



# 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

APRIL 4, 2021



Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as

he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

<b>Sunday, April 4</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
	<b>9:00 am (HFV Chapel)</b>	Fr. Linus
Henry Wenzel by Wife		
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Fr. Greg
+Joseph J. Bobowski by Family		
+Joseph A. Bobowski by Family		
+Bruno Hudzinski by Family		
+Dr. Andrew & Irene Gusfa by Daughter, Carmella		
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Fr. Greg
+Rick Anthony Ventura by Mom		
+Edward Kieda by Family & Friends		
Living & Deceased Members of LIFT		
Living & Deceased Members of So Family by Family		
Health of Sonny & Mary Lentini by Bonanno Family		
<b>Monday, April 5</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Fr. Linus
+Mike & Mary Fras by Friends		
<b>Tuesday, April 6</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Fr. Linus
Spec. Int. Carmella Gusfa by Friend		
<b>Thursday, April 8</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Fr. Linus
+Anthony Rizzo, Sr. (Bday) by Family		
Wed Ann Blessings Cindy & Randy Wimmer by Madeline Prokop		
<b>Friday, April, 9</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Fr. Linus
+Sylvia Kumor by Family		
<b>Saturday, April 10</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Fr. Greg
+Philip Romeo (ann) by Family		
+Edward Mitchell by Family		
+Santina Bonanno (ann) by Family		
+Jerry Stawara by Marilyn Filip		
+Al Addison by Marilyn Filip		
+Tom Santocke by Wife		
+Bernard & Leo Ruddy by Family		
+Serafino & Iolanda Giovnnonne by Madeline Prokop		
+Pat Salagan (ann) by Daughter, Laura		
Spec. Int Those Named On Easter Flower Donation		
<b>Sunday, April 11</b>	<b>9:00 am (HFV Chapel)</b>	Fr. Greg
+Alice Paputa by Penny Nash		
+Beverly Gies by Mary Eileen Hogan		
Spec. Int Those Named On Easter Flower Donation		
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Fr. Linus
+James & Margaret Blair by Family		
+Chester & Helen Pietraz by Family		
Spec. Int Those Named On Easter Flower Donation		
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Fr. Linus
+Norman & Shirley Burger by Family		
+Janice Shura by Carl & Elain Moryc		
Spec. Int Those Named On Easter Flower Donation		



Thank you to all who donated to the Easter Flower Offering. Those named on the Easter Flower donation envelop will be remem-

bered at the Sunday Mass on April 10 and 11. Your generosity, again, helped us to make our church even more beautiful during this Blessed Easter season.



**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).



We are in need of lectors. This is one of the most visible roles of service at the liturgy and you are helping our parish community's scripture reading, become the living

Word of God. Please contact John Lodwig at 313-632-9393. You will not regret this faith enhancing experience!



We ask that you remember in your prayers the soul of **Virginia Mann**, who was buried from our parish. May she share in the glory of the risen Lord, with Mary and all the saints. May her family find comfort in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

LIFT, the St. Alphonsus-St. Clement women's group, would like to thank the Parish for their generous donations of \$661 and numerous baby items, for The Right To Life Baby Shower.

Thank you to Evelyn Morga, Helen Gorski and all the ladies of LIFT for hosting The Right To Life Baby Shower.



*The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in Memory of*

*Santina Bonanno*

### 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 Arella, 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, Virginia Karvelis, Madeline Keller, Marie Kobane, Becky, Kohaen, Kimberly Kucel, Walter Kucel, Jan Lawrence, Robert Lijaj, Jan Majewski, 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.**



### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

#### A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy

ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right. But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**—Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.

**Saint Joseph— Man of the Year Dec. 8,  
20-Dec. 8, 21**



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.  
Amen.



Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

**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 given them Easter hope and joy.**



**Weber Center Offers Hour of Prose,  
Poetry and Potpourri**

In recognition of National Poetry Month in April, Weber Retreat and Conference Center offers a virtual program of Prose, Poetry and Potpourri from 3:30 to 4:30 pm EDT on Thursday, April 8.

Settle in with your favorite beverage and listen to poetry reading by the authors, a reading from a book soon to be published and familiar and original musical compositions.

The cost is free, but registration is required for the live stream link. Register at [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org); clip on "programs". Registrations may also be made by contacting Weber Center at 517-266-4100 or [webcenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webcenter@adriandominicans.org)

**The Parish office will be closed Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 6 at 9:00 am. We wish you all a Blessed Easter.**



**Lord Jesus....how can I ever repay you for what you've done? Thank you for paying the debt for my life. Thank you for erasing my sin and calling me your own. I am no longer a slave to sin. I am a child of God. In Jesus's name amen. Arlene Pellicane**

**LIFT will meet on Tuesday, April 6 in Fr. Yagley Hall. Doors open at 6:30. All ladies of the Parish welcome.**



**Readings for the Week of April 4**

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35  
**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15  
**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18  
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35  
**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/ Lk 24:35-48  
**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14  
**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22 -24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3



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 exists of the church and drop in the collection basket or call the office 313-581-5218.

Thank you.

Check out our parish website for current information at [www.stals-stclem.org](http://www.stals-stclem.org)

**Stewardship Report**

	<u>w/e 3/21/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$5,215*	\$157,390*
HFV Chapel	\$1,561	\$21,965
<b>ACTUAL*</b>	<b>\$6,776</b>	<b>\$179,355</b>
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>
Bank Adjustment		
<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>\$1,776</b>	<b>(\$10,645)</b>

Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$25
Catholic Relief Services	\$50
Easter Flowers	\$761

\*Includes On-Line Giving \$557

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

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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**  
 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 Mroczka 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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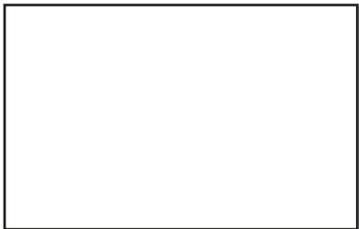
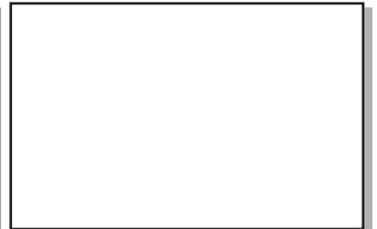
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