kit" project launched in April with donations of food, hygiene items and cash from our generous patrons. In July, the conference received a \$5,000 grant from the national organization to continue this effort.

We are off to an excellent start for 2020-2021 reporting year. This Christmas we distributed food baskets to 36 families and provided \$25 gift cards to 103 children and senior citizens. Your outpouring of generosity in provide food, cash donations and gift cards made this possible and is greatly appreciated.



Right to Life -
LIFESPAN

March for Life

The national March for Life in Washington, DC takes place Friday, January 29 this

year. **LIFESPAN** is hosting a local "**Motor City march**" on **Saturday, January 30 at 10am**. We will witness to the sanctity of life in the warmth and safety of **our own cars** as we drive a major local thoroughfare displaying pro-life signs!

For up-to-date details, please call LIFESPAN at 734-422-6230 or visit our website www.milifespan.org!



Thank you Lord, for this wonderful and amazing blessing of **TODAY**, For your **WORD** of hope which gives us strength, For your **LOVE** that makes our life meaningful, For your **PEACE** that gives us comfort, For your **GRACE** that renews and restores our life, **WE** give you **PRAISE**, in Jesus' Name. 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, Marco Frat-tarelli, Betty Fucinari, Mary Furioso, Peggy Goodart, Geri Haddad, Thomas Horvath, Jeranne Jackson, Margaret Javor, Virginia Karvelis, Madeline Keller, 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, 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.



Saint Angela Merici's — Feast Day Jan. 27

Angela has the double distinction of founding the first teaching congregation of women in the Church and what is now called a "secular institute" of religious women.

As a young woman, she became a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis, and lived a life of great austerity, wishing, like Saint Francis, to own nothing, not even a bed. Early in life she was appalled at the ignorance among poorer children, whose parents could not or would not teach them the elements of religion. Angela's charming manner and good looks complemented her natural qualities of leadership. Others joined her in giving regular instruction to the little girls of their neighborhood.

She was invited to live with a family in Brescia (where, she had been told in a vision, she would one day found a religious community). Her work continued and became well known. She became the center of a group of people with similar ideals. She eagerly took the opportunity for a trip to the Holy Land. When they had gotten as far as Crete, she was struck with blindness. Her friends wanted to return home, but she insisted on going through with the pilgrimage, and visited the sacred shrines with as much devotion and enthusiasm as if she had her sight. On the way back, while praying before a crucifix, her sight was restored at the same place where it had been lost.

At 57, she organized a group of 12 girls to help her in catechetical work. Four years later the group had increased to 28. She formed them into the Company of Saint Ursula (patroness of medieval universities and venerated as a leader of women) for the purpose of re-Christianizing family life through solid Christian education of future wives and mothers. The members continued to live at home, had no special habit and took no formal vows, though the early Rule prescribed the practice of virginity, poverty, and obedience. The idea of a teaching congregation of women was new and took time to develop. The community thus existed as a "secular institute" until some years after Angela's death.

Reflection

As with so many saints, history is mostly concerned with their activities. But we must always presume deep Christian faith and love in one whose courage lasts a lifetime, and who can take bold new steps when human need demands.



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 Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

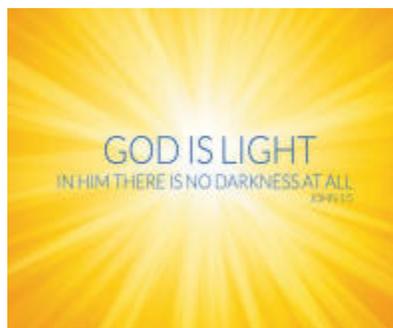
Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts." "You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past. ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~



"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

Readings for the Week of Jan. 24

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
[4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps
117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a,
2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
[4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
[cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39
-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72,
73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
[8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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 1/10/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$3,685*	\$114,971*
HFV Chapel	\$740	\$15,136
ACTUAL*	\$4,425	\$130,107
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$140,000
<i>Bank Adjustment</i>		
VARIANCE	(\$575)	(\$9,893)
Christmas	\$1,174	
Capital Improvements	\$60	

*Includes On-Line Giving Jan 11 \$560

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

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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**
Accountant: **Dawn Peters**
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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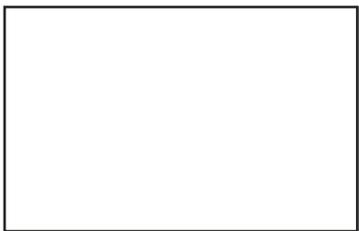
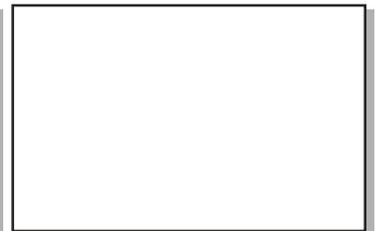

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