

ST. ALPHONSUS - ST. CLEMENT PARISH

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

APRIL 18, 2021



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 17 4:00 pm Fr. Linus

+Sr. Carol Ann Votruba by Laura Salagan
 +Rick Anthony Ventura (16th ann) by Mom
 +Al & Joan Addison (Wed Ann) by Daughter & Family
 +Joseph Romeo (ann) by Family
 +Tom Santocke by Wife
 +Bernard & Leo Ruddy by Family
 +Michael V. Fregonara (ann) by Vince & Silvia

Sunday, April 18 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Linus

+Mary McNeely-Taylor by Family
 +Frank & Mary Francavilla by Angie Korejwo

9:00 am Fr. Greg
 Spec. Int Mikayla Bobowski
 Spec. Int Larry Bobowski

11:00 am Fr. Greg
 +James Vassallo by Joanne Marcantonio
 +Edna Booth by LIFT
 +Tony Polo by Friend
 +Khalifeh Batayeh (ann) & Khalil Batayeh by Family
 Living & Deceased Members of Frank & Anne Ferris

Monday, April 19 8:30 am Fr. Linus
 +Bob & Dorothy Golob by Friends

Tuesday, April 20 8:30 am Fr. Linus
 +John Neubauer by Kumor Family

Thursday, April 22 8:30 am Fr. Linus
 +Lavonne Stasik-Martin by Butler Family

Friday, April 23 8:30 am Fr. Linus
 +Anne Prokop (ann) by Family

Saturday, April 24 4:00 pm Fr. Greg
 +Khalil Batayeh by Julie Rohr & Ken Jodouin
 +Ruth Bieniak (ann) by Mother
 +Tom Santocke by Wife
 +Bernard & Leo Ruddy by Family
 Spec. Int. Richard & Judy Parks by Madeline Prokop

Sunday, April 25 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Greg
 Living & Deceased Members of HFV

9:00 am Fr. Linus
 +Norbert Turek (ann) by Family
 +Marjorie Murphy by Pat Durham
 +Victor & Antonia D'Agostino by Adrianna & Mark Lypeckyj

11:00 am Fr. Linus
 +Chester & Carol Kurowski by Ron Kurowski
 +Judy Homberg by Ron Kurowski
 +Tony Polo by Marcia Lesnau
 Living & Deceased Members of Joseph & Gertrude Burger



Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Rosa Policicchio** who was buried last week.

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.



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.



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 Ludwig at 313-632-9393. You will not regret this faith enhancing experience!



St. Vincent de Paul Pop-Up Thrift Store Coming Soon!

The Detroit West District of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is planning to open a temporary thrift store in the old St. Mary of Redford Elementary School in May. Initially, the store will only be open for 3 hours a week on Saturday afternoons and will be staffed completely by volunteers. If anyone wishes to volunteer as a store clerk, please contact the parish office 313-581-5218.

In addition, we are soliciting donations for the supplies needed to ensure a safe, hygienic space. The items needed are: hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes/spray latex gloves, face masks and bottle water. If you are able to donate any of these items, please leave them in the SVdP food barrel in the church vestibule and we will transport them to the store.

On another note, we'd like to request that donations of food be halted for the time being. Right now our pantry shelves are full, and we don't have room for additional food items. Thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity and support of St. Vincent de Paul!

Thank you for continuing support of St. Vincent de Paul. It is greatly appreciated.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness, our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ with us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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 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 Palmieri, Maria Nino, Henry Perle, Jennifer Przepiora, Diane Raymond, Serafina Romano, Pearly Ruffin, Dana Slepky, 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— How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored. Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian. ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—When the greeting “Peace be with you” is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

Saint Joseph— Man of the Year

Dec. 8, 20-Dec. 8, 21

Symbols of St. Joseph

Three White Flowers or Lilies—Joseph was a virtuous man that was pure and obedient to God. He had the difficult large task of caring for and protecting the Holy Family, and he did so always listening for the voice of God. He also remained pure and chaste while loving and caring for his wife, Mary ever virgin. Even though they were married they remained celibate, “he had no relations with her” (Matthew 1:25a).



Baby Jesus—There are several saints depicted with the child Jesus in their arms, but Saint Joseph is the only Saint that had the privilege of raising the Son of God at this stage in His life. There are times when this image is confused with Jesus letting the little children come to Him, but there are usually other symbols to point to St Joseph.

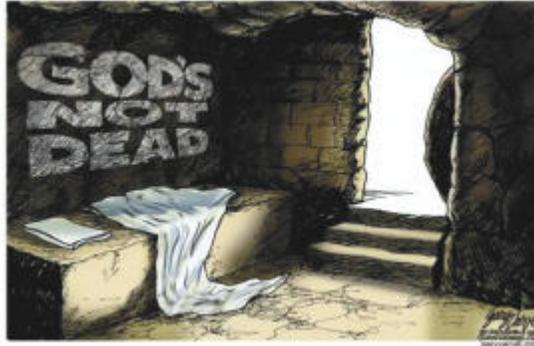


The Flowering Staff—Joseph wasn't just a random man that happened to pick Mary for his wife. God had chosen and prepared Joseph with special

graces to care for the Holy Family. We hear this in many resources from outside of the canon of scripture. This symbol calls upon the imagery of the flowering staff of Aaron showing he had been chosen by God (Numbers 17:23). There is an unofficial legend that a staff at the door blossomed when Joseph went to visit his future wife, the Blessed Virgin Mary, to show her he had been chosen by God.



Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin?



The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neat-

ly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in.

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely!

Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it...

The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table.

The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done.' But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because..... **The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!' He is Coming Back!**

Priestly Vocations: Discernment Group

Office of Priestly Vocations' discernment group for men (18-55) considering the priesthood is having its next meeting on Thursday, April 22, 7:00-8:30 pm. You can join at any time. Meetings are led by Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations and will include prayer, group discussion on discernment, light refreshments and fellowship with like minded men. Please contact the vocation office for more info: <https://detroitpriestlyvocation.com/discernment-groups/>

Readings for the Week of April 18

- Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



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

Stewardship Report

	<u>w/e 4/11/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$5,053*	\$173,941*
HFV Chapel	\$440	\$25,4666
ACTUAL*	\$5,493	\$199,407
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$205,000
Bank Adjustment		
VARIANCE	\$493	(\$5,593)
Catholic Relief		\$13

*Does not include On-Line Giving

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 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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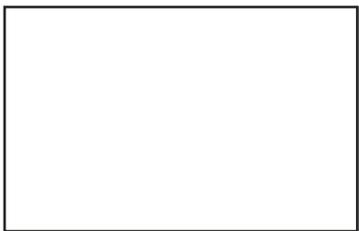
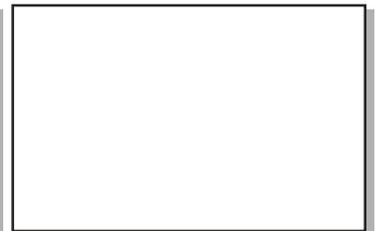

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