



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

MAY 9, 2021

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 8**4:00 pm**

Fr. Greg

- +Tom Santocke by Wife
- +Caterina Gallizzi by Family
- +Santina Bonanno by Family
- +Irene Gusfa by Daughter, Carmella
- +Greg Schimizzi by Bonanno Family
- +Tony Polo by Friend
- +Mary Marchelletta by Family

Sunday, May 9**9:00 am (HFV Chapel)**

Fr. Greg

- +Mary McNeely-Taylor by Family
- Spec. Int. Joan Ruselowski by Family

9:00 am

Fr. Linus

- +Irene Tellish by Family
- +Chester & Helen Pietraz by Family
- +Deceased. Members of Rizzo & Cipolla Families
- +Elisabetta Stancato by Family

11:00 am

Fr. Linus

- +Shirley Burger by Family
- +Anne Kurowski by Ron Kurowski
- +Salvatore & Rosa Policicchio by Family
- +David Policicchio by Family
- Hlth & Healing Ryan Brozek by Kucel Family

Monday, May 10**8:30 am**

Fr. Greg

- +Vito & Mickey Isgro by Friends
- +Tony Polo by Friend

Tuesday, May 11**8:30 am**

Fr. Greg

- Deceased Members of Sharpy Family

Thursday, May 13**8:30 am**

Fr. Greg

- Health of Greg Stawara by Family

Friday, May 14**8:30 am**

Fr. Greg

- Health of George Johnson by Family

Saturday, May 15**4:00 pm**

Fr. Linus

- +Casimir Kaminski by Family
- +Tom Santocke by Wife
- +Veronica Martin by Parents
- +Tony Polo by Friend
- +Casimer Draus by Joe & Linda Gresko
- Health of Schimizzi & Lamacchia Families by Bonanno Fam.

Sunday, May 16**9:00 am (HFV Chapel)**

Fr. Linus

- +Dewain Vallie, Sr. by Eleanor Vallie-Flotke
- +Bill Floetke by

9:00 am

Fr. Greg

- +Stanley Ziarnik by Wife
- +Raymond Kwiecian by LIFT
- +Richard & Rick & Rick Kwiecien by Bernadine & Ron Mistor
- +Mark Mistor by Bernadine & Ron Mistor

11:00 am

Fr. Greg

- +Tony Polo by Friend
- +Rosa Policicchio by M. Filip
- +Giulio Paniccia (ann) by Family
- Living & Deceased Members of Joseph & Gertrude Burger
- Health of John Ludwig by LIFT



Today we celebrate our mothers, grand-mothers, aunts and all women who have loved us. Thank you God for giving us mothers. We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us. Sometimes we did not understand them but we know that God understood. We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is most like God's love. For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

We also celebrate those mothers, grandmothers, aunts and all women who have loved us who are now in the arms of our Lord. It's hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember. In life we loved them dearly, in death we love them still. In our hearts they hold a place, no one else will ever fill.

Online Mass From Our Parish

Every weekend Mass is available online from St. Alphonsus-St. Clement. In this way, those who are unable to attend Mass in person 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 website www.stals-stclem.org

Born into Eternal Life

Giovanni Romano,

whose funeral was April 30. May he share in Christ's eternal glory with the Blessed Mother and all the Saints. We ask God to grant His peace and consolation to his family and friends.

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 Kellner, 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 Slepisky, 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.

Recognize God In Your Ordinary

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make? ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

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



Star of David

This symbol is a newer than some of the others since this symbol is one of the newer symbols for the Jewish people. Joseph is described as a “righteous man” (Matthew 1:19) and “son of David” (Matthew 1:20). He was faithful to the tradition and law of his ancestors. On a different note, the symbol commonly known as the Star of David has also historically been used to depict Mary, Star of the Sea.

Young Man and Old Man

Saint Joseph is often depicted as an older man that took care of the younger Blessed Virgin Mary, but this depiction developed over time. Deacon Guadalupe provides a compelling argument as to why it is more likely that Saint Joseph was a young and strong man.



Happy Death

Tradition has it that Saint Joseph died with the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus at his side. There is no better way to die, and he has thus been made the patron of the happy death.



Protector of the Church

St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, you have been charged with the protection of the universal Church so that you might care for all the children of the Kingdom in the same way you lovingly cared for the

members of the Holy Family.

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection & purpose during this pandemic? Register today for a REFLECT Day of Reflection at the St. Francis-St. Maximilian Catholic Church, in Ray, MI (northeast of Detroit in Macomb County), on June 12, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$45 including continental breakfast and lunch. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.



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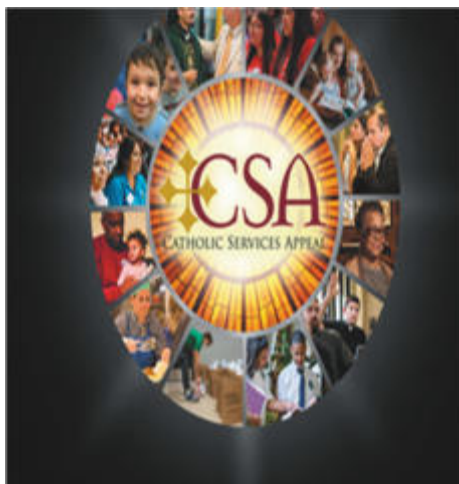
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Unleash the Gospel Emails: Inspiration, resources and stories to help you further encounter Christ, grow as disciples and witness to others

Detroit Catholic Special Report: Award-winning stories about the Catholic community of southeast Michigan

Podcast Emails: New episodes of Open Door Policy, Eyes on Jesus with Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron and Detroit Stories.



Next weekend is CSA Weekend! Our CSA funds more than 170 ministries, programs and services that ensure we Fuel the Mission to witness Christ. Archbishop Vigneron recently mailed to those who have given to the CSA in the past four years information about the 2021 CA for you to review before prayerfully considering your

pledge. Please mail your pledge in the pre-addressed envelope that was provided you.

You may, also, pledge your gift to our parish's CSA campaign online, using your debit or credit card at givesca.org. If you did not receive the CSA mailing or if you have any questions about the CSA Appel, please call the parish office or archdiocese **Donor Services** at **313-237-5768. Our target is \$42,781**

Readings for the Week of May 9

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20



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 4/25/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$3,469*	\$182,392*
HFV Chapel	\$210	\$26,336
ACTUAL*	\$3,679	\$208,728
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$215,000
Bank Adjustment		
VARIANCE	(\$1,321)	(\$6,272)

Capital Improvement \$105

*Includes On-Line Giving April 25 \$640

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. You must be a registered/active parishioner for at least 1 year.**

WEDDINGS: Fridays preferred; Saturday, prior to 1 pm.

Parish Staff

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Parish Council

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Jennie Sinatra, Secretary

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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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