

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

AUGUST 29, 2021



Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:14-15

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preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.



**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**".



**If you are fully vaccinated, we need
YOU!**

Our parish choir will start rehearsal again, beginning Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 pm. We would like to invite you to join us as we try to get back to our normal way of life. These certainly have been challenging times of late, but there is nothing quite like the **power of music** to bring a **sense of God** into our lives! It's been said, when you sing, you pray twice.
Music Director, Lawrence Zelanka



POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS & GEN. PULASKI LANGUAGE SCHOOL (youth lessons since 1963) and **POLANIE Song & Dance Ensemble** (adult lessons since 1997) accepting Registrations for 2021-22 year. Lessons held at ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, 31530 Beechwood Avenue, Garden City, MI 48135, north of Ford Road, west side of Merriman Road. **FIRST DAY** of Dance and Language Classes: Saturday, September 11, 2021, 9:30 am. No experience -- just LOVE Polish! For more information or to request Registration Form, please contact Natalia Jackson, Director, 734-674-7352 or polaniedetroit96@gmail.com. Instill the love of Polish culture in your children! Join our Polish Dance and Language family! You'll LOVE it!

**Parish office will be closed Friday, Sept 3
 and will reopen on Tuesday, Sept 7, at
 9:00 am, in observance of Labor Day.**

Saturday, Aug 28	4:00 pm	Fr. Greg
+Jerry Stawara (ann) by Son, Greg & Family +Charlie Makaroff (ann) by M. Filip +Catherine Millon (Bday) Pat Durham +Mary Mattis (Bday) by Pat Durham +James Rollinger (Bday) by Pat Durham +Al & Joan Addison by Family +Albert Stott by Family Jerome & Josephine Dymkowski Living & Deceased Members of St. Alphonsus Class of 1971		
Sunday, Aug 29	9:00 am (HFV Chapel)	Fr. Greg
+Paul Kirkhart by Wife & Family +Edward Hogan *(Bday) by Wife		
	9:00 am	Fr. Linus
+Mary Palmeri by Family +Kathy Bitonti by Pat Durham +Teresa Dean by St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Seniors +Arlene Exel (ann) by Family +Richard Belan by Family Health & Healing Rose & Baby Keller by Grandparents		
	11:00 am	Fr. Linus
+Rosa Policicchio by Family +Casimer Draus by Bill & Gloria Wapinsky +Jerry Coogan by Colleen Charara +Gerri Finn by Denise Paniccia		
Monday, Aug 30	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
+James Durham (Bday) by Pat Durham		
Tuesday, Aug 31	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
Health Midge Whitaker-Miller by Friend		
Thursday, Sept 2	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
Health Zachary Hodge by Friend		
Friday, Sept 3	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
+Sylvia Kumor by Family		
Saturday, Sept 4	4:00 pm	Fr. Linus
+Rocco & Marlene Romeo (ann) by Sister & Family +Raymond Salagan by Laura +Frank DeBonis (ann) by Bonanno Family +Martin, Sylvia & Marty Hallup by Family +Tom Santocke by Wife Spec. Int. Bill & Margot Millon by Pat Durham		
Sunday, Sept. 5	9:00 am (HFV Chapel)	Fr. Linus
+Henry Wenzel by Wife		
	9:00 am	Fr. Greg
+Chester & Helen Pietraz by Family +Joseph J. Bobowski by Family Spec. Int. Christine Delagarza by Family Spec. Int. Marianne Zunder by Family Spec. Int. Katherine Andrews Health & Healing Rose & Baby Keller by Grandparents		
	11:00 am	Fr. Greg
+Louie Cascardo by Linda Lesnieski +Casimer Draus (Bday) by Daughter, Kathy Living & Deceased Szura Family		



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, Giorgina Cascardo, Maria Cercone, Catherine Cody, Barb Delgado, Evelyn Derengowski, Betty Fisher, Marco Frattarelli, Betty Fucinari, Mary Furioso, Sulhi & Charlotte Gencyuz, Peggy Goodart, 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, David Rentschler, Serafina Romano, Pearly Ruffin, Dana Slepsky, 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 Submission as Stewardship

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that's justice.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are “doing” everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.



St. Joseph—Man of the Year

Dec. 8, 20-Dec. 8, 21

What is Special about St. Joseph?

Out of all the men who will ever live, the Eternal Father chose St. Joseph to be the earthly father of His Divine Son. This was necessary to the Divine Plan; not necessary as the only way God could have saved the world, but necessary according to the wisdom and the will of God as the way the world would be saved.

Love, honor and respect for Joseph is owed to Joseph due to this eternal divine choice and Joseph's own will to cooperate with the Divine plan fully.

St Gregory the Great — Feast Day Sept. 3

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30.



After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome. Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in

Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king.

His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."



St. Alphonsus-St. Clement parish has reached **100%** of our goal for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you to the **85 parishioners** who have made gifts and pledges

totaling \$47,446. If you are still prayerfully considering your CSA pledge, please know that our parish will now receive 100% of the gifts we receive.

We will continue to accept CSA donations through April 2022. Any and all CSA donations will be returned tax free to the parish. You may mail your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelop that was provided you, which is:

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Or make your gift to our parish campaign online at **givecsa.org**.

If you misplaced your pledge card, please contact the parish office.



Bethany Anne Galdes Foundation
Founders Day Celebration

Saturday, Sept.11—Noon –3 :30 pm

Warrendale Park off Hines Dr.—

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Readings for the Week of August 29

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



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 8/15/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$4,021	\$27,600
HFV Chapel	\$1,325	\$4,837
On-Line Giving	\$435	\$3,497*
ACTUAL	\$5,781**	\$35,934
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$35,000
VARIANCE	\$781	\$934

Capital Improvements \$25

* Percent share from HFV will be updated monthly
**Includes Assumption Holy Day contributions

To give on-line, please register on the Parish Website.

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Henry Ford Village Chapel

15101 Ford Rd., Dearborn, MI 48126
Phone: (313) 846-7712 ext. 1121

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 Mroczka 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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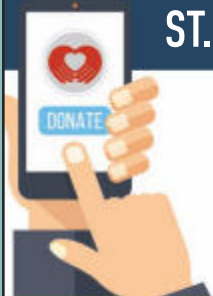


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