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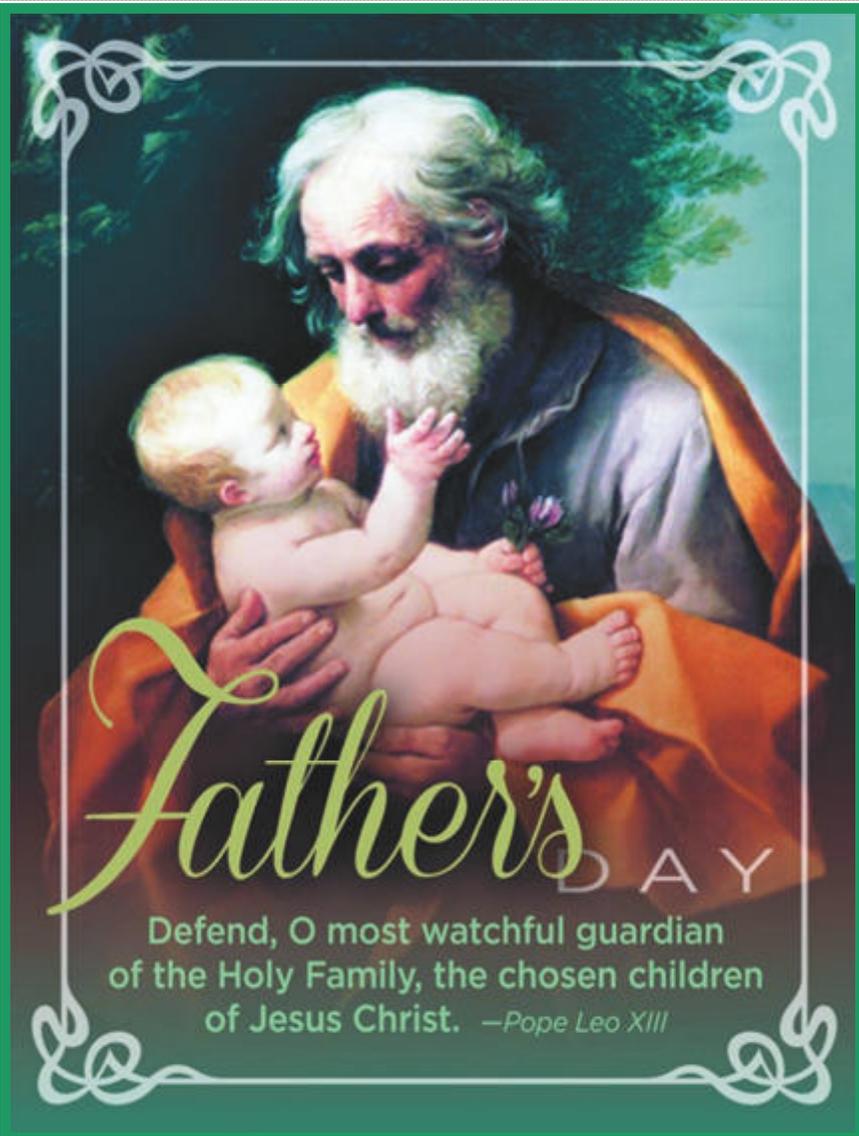
Mission Statement

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

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JUNE 20, 2021



As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immers-

ing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

Mass Intentions for the Week

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
 +Dr. Andrew Gusfa by Daughter, Carmella
 Spec. Int. Marcel Villeneuve by Pat Durham

Sunday, June 20

9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Capuchin

Bday Blessings Evelyn Derengowski by Genevieve Czarnecki

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 Addision Family
 +Al & Joan Addison by Great Grand Children
 Spec. Int. Catherine Reuter by Pat Durham

11:00 am Capuchin

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

Monday, June 21 8:30 am Fr. Greg
 Health of Sorrenti Family

Tuesday, June 22 8:30 am Fr. Greg
 +Luigi & Teresa Gallizzi by Family

Thursday, June 24 8:30 am Fr. Greg
 +Roseann Boren (ann) by Pat Durham

Friday, June 25 8:30 am Fr. Greg
 +Deceased Members of Mattei Family

Saturday, June 26 4:00 pm Capuchin

+Casimer Draus by Annette Walblay
 +Emanuel, Agnes & Robert Crona by Daughter
 +Tom Santocke by Wife
 +Phil & Peg Koda by Kumor Family
 +John Krisko by Family
 Health of Bob Dettloff by Johnson Family

Sunday, June 27 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Greg

+Leslie Vizi by Wife, Maria
 9:00 am Bishop Battersby

+Irene Tellish, Sr. by Family
 +Victor & Antonia D'Agostino by Adrianna & Mark Lypeckyj
 +Virginia Mann by Kathleen Heimiller
 Hlth. of Wesley Guset, Sr. by LIFT

11:00 am Capuchin

+Nellie Pasmore by Grace Ruffin
 +Casimer Draus by Daughter, Kathy
 +Maureen McEachern by Stanley Eachern (Brother)
 Living & Decd. Member of Joseph & Gertrude Burger



Praise Those Fathers

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

- Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD



Next week we will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which

the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war oppression, natural disasters and other most in need. Please be generous.



