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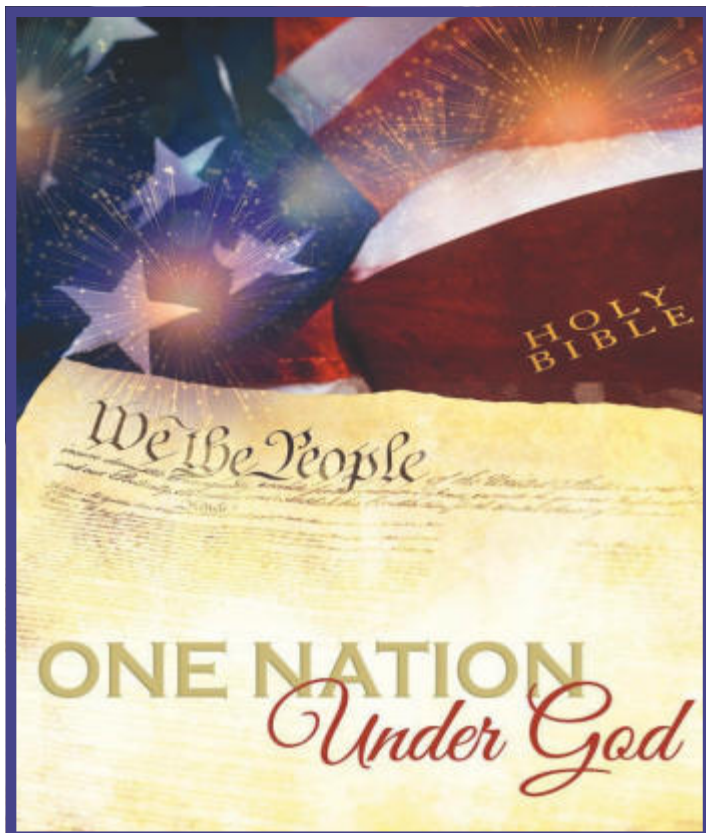
Mission Statement

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

Fr. Gregory Deters, Associate Pastor

JULY 4, 2021



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave

birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

Parish Office will be closed July 5 in celebration of July 4 and reopen on July 6 at 9:00 am.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 DeNando 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

Monday, July 5 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Maureen Mackay by Kathleen Heimiller
 +Anna Plaza (Bday) by Daughter, Joanne Perry

Tuesday, July 6 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Joe Lombardo by Friends

Thursday, July 8 8:30 am Fr. Greg

+Rita Johnson by George Johnson Family

Friday, July 9 8:30 am Fr. Greg

Deceased Members of Leonetti Family

Saturday, July 10 4:00 pm Fr. Greg

+Khalil Batayeh by Julie Rohr & Ken Jodouin
 +Francis Ruddy, Sr. & Julia M. Ruddy by Family
 +Tom Santocke by Wife
 +Gianni & Rosa Marrone by Grandchildren

Sunday, July 11

9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Greg

+Living & Deceased Residents of HFV

9:00 am Capuchin

+Norbert Turek by Family
 +Chester & Helen Pietraz by Family
 +Dr. Andrew & Irene Gusfa by Kumor Family
 +Al Puzzuoli by Kumor Family
 Health & Healing Madeline Keller by LIFT

11:00 am Capuchin

+Todd Kurowski by Ron Kurowski
 +Casimer Draus by Son, John
 +Elio Puzzuoli by Filip Family
 +Louie Cascardo by LIFT



Forth of July Prayer

Dear Lord, we remember today how blessed we are. We remember with gratitude, all who sacrificed and gave their lives so we could have the freedoms we enjoy today. We pray for our country and our leaders. We pray for revival, repentance, renewal, healing and restoration for our country. May the changes we want to see begin with each of us. May we humble ourselves before you. May we live with the same faith, courage and convictions as those who founded and fought for our nation. We pray for all who wish to harm our country and we humbly ask for your blessing to be on the U.S.A. In the name of Jesus we ask these things. Amen

Debbie Kay, Hope For The Broken Hearted.com



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See's activities and help Pope Francis relieve the victims of wars, oppression and natural disaster around the world. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit:

www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.



