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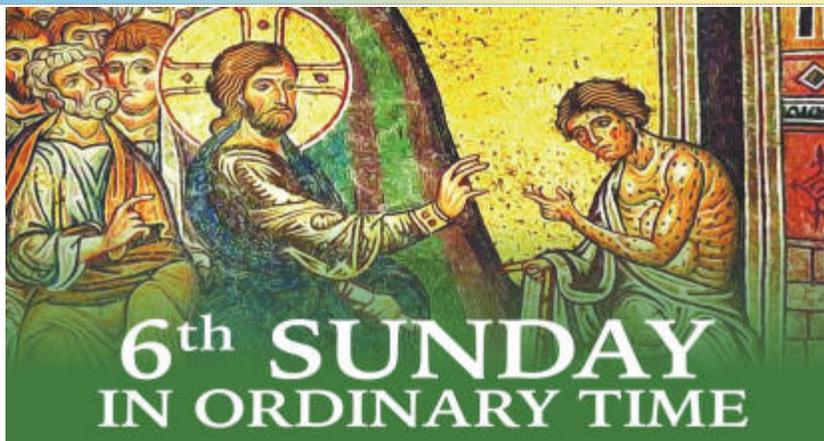
Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Alphonse - 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

FEBRUARY 14, 2021



The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries

of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

Ash Wednesday



Lenten Services
ASH WEDNESDAY
FEB. 17

Henry Ford Village Chapel at 9:00 am Service
St. Alphonse-St. Clement Church Mass 9:00 am and 7:00 pm
Ashes will be given at all three Services/Masses

Fast and Abstinence

Catholics, age 14 and older, are required to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.**

On **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, Catholics, age 18-59 must also fast, limiting themselves to one full meal with the other two not to equal a full meal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Feb. 13 4:00 pm Fr. Greg

+Vincenzo Gallizzi (ann) by Family
 +Jerry Stawara by George, Kathleen Johnson & Family
 +Msgr. John Ballard by Madeline Prokop
 +Ed Reuter by Family
 +Tom Santocke by Wife
 Special Intention by Madeline Prokop

Sunday, Feb. 14 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Greg

Living & Deceased Members of Henry Ford Community

9:00 am Fr. Linus

+James & Margaret Blair by Family
 +William Millon (Bday) Pat Durham
 +Stella Palmeri by Family

11:00 am Fr. Linus

+Mary Senn by Shawn & Kathy Roskosky

Monday, Feb. 15 8:30 am Fr. Linus

+Helen Skiba

Tuesday, Feb. 16 8:30 am Fr. Greg

Health & Healing Hadary Family

Ash Wednesday Feb. 17 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Linus

Living & Deceased Members of Henry Ford Community

9:00 am Fr. Greg

Living & Deceased Members of Parish

7:00 pm Fr. Linus

Living & Deceased Members of Parish

Thursday, Feb. 18 8:30 am Fr. Greg

Health of Greg Dudek by Peter Salamon

Friday, Feb. 19 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Anthony Rizzo, Jr. (Bday) by Family

Saturday, Feb. 20 4:00 pm Fr. Linus

+Richard Rzepka by Family
 +Tom Santocke by Wife
 +Bernard & Leo Ruddy by Family

Sunday, Feb. 21 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Linus

+Pat Buono by Jane Rospierski
 +Donald Korejwo by Wife, Angie

9:00 am Fr. Greg

Health of Madeline Keller by Cammie Krisko

11:00 am Fr. Greg

Living & Deceased Members of Joseph & Gertrude Burger

Friday Stations

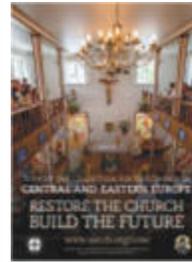
Henry Ford Village Chapel 2:30 pm

St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Church 5:30 pm

Could you walk a mile in



Jesus' shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love Jesus showed for us in his most sorrowful Passion! We also seek the compassion of the Lord that we may love sacrificially as he did.



Next week we will take up the Collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This Collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this Collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/cee.

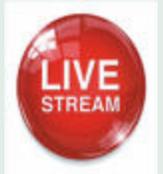
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Everybody has a place at the table, and nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, or marginalized. It is not part of God's vision. Jesus came to heal, make things whole, set things right, and restore relationships. No one is to feel unwelcome or alienated from the community. Whether we like it or not, this message is at the core of the Gospel. It makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Perhaps this is why people kept coming from everywhere to listen to Jesus speak and to be in his presence. He made perfect sense. Most of us have no issue buying into this vision. We run into trouble, however, when we fall into the trap of privilege and power. We diverge from God's vision when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement have no place in the kingdom of God, and even the most needy and hurting among us are worthy of the compassion Jesus desires to offer. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But one thing is for certain, no one can be singled out, excluded or mistreated. **Everyone matters.**

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.

