

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

JUNE 27, 2021



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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The author of The Cloud of Unknowing prays, "That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself." Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God's embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It's that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the


powerful words Jesus speaks, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God's presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God's tender and endearing presence. The Cloud of Unknowing leaves us with wisdom, "think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are." This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 +Joseph & Shirley Goldie 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 Health of Wesley Guset, Sr. by LIFT		
	11:00 am	Capuchin
+Nellie Pasmore by Grace Ruffin +Casimer Draus by Daughter, Kathy +Maureen McEachern by Stanley McEachern (Brother) Living & Decd. Member of Joseph & Gertrude Burger		
Monday, June 28	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
+Paul Koda by Friends		
Tuesday, June 29	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
Spec. Int. Hurley & Fran Fields		
Thursday, July 1	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
+Helen Cebulski by Family		
Friday, July 2	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
+Sylvia Kumor by Family Spec. Int. Ron Wiseman by Pat Durham		
Saturday, July 3	4:00 pm	Fr. Greg
+Caterina Gallizzi (Bday) by Family +Casimer & Irene Kaminski by Family +Tom Santocke by Wife +Adam Mitchell by Friends +Casimir Draus by Art & Mary Ann Walblay +Berto Deando by Marrone Family Health of Bob Dettloff by Johnson Family		
Sunday, July 4	9:00 am (HFV Chapel)	Capuchin
+Henry Wenzel by Wife		
	9:00 am	Fr. Greg
+James & Margaret Blair by Family +Joseph J. Bobowski by Family +Vance Maliszewski by Family +Elisabetta Stancato by Family Spec. Int. Raymond Sturgil by Family		
	11:00 am	Fr. Greg
+Rosina Lombardo by Joanne Marcantonio +Rosa Policicchio by Family +Irene Rains by Rick & Annemarie Posh		

 Please Note: Parish office will be closed on Thursday, July 1 and will reopen on Friday, July 2 at 9:00 am. We will be closed again July 5 and reopen on July 6 at 9:00 am. We wish everyone a happy and safe Forth of July.



Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Paul Koda** who died last week and whose Memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday, July 16, at 11:00 am in our church.

and

Kathy Bitonti who passed away on June 20 and whose funeral was June 26.

May they have eternal life with our Blessed Mother and all the saints. May their families be comforted in the hope of the Resurrection.



God always has something for you, a key for every problem, a light for every shadow, a relief for every sorrow and a plan for every tomorrow.
Trust in the Lord, you shall not tire. Serve you the Lord, you shall not weaken.



Today is the **Peter's Pence Collection**, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy. Please be generous today.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in memory of
Caterina Gallizzi



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 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 Touching the Cloak of Christ

Look to today's Gospel and you'll find one of the most arresting images in all of Scripture. Christ in a crowd, everyone clamoring for his attention, pressing against him. Several feet away, is a chronically ill woman, weak and desperate for help. She knows she doesn't have a chance of getting his attention. She has no connections. She has no strength. All she can do is lift up her hand.

So that's what she does. She reaches out.

There comes a time, or maybe several times, in each of our lives when we become this woman. We're tired and we're sick. Is it with sin? With fear? With anger? It doesn't matter. Whatever it is, it's made us weak, and we feel like we've run out of options. We've looked for help and come up empty. We've consulted friends and gotten nowhere. We're lost in the crowd of life, unable to stick our heads above the pressing throng to wave for help.

And there is Christ, always passing by us. The hem of his cloak is never far from our grasp. We have no hope of a big miracle like the synagogue leader. We don't even bother asking for that. But that cloak ... we can touch that cloak. That's something we can do.

Do we do it, though? Do we have the confidence of that sick, beaten-down woman who knew so totally that healing was there for the taking? Or do we retreat back into the crowd, stumbling back home with our pain and our sinfulness? Reach out, friends. However, whatever, whenever — reach out. Christ will not fail you. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—"Do not be afraid, just have faith." God does not rejoice in our demise or our destruction. Rather, He made us in his image and desires that we have life. He also desires that we be healed and know His loving touch. There is great power in an embrace offered in love. The touch of another can heal wounds and restore life. There is also power in faith. Faith can turn us toward the truth and turn us toward God. Both love and faith can lead us to hope that no matter what we encounter, God will continue to sustain us in being. He will not allow us to perish. God can profoundly change how we see Him, ourselves, and one another. God desires that we turn toward Him and be healed of all that wounds and binds us so that we can be free and enjoy the fullness of life. We are asked to arise and walk proudly with this life-giving faith. Reach out and share this faith with someone this week so that they too can receive God's life changing embrace and heed His call to wholeness. There are many in our world wandering around aimlessly without hope. Bring it to them.



