



# ST. ALPHONSUS - ST. CLEMENT PARISH

## 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

FEBRUARY 28, 2021



A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something

transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, Feb. 27** 4:00 pm Fr. Greg

+Michael V. Fregonara (Bday) by Vince & Sylvia Fregonara  
 +Tom Santocke by Wife  
 +Bernard & Leo Ruddy by Family  
 +John Krisko by Cammie Krisko  
 +Vincenzo Gallizzi (Bday) by Family  
 +Al Addison by Filip Family  
 +Barbara Rudnicki by Family  
 Health of Kucel Family by Cammie Krisko

**Sunday, Feb. 28**

9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Greg

+Deacon Steve & Carol Bussa by Friend

9:00 am Fr. Linus

+Louis Tellish, Sr. by Family  
 +Frank V. Fregonara (ann) by Gloria & Fregonara Family

11:00 am Fr. Linus

+Anne Kurowski by Ron Kurowski  
 +Barbara Rudnicki by M. Filip

**Monday, Mar. 1** 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Rose Lalko by Bonanno Family

**Tuesday, Mar. 2** 8:30 am Fr. Greg

Living & Deceased Members of Salamon Family

**Thursday, Mar. 4** 8:30 am Fr. Greg

Birthday Blessings Kimberly Stawara by Family

**Friday, Mar. 5** 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Frank Filip (Bday) by Family  
 +Sylvia Kumor by Family

**Saturday, Mar. 6** 4:00 pm Fr. Linus

+Khalil Batayeh by Julie Rohr & Ken Jodouin  
 +Tom Santocke by Wife  
 +Bernard & Leo Ruddy by Family  
 +Sr. Celeste Ciesielka by Cammie Krisko  
 +Francesco & Florence Parrello by Family

**Sunday, Mar. 7**

9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Linus

+Henry Wenzel by Wife  
 +Roberta Sobieraj by Elizabeth Mancina  
 +Deacon Steve & Carol Bussa by Friend

9:00 am Fr. Greg

+Chester & Helen Pietraz by Family  
 +Joseph J. Bobowski by Family  
 Spec. Int. Cathy Bobowski by Family  
 Spec. Int. Joseph F. Bobowski by Family

11:00 am Fr. Greg

Health of David Kurcz

## 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.



Thank you for your generous contribution last week to the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe!** Your contributions will help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the Collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.uscch.org/ccee](http://www.uscch.org/ccee).



## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?



## 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](http://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.**

### **St. Casimir—Feast Day March 4**



Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. Even his critics could not say that his conscientious objection indicated softness. As a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy.

When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir's father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the "enemy"; some of his troops were desert-

ing because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home.

His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor's daughter.

He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father's absence. He died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania.

### **Reflection**

For many years, Poland and Lithuania faded into the gray prison on the other side of the Iron Curtain. Despite repression, the Poles and Lithuanians remained firm in the faith which has become synonymous with their name. Their youthful patron reminds us: Peace is not won by war; sometimes a comfortable peace is not even won by virtue, but Christ's peace can penetrate every government repression of religion.



**The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the anticipatory Mass at 4:00pm or later on the previous day) is to be reinstated in the Archdiocese of Detroit effective Saturday, March 13, 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 When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!" But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~



Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important, to give something for the poor". Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.**



**Readings for the Week of Feb 28**

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10  
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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](http://www.stals-stclem.org) for the latest details.

**Stewardship Report**

	<u>w/e 2/14/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$2,895*	\$138,965*
HFV Chapel	\$677	\$18,309
<b>ACTUAL*</b>	<b>\$3,572</b>	<b>\$157,274</b>
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>
Bank Adjustment		
<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>(\$1,428)</b>	<b>(\$12,726)</b>
Eastern Europe	\$935	
Capital Improvements	\$120	

\*Does Not Include On-Line Giving

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

**St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Parish**

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**Henry Ford Village Chapel**

15101 Ford Rd., Dearborn, MI 48126  
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**Devotions**

**ROSARY:** Monday 6:30 pm (Father Yagley Hall).  
**PERPETUAL HELP:** Tuesday 9:00 am.  
**HOLY HOUR:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm (HFV Chapel)  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
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 Organist: **Lawrence Zelanka & Adam Morency**  
 Secretary: **Marilyn Filip**

**Parish Council**

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 Annette Fiedor, Vice-Chairperson  
 Jennie Sinatra, Secretary

**~ Parish Council Members ~**

Barbara Bechard, Colleen Charara,  
 Matthew Keller, Karen Krepps  
 Chester Lawrence,  
 Debra Mroccka 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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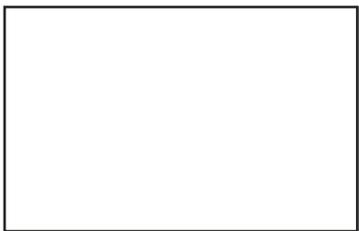
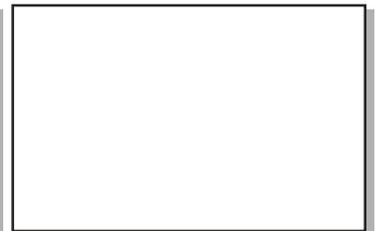
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