

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

JULY 18, 2021



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCC

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There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find

that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.



Saturday, July 17 4:00 pm Fr. Greg

- +Sam Bonanno (ann) by Family
- +Matthew & Sara Mattei by Family
- +Sonny Lentini by Bonanno Family
- +Louie Cascardo by Bonanno Family
- +Paul Koda by Kumor Family

Sunday, July 18 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Kaiser

- +Living & Deceased Residents of HFV

- 9:00 am Fr. Greg
- +Stanley Ziarnik by Wife
 - +Steve & Irene Tellish by Family
 - +Anthony Palmeri by Family
 - +Carmine Stancato by Family

- 11:00 am Fr. Greg
- +Norman & Shirley Burger by Family
 - +Casimer Draus by Joe & Michelle Carnes
 - Living & Deceased Members of LIFT by LIFT
 - Health Colleen Charara by LIFT

Monday, July 19 8:30 am Fr. Greg

- Health & Healing Jerry & Irene Dewicki by Family

Tuesday, July 20 8:30 am Fr. Greg

- +Deceased Members of Alessandro Family

Thursday, July 22 8:30 am Fr. Greg

- +Jerry & Charlene Jeske by Family
- +Carol Shpakoff by Family

Friday, July 23 8:30 am Fr. Greg

- +Dorothy Sechrist by Friends

Saturday, July 24 4:00 pm Fr. Greg

- +Katherine (Ralko) Hartman by Dan & Katey Devine
- +John m& Delores Neubauer by Kumor Family
- +John Krisko by Wife

Sunday, July 25 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Greg

- +Living & Deceased Residents of HFV

- 9:00 am Fr. Leliaert
- +Victor & Antonio D'Agostino by Adrianna & Mark Lypeckyj
 - Health of Bernadine Mistor by LIFT

- 11:00 am Fr. Kaiser
- +Anne Kurowski by Ron Kurowski
 - +Paul & Peg Koda by Frank & Barbara Bechard
 - +Serafina Frattarelli by Thomas Frattarelli

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".

Traveling? Don't Forget Sunday Mass!



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while". Vincent de Paul, a great man of action was also a contemplative. His contemplation

of God's love overflowed into practical love for the poor.

Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten as you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box.



The best way to begin and end each day is with these 5 simple prayers:

1. Thank You, God
2. Guide me, God
3. Protect me, God
4. Bless me, God
5. Forgive me, God

Amen



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

How did God reveal himself to Elijah?

- a) Earthquake
- b) Fire
- c) A dream
- d) Flood

Answer: See Page 4



The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in memory of Sam Bonanno

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 The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?



Saint Joseph Man of the Year
Dec. 8, 20-Dec. 8, 21
Powerful Prayer to St. Joseph

“St. Joseph, father and guardian of virgins, into whose faithful keeping were entrusted Innocency itself, Christ Jesus and Mary, the Virgin of virgins, I pray and beseech Thee through Jesus and Mary, those pledges so dear to you, to keep me from all uncleanness and to grant that my mind may be untainted, my heart pure and my body chaste; help me always to serve Jesus and Mayr in perfect chastity. Amen.”

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

I’ve heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God’s image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess “I believe in the resurrection of the body.” As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

Bible Study



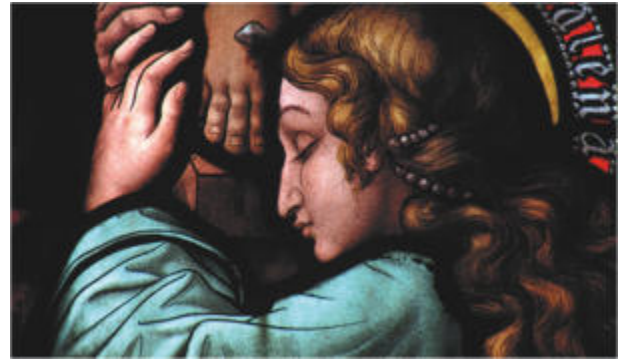
Experience
Renewal
Through the
Scriptures

“Many Catholics have heard the lectionary

readings at Mass for years but are unfamiliar with the context of those readings or the overall storyline of the Bible. They have heard excerpts of Scripture but may not have read a whole book of the Bible or discovered the amazing interconnections among different parts of Sacred Scripture.”

— Archbishop Vigneron

Start your journey through the Bible this September with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan (CBSM)’s new classes on Thursdays 7-9 pm at St. Sabina in Dearborn Heights or Fully-Online. Accessible to all with scholarships for those in need. Come for an Open House Information Session at St. Sabina (Tue. Jul 20 at 7 pm) or on Zoom (July 17 at 9 am or Aug 27 at 8 pm). Learn more at cbsmich.org/join or contact us at info@cbsmich.org or call/text 586-438-3085.



Saint Mary Magdalene
Feast Day July 22

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, “of Magdala,” was the one from whom Christ cast out “seven demons” (Luke 8:2)—an indication at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly, severe illness.

Writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., says that “seven demons” “does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36.” In the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, Father Edward Mally, S.J., agrees that she “is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her.”

Mary Magdalene was one of the many “who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means.” She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the “official” witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the “Apostle to the Apostles.”

Reflection

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all “unofficial” witnesses of the Resurrection.

Catholic Trivia....from page 2

Answer: b

Readings for the Week of July 18

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
 Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15




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 7/11/2021</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Church | \$3,395* | \$8,240* |
| HFV Chapel | \$450 | \$797 |
| ACTUAL* | \$3,845 | \$9,037 |
| BUDGET | \$5,000 | \$10,000 |
| <i>Bank Adjustment</i> | | |
| VARIANCE | (\$1,155) | \$963 |
| Peter's Pence | | \$165 |
| Capital Improvements | | \$103 |

*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**
 Accountant: **Dawn Peters**
 Housekeeper: **Denise Paniccia**
 Maintenance: **Frank Bechard**
 Organist: **Lawrence Zelanka & Adam Morency**
 Secretary: **Marilyn Filip**

Parish Council

John Savage, Chairperson
 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.



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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