The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in memory of Edward Jarrell

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 Muellervanavanough, Frank Palmeri, 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.

Please notify the Parish office for changes to our prayer list.

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He does have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless.



Saint Joseph & Father's Day

On Fathers' Day, we remember and honor dads, grandfathers, uncles, and all the men, living and deceased, who tirelessly and selflessly gave of themselves for their families with unconditional love. It is a good time to also recall the exemplary role-model and patron saint of fathers – St Joseph – foster father of Jesus, husband of Our Lady and patron of the Universal Church.

St Joseph experienced the same difficulties in life we all do, yet he lived an exemplary life and established an ideal that is well-worth emulating for all fathers who have come after him. St Joseph was a man of compassion and caring. He was a man possessed of unwavering faith in God. He was a man who loved and protected his family. As St Matthew describes him in his Gospel, Joseph was a "righteous man" (Matthew 1:19).

For Joseph, doing God's will was paramount; God always came first. Each time God told him to do something, Joseph's response was immediate and he would carry out the task at hand the way God wanted it done – after the angel's message came to him in a dream, he took Mary into his home as his wife; upon receiving the angel's warning, Joseph immediately got up and took his little family and fled to Egypt in the middle of the night to escape Herod's jealous wrath, then, later, returned them home to Nazareth. Joseph kept the Sabbath and went to the Temple in Jerusalem for the Passover. He faithfully and tenderly loved, protected and provided for the Child Jesus and the Virgin Mary. Saint Joseph certainly set the bar high for modern-day fathers, yet, by his very example, Joseph solidly demonstrates that it is quite possible to follow his example to be a righteous man by listening to, trusting in and obeying God's word.

Just how important are fathers? A father is a source of strength and support. He strives to provide for and raise his children to know right from wrong, to develop sound moral values. A dad puts the needs of his family before his own. A dad teaches his children the value of hard work, courage, honesty and good judgment. A dad creates memories with his children that will last them a lifetime...by teaching them to ride a two-wheel bicycle or how to throw a curveball or simply just by quiet-time together, allowing his children to revel in the security of a protective, paternal love. A dad encourages his children to live lives of holiness and quiet fortitude. Most of all, through his own life of faith, a father teaches his children by example to cultivate a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father through prayer, to live their lives according to God's word and guide them firmly along the path to their eternal, Heavenly destination. Whether he realizes it or not, it is through such dedication and commitment to his family, that a dad emulates St Joseph. What greater lessons could a man's life teach? So, yes, fathers are very important!

On June 20th, as we honor and thank our dads for all they have done for us and for how much they mean to us, let us remember to ask St Joseph for his intercession on behalf of all dads and that his holy example continue to be an inspiration to all fathers.

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Thank you to those of you who have already pledged their support. The ministries, programs and services that the Catholic Services Appeal funds, help us unleash the Gospel in our own parish and throughout southeast Michigan and beyond. Truly, we *Fuel the Mission* to witness Christ!

If you are still prayerfully considering your CSA pledge, you may mail your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope that was provide you. You may also pledge your gift to our parish's campaign online at givecsa.org



Online Mass from St. Alphonsus-St. Clement

We are so thankful that so many parishioners are returning to Mass. For those who are unable to attend Mass in person, we are continuing to livestream Mass every weekend so that you can remain connected with our parish family by participating in the Mass online.

The 4:00 pm Saturday and 9:00 am Sunday Masses can be seen on our **YouTube channel**. To view the current week's Masses or previously recorded Masses, visit www.stals-stclem.org and click on "**Livestream Schedule**".



Continued St. Joseph & Father's Day

Oh, St Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

Oh, St Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St Joseph, Patron of departed souls – pray for me. Amen.

Readings for the Week of June 20

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
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/ Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



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 6/6/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$5,811*	\$216,868*
HFV Chapel	\$555	\$30,552
ACTUAL*	\$6,366	\$247,420
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$245,000
<i>Bank Adjustment</i>		
VARIANCE	\$1,366	\$2,420
Capital Improvement		\$310
Peter's Pence		\$45

*Includes On -Line Giving \$952 June 6

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.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9 am until 3 pm;
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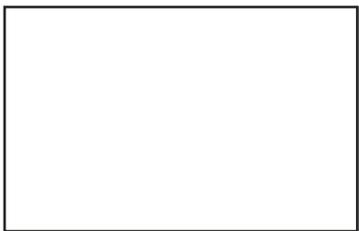
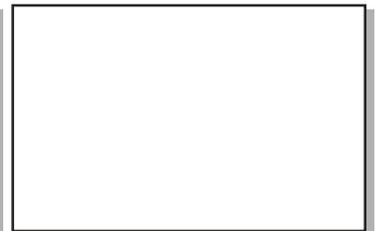

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