

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

JUNE 13, 2021

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 12 4:00 pm Fr. Linus

+Tom Santocke by Wife
+Casimer Draus by Joe & Linda Gresko
+Irene Rains by Laura Salagan

Sunday, June 13

9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Linus

Living & Deceased Parishioners of HFV

9:00 am Fr. Greg

+James & Margaret Blair by Family
+Carol Quaine by St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Parishioners
+Gregory Kotrys, Sr by Frank & Barb Bechard

11:00 am Fr. Greg

+Rosa Policicchio by Family
+Casimer Draus by Daughter, Kathy
Living & Deceased Members of Frank & Anna Ferris
Living & Deceased So Family

Monday, June 14 8:30 am Fr. Linus

Health of Mary Ann Maziar

Tuesday, June 15 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Sarah Schneider by Rose Anne Horrigan

Thursday, June 17 8:30 am Fr. Greg

World Peace

Friday, June 18 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Deceased Members of Seminara Family

Saturday, June 19 4:00 pm Fr. Greg

+Chris Baharis by M. Filip
+Dr. Frank & Eleanor Prokop (Wed Ann) by Madeline Prokop
+Tom Santocke by Wife
+Antonio & Sam Bonanno by Family
+Vincenzo Gallizzi by Family
+Rosemary Coccimiglio (ann) by Pat Durham
Spec. Int. Marcel Villeneuve by Pat Durham

Sunday, June 20

9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Capuchin

Living & Deceased Parishioners of HFV

9:00 am Fr. Greg

+Steve Tellish, Sr. by Family
+Louis Tellish, Sr. by Family
+Carmine Stancato by Family
+Joe Garcia by The Addisons
+Ted Klamerus by Addison Family
+Al & Joan Addison by Great Grand Children
Spec. Int. Catherine Reuter by Pat Durham

11:00 am Fr. Greg

+Norman Burger by Family
+Casimer Draus by Son, John
+Chester Kurowski by Ron Kurowski
+Tony Polo (Bday) by Family
+Edward Jarrell (Bday) by Family



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Gospel in our own parish and throughout southeast Michigan and beyond. Truly, we *Fuel the Mission* to witness Christ!

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FLAG DAY
June 13

Father, as we observe Flag Day here in the United States of America, we are reminded of more than a piece of material but of the great nation that was

started in Your honor. We thank You for the men and women of the original thirteen colonies that stood together in the formation of this great nation. We thank You for the thousands that have fought and stood to defend the Constitution of our country. We are reminded that we are to stand united with the 50 states of America as we continue to live out our lives with valor, vigilance, innocence and justice. Throughout scripture, You have always used symbols to remind Your people of the great things You have brought us through. Let us never forget that it's not about a piece of cloth but instead about the greatness we have become as a nation because of You. You Lord, have truly shed Your grace upon us and we ask most especially now for Your wisdom, guidance and covering as Americans for the challenges we are facing as individuals and as a nation. Please keep Your covering over us today and always. So on this Flag Day, we give You thanks and praise for the Flag of the United States of America and all that it represents. We pray in Jesus name, Amen!

Dr. Richard Mansfield



Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Louis (Louie) Cascardo** whose funeral Mass was June 5. May he share in Christ's eternal glory with the angels and saints and may God 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, Giorgina Cascardo, Maria Cercone, Jerry Coogan, 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, Frank Palmeri, 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 St. Anthony Can Find Anything—Even You

“Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found.” Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things. It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. “That's what you're looking for,” he tells us. In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.



Saint Joseph— Man of the Year

Dec. 8, 20-Dec. 8, 21

St. Joseph is the Return of the King.

If you look at St. Joseph's genealogy in the Gospel of St. Matthew, you will see that Joseph had to be the hidden king of Israel by being a direct descendent of King David. Why didn't anyone know it? Because David's royalty had to go underground