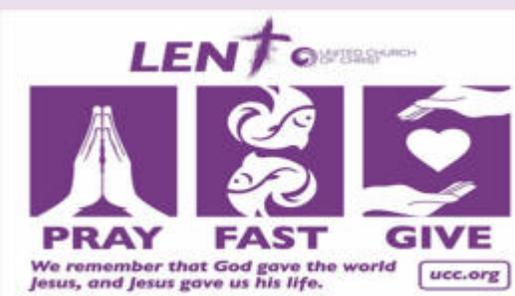
May God grant you peace and health during this time of great and unprecedented need. I pray you find comfort in knowing that God will never leave nor forsake you.

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

Bill Arelka, Luigi Aronne, Eugene Bernard, Kathleen Bitonti, Louis & Giorgina Cascardo, Maria Cercone, Catherine Cody, Jerry Coogan, Theresa Dean, Barb Delgado, Evelyn Derengowski, Betty Fisher, Marco Frattarelli, Betty Fucinari, Mary Furioso, Peggy Goodart, Tom Graf, Geri Haddad, Thomas Horvath, Jeranne Jackson, Margaret Javor, Angela Jones, 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, Tina Threedy, Albert Toccaceli, Joshua Yeager, The Parishioners of HFV Assisted Living and Health Care.



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



What do ashes, no meat on Fridays, 40 days and Mardi Gras have in common?

They're all symbols associated with the Church season known as Lent—the 40 days preceding the Holy Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Why 40 days? Well, throughout the Bible there are references to events taking place over 40 days or years, such as the Israelites' 40 years in the desert or Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the desert. In the biblical sense, "Forty days is another way of saying 'long enough' or 'enough time,'" according to *The Lent, Triduum and Easter Answer Book*, by Paul J. Niemann.

We begin those 40 days on Ash Wednesday when we receive ashes on our foreheads as a sign of mourning and penitence. The importance of this tradition is to remind us that we are entering a period of prayer and spiritual renewal, fasting and almsgiving.



St. Maria Goretti Parish (St. Sebastian) and Fr. Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus will be having a fish fry every **Friday during Lent, starting Friday, Feb. 19 from 4 pm to 8 pm.**

Carry outs or drive-in service only. Call 313-278-5600 for carry out orders.

Starting at 3:45 pm. Please don't leave

a message on the voice mail and please be patient when call to order as we have only one phone line.

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***Hell is not full of people that the Lord 'rejected'.
Hell is full of people that 'rejected' the Lord.***

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent.



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 The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper! As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now? ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~



In the Gospel today, Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

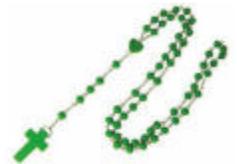


May God grant His peace and consolation to their families and friends.

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Marjorie Murphy and Eugenia Baker** who were buried last week. May they share in the glory of the saints with Christ, the risen Lord.

If you have a broken rosary that you would like to have repaired, please place it in an envelope with your name and phone number and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. We have a few unclaimed rosaries that have been repaired and no name or contact information. Please call the office for your rosary.

If you picked up a multicolored rosary with butterflies or a rosary bracelet from the repair basket, please return them in the collection basket or parish office. These belong to parishioners and have sentimental value.



Readings for the Week of Feb 14

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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>we 2/7/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$2,240*	\$130,944*
HFV Chapel	\$695	\$17,632
ACTUAL*	\$5,935	\$148,576
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$160,000
Bank Adjustment		
VARIANCE	\$935	(\$11,424)
Eastern Europe	\$41	
Capital Improvements	\$206	
Easter Flowers	\$18	

*Does not include On-Line Giving

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

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Henry Ford Village Chapel

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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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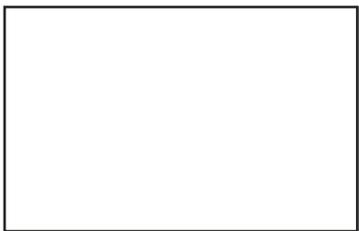
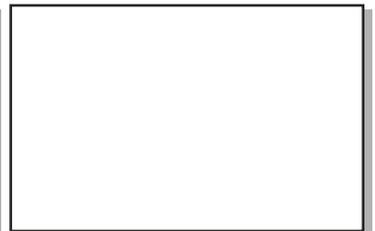

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