Thank You to LIFT for the 2 Red Dogwood trees that were recently planted in front of the rectory. And **THANK YOU** to Hank Boleski at Fairlane Gardens for the donation of mulch that was placed under the trees around the Church and parish grounds.

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 The Prophecy of You and Me

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet. ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.

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



My earliest “encounter” with St. Joseph was as a pre-teen. My parents had given me an eight-inch statue of St. Joseph standing with his arm around the boy Jesus. In my child mind, that statue made St. Joseph and his fatherly care and love for Jesus real as I lay down in bed for the night — the last image in my mind before falling asleep.

As I left adolescence and entered my young adult years, my awareness of St. Joseph was left behind on my nightstand. However, this changed once I entered the vocation of marriage and fatherhood. During one particularly stressful period of young family life, I recalled the statue of St. Joseph on my nightstand, the comfort and assurance it gave me as a child. I believe this memory was inspired by the Holy Spirit to turn me toward St. Joseph again, now as an adult in my chosen vocation of fatherhood.

St. Joseph has since become my go-to intercessor and role model for marriage and family life. The more I reflected on the life of St. Joseph and his role as adoptive father to Jesus and head of the Holy Family, I discovered a relatable dimension of inspiration, guidance and strength for my own role and responsibilities of fatherhood.

In the fullness of my growing family life and the accompanying stressors and demands, it did not take much imagination to connect the dots of the silent Gospel narratives of St. Joseph. I was able to appreciate the real challenges, threats and insecurities he faced in protecting and providing for the Holy Family. I discovered in St. Joseph a fellow father and spiritual mentor who I could turn to for intercession in my parallel challenges, drawing on the inspiration and strength of his virtuous fatherhood.

St. Joseph trusted God who spoke to him in a dream about his betrothal to Mary and her miraculous pregnancy. He trusted the divine guidance that he must leave behind all he knows, journeying to a foreign land with his pregnant wife to avoid a mortal threat. Later, he would return and earn a living to support his family. He would experience the self-blaming and “what if” fears of losing his young son on an extended road trip. And he would raise his adoptive son Jesus, the subject of both amazing and mysterious prophecies.

There is much to reflect upon as we consider the humanity of St. Joseph, the real human challenges he faced, and his example of faith and trust in God for the welfare of his family. He experienced immense stressors, unexpected changes, a new marriage, job insecurity and many more relatable challenges in his vocation of marriage and fatherhood.

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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:

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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”**.

Continued St. Joseph Man of the Year

St. Joseph’s various titles offer me virtues and examples of fatherhood that strengthen and transform my own vocation of fatherhood. Below the apparent tranquility of the silent St. Joseph I have discovered for my own spiritual fatherhood the fierce “Terror of Demons,” the spiritual-warrior example of St. Joseph. As the “Model of Workman,” St. Joseph shows me the dignity and purpose of the work God gives me, earning an honest day’s wages in support of my family, even when the rewards and recognition are lacking. As the “Mirror of Patience,” St. Joseph encourages me to trust God with my family needs and situations where a solution or path is not apparent. To be undaunted and stay the course despite difficulties and discouragement in being faithful to my vocational duties, St. Joseph as the “Most Courageous” gives me strength and encouragement by his example.

Written by David Grobbel



Readings for the Week of July 4



Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt

9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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 6/27/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$1,893*	\$228,155*
HFV Chapel	\$968	\$32,950
ACTUAL*	\$2,861	\$261,105
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$260,000
<i>Bank Adjustment</i>		
VARIANCE	(\$2,139)	\$1,105
Peter's Pence		\$327

*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**
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 Secretary: **Marilyn Filip**

Parish Council

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 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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