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

We are presently celebrating the “Year of St. Joseph” to commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being solemnly declared Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX. From May 1, 2020, through May 1, 2021, we, as a diocese, have committed to deepen our understanding of the person of

St. Joseph and so to honor him, in a more profound way, as our guardian and protector. One very important way St. Joseph helps us, on our journey to heaven, is through his special gift of intercession as we prepare for our departure from our life here on earth.

St. Joseph is known as the Patron of a Happy Death. It is essential to understand the true meaning of the words “a happy death,” even though the dying person may be experiencing great pain from health issues as well as fear and anxiety over the unknown. The term “happy,” in this context, does not connote the emotion of being glad, or even cheerful. Rather, it signifies being peaceful, full of Faith and hope in Jesus Christ, which carries with it a certain joy. Since every person will eventually face death, each one of us needs and wants the help of St. Joseph, our loving spiritual father, on the road of passing from this life to the next.

St. Joseph is called the “Patron of a Happy Death.” He died a blessed and happy death because Jesus and Mary were at his side. His holy death reflected his holy life. St. Joseph was a just man and lived his life loving and serving Jesus and Mary, through being obedient to God’s will.

“The Church encourages us to prepare ourselves for the hour of our death. In the litany of saints, for instance, the Church has us pray: ‘From a sudden and unforeseen death, deliver us, O Lord’; to ask the Mother of God to intercede for us ‘at the hour of our death’ in the Hail Mary; and to entrust ourselves to St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death.” (CCC #1014)

There is a spiritual battle at the point of death. Therefore, we are called to entrust ourselves to St. Joseph so he will intercede for us, helping us to stay on the right path. Along with this entrustment, we are strengthened in our love and faithfulness to the Lord and His Church by receiving the sacraments—above all, attending Mass every Sunday and receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, as well as going to confession on a regular basis. Through receiving the sacraments in a faithful and committed manner, along with daily, fervent prayer, we will be prepared to meet Jesus by having received what the Church provides throughout our life.

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The 2021 CSA has begun. If you did not receive CSA materials in the mail, we have them available in the parish office. Each year, CSA raises critical funds that support more than 100 ministries, services and programs allowing us to respond to the physical and spiritual needs of individuals and families throughout Southeast Michigan. This is how we act from the heart, putting Christ and his mission above all else. Prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 CSA. Every gift makes a difference.

NOTE: The address to return your CSA gift is:

Archdiocese of Detroit

P. O. Box 6047

Albert Lea, MN 56007-6647

This is a processing center that will process all the CSA pledges and payments.



**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”**.



Church Sign....Gotta love a church with a sense of humor...

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1

Continued St. Joseph Man of the Year

When we pray for a “happy death,” this includes a heartfelt plea that a priest will be present to give us the last sacraments: hearing our confession, anointing us and bringing us viaticum—the Holy Eucharist—as food for this journey. This is a lifelong preparation and should not be put off, so we can guard against being unprepared at the time of death.

Jesus desires to give us everything we need for the final journey, with the help of St. Joseph interceding for us. Let us “go to Joseph” as our spiritual father, who will lead us to Jesus throughout our lives, and, in a particular way, at the hour of our death.

O Blessed Joseph, you gave your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall close my life, come with Jesus and Mary to aid me. Obtain for me this solace for that hour - to die with their holy arms around me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul, living and dying, into your sacred arms. Amen.

Readings for the Week of June 27

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
Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



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 exits 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 6/20/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$4,699*	\$225,407*
HFV Chapel	\$320	\$31,982
ACTUAL*	\$5,019	\$257,389
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$255,000
<i>Bank Adjustment</i>		
VARIANCE	\$19	\$2,389
Peter's Pence		\$20

*Excludes 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. You must be a registered/active parishioner for at least 1 year.
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**
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Housekeeper: **Denise Paniccia**
Maintenance: **Frank Bechard**
Organist: **Lawrence Zelanka & Adam Morency**
Secretary: **Marilyn Filip**

Parish Council

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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.



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