to give way to a corrupt Hebrew theocracy in cahoots with Greek invaders. (For more, see the Old Testament's 1 and 2 Maccabees, aka the Jewish Braveheart... Yes, some poor Protestants took out the most exciting book in the Bible because Luther didn't like the Purgatory reference in 2 Macc 12:39-42.) Anyway, follow closely for one more minute: St. Joseph was "King of Israel." This is proved right there in Matt 1:6-16. He is in the direct bloodline of King David! Read it if you think that that is a title that belongs only to Jesus. In fact, Jesus being the supposed-son of the king may have been a cruel but prophetic twist on the head-placard written by Pontius Pilate at Jesus' crucifixion: HIC EST IESUS, REX IUDAEORUM—Matt 27:37. Of course, Jesus goes beyond Joseph as the prophesied everlasting King of Israel (2 Sam 7:12-13) since Jesus is God. If you've read any Scott Hahn, you know that the queen of a Jewish king was not his wife, but rather His mother (1 Kings 2:19.) Thus, if Jesus is king, then the queen of Israel is clearly Mary. Put it all together and this means: For different reasons, Mary and Joseph are both hidden royalty! The royal duty of Joseph was to guard and protect his queen, Mary. But it doesn't end there. His duty of guarding this queen was the cameo of his longer vocation to protect the Catholic Church by his intercession in heaven. Is this a pious but random connection? No. The Church's theology is that Mary lived as the exemplar (supreme goal and example) of the Church. This means that everything St. Joseph did once for her on earth, he would do now for the Church from his spot in heaven. Now it is easy to understand why St. Joseph's current role is to guard and protect the Church in her pilgrim state of danger here on earth. He is summoned to protect her from both theological error and real demons. We need to call on him now more than ever in this time of nearly unprecedented confusion within the Church and diabolical attack within the family (the domestic Church.) "St. Joseph, terror of demons" is ready to help us pray and act and teach as men.

Pastor's Notes...In our readings of this 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus calls us to be part of the Kingdom of God that he came to establish. Ultimately, we are all meant to be in God's Kingdom and the word of God is the way to get there. As our worship starts getting back to normal, let us all use our God-given-gifts and talents, guided by the Holy Spirit, to generously bear more fruits and God will take care of the rest.

Finally, I want to inform you that I will be taking my vacation to visit my mom and family in Kenya. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as I will always do for you. Fr. Greg has graciously accepted to take care of our parish family while I am away. God bless you all. Fr. Linus Kinyua

Saint Romuald **June 19**

In the midst of a wasted youth, Romuald watched his father kill a relative in a duel over property. In horror he fled to a monastery near Ravenna. After three years, some of the monks found him to be uncomfortably holy and eased him out.

Romuald spent the next 30 years going about Italy, founding monasteries and hermitages. He longed to give his life to Christ in martyrdom, and got the pope's permission to preach the gospel in Hungary. But he was struck with illness as soon as he arrived, and the illness recurred as often as he tried to proceed.

During another period of his life, Romuald suffered great spiritual dryness. One day as he was praying Psalm 31 ("I will give you understanding and I will instruct you"), he was given an extraordinary light and spirit which never left him.

At the next monastery where he stayed, Romuald was accused of a scandalous crime by a young nobleman he had rebuked for a dissolute life. Amazingly, his fellow monks believed the accusation. He was given a severe penance, forbidden from offering Mass, and excommunicated—an unjust sentence that he endured in silence for six months.

The most famous of the monasteries Romuald founded was that of the Camaldoli in Tuscany. Here began the Order of the Camaldolese Benedictines, uniting the monastic and eremitical lives. In later life Romuald's own father became a monk, wavered, and was kept faithful by the encouragement of his son.



Readings for the Week of June 13

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



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 5/30/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$3,064*	\$211,057*
HFV Chapel	\$1,225	\$29,997
ACTUAL*	\$4,289	\$241,054
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$240,000
<i>Bank Adjustment</i>		
VARIANCE	(\$711)	\$1,054
Capital Improvement		\$65

*Includes On -Line Giving May 30 \$215

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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 Secretary: **Marilyn Filip**

Parish Council

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 Matthew Keller, Karen Krepps
 Chester Lawrence,
 Debra Mroczka and Joseph Sullivan

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9 am until 3 pm;
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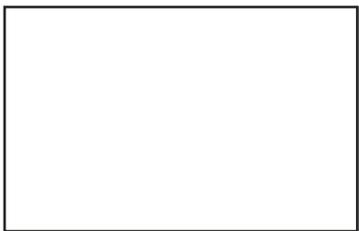
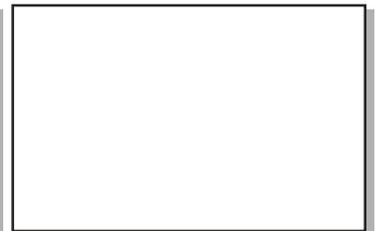

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