

# ST. ALPHONSUS - ST. CLEMENT PARISH

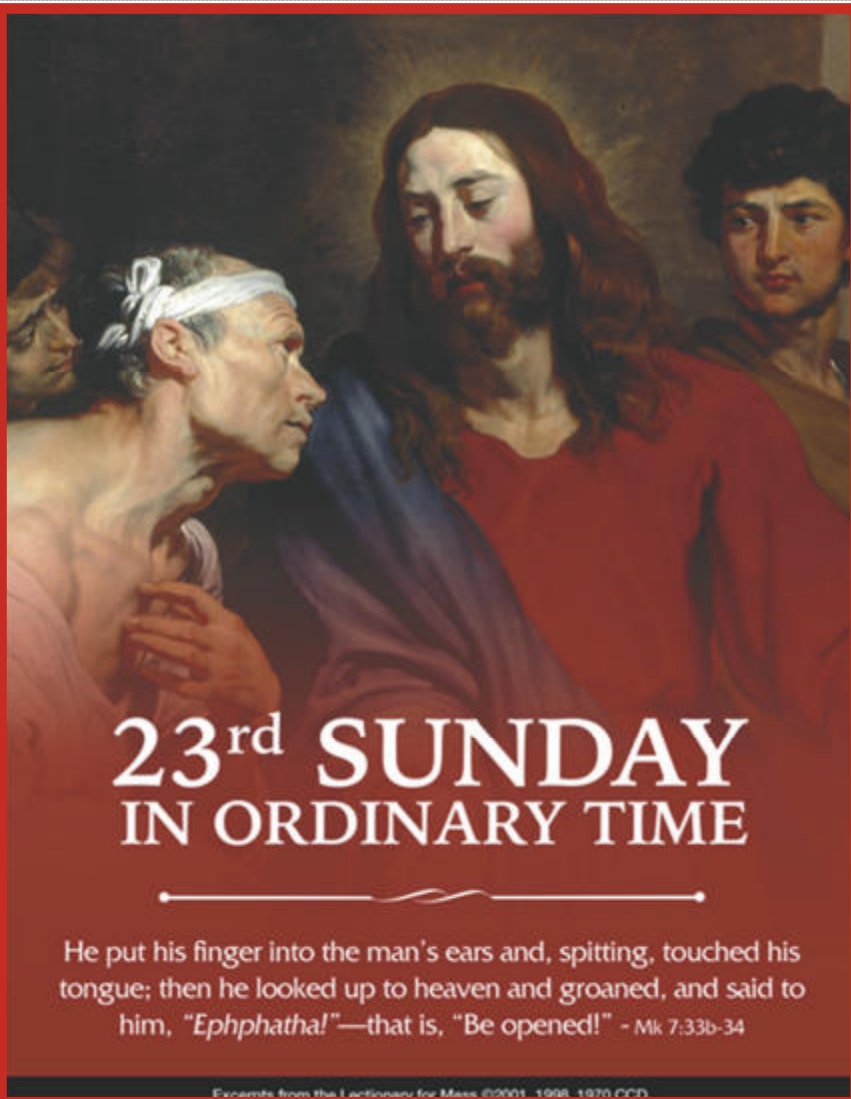
## Mission Statement

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

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in

what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.



<b>Saturday, Sept 4</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	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		
<b>Sunday, Sept 5</b>	<b>9:00 am (HFV Chapel)</b>	Fr. Linus
+Henry Wenzel by Wife		
	<b>9:00 am</b>	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 Spec. Int. Carmela Gusfa by Friend		
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Fr. Greg
+Louie Cascardo by Linda Lesnieski +Casimer Draus (Bday) by Daughter, Kathy Living & Deceased Szura Family		
<b>Monday, Sept 6</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Fr. Linus
Health Vera Ciavaglia by Bonanno Family		
<b>Tuesday, Sept 7</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Fr. Linus
Health & Healing David Rentschler by Marilyn Filip		
<b>Thursday, Sept 9</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Fr. Linus
Health Greg & Patricia Stawara by Family		
<b>Friday, Sept 10</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Fr. Linus
Spec. Int. Matthew & Madeline Keller		
<b>Saturday, Sept 11</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Fr. Greg
+Stanley Ziarnik by Wife +Grazia Mancini by Family +Egidio Furguele by Family +Catherine Romeo by Sister & Family +Tom Santocke by Wife		
<b>Sunday, Sept. 12</b>	<b>9:00 am (HFV Chapel)</b>	Fr. Greg
+Living & Deceased Residents of HFV		
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Fr. Linus
+Norbert Turek by Family +Kennie Harper by Family James & Margaret Blair by Family		
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Fr. Linus
+Mario Satani by Bonanno Family +Rosa Policicchio by Family +Casimer Draus by Son, John +Francesco & Florence Parrello by Family +David Mannarino by Mother & Family		

**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](http://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*



LIFT Meeting—all ladies of the parish are invited by LIFT to come to Fr. Yagley Hall on Tuesday, Sept 7 at 6:30 pm for our annual Ice Cream Social. Come join us as we pray the rosary, enjoy each other's company and discuss topics that affect our lives.

Parish office will be closed Friday, Sept 3 and will reopen on Tuesday, Sept 7, at 9:00 am, in observance of Labor Day.  
**Let us realize that the privilege to work is a gift and the power to work is a blessing**



### 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 Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening? ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**—Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.



**St. Joseph—Man of the Year**  
**Dec. 8, 20-Dec. 8, 21**

St. Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence and his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God".  
 Pope St. John Paul II

*O God, our hope and refuge, in our distress*



*we come quickly to you. Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost.*

*We come remembering those who lost their lives in*

*New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends. We commit their souls to your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity. We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you. As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security.*

*In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide and our guardian. Amen.*



St. Alphonsus-St. Clement parish has reached **100%** of our goal for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you to the **90 parishioners** who have made gifts and pledges totaling \$50,646. 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:

**Archdiocese of Detroit**  
**P. O. Box 6047**  
**Albert Lea, MN 56007-6647**

Or make your gift to our parish campaign online at [givecsa.org](http://givecsa.org).

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

**Thank you again for helping to Fuel the Mission to witness Christ.**



**St. Vincent de Paul**  
**Friends Walk**

The Annual Friends Walk, sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be held on Saturday, September 25 on Belle Isle Park in Detroit. The event is a unique national fundraising effort organized by Councils and Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It allows community members from all walks of life across the country to participate in a simultaneous nationwide event to raise awareness of the challenges faced by the nation's poor. All funds raised locally will be used here in our community in direct service to those in need.

Representatives from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be in the vestibule of the church after each Mass on September 11, 12, 18 and 19 to take donations and sign up participants for the 3-mile route. [Please stop by to pick up a flyer, volunteer to walk or contribute to this worthy cause.](#) Or simply drop your donation in one of the poor boxes at a church exit. Thank you for your generosity and support!



**Sep 7**-Breakfast at Archies, 30471 Plymouth Rd. Livonia 10am-call Tom 586-216-1454

**Sep 9**-Men Only Breakfast-Steve's Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Livonia 9 am-call Dick 313-534-0399

**Sep 10**-9 Pin No Tap Bowling League at Westland Bowl, at 2pm, 5940 N. Wayne Rd., Westland-call Gerry 734-259-5024



**Readings for the Week of Sept 5**

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
**Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49  
**Next Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



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](http://www.stals-stclem.org)

**Stewardship Report**

	<u>w/e 8/22/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$2,646	\$30,246
HFV Chapel	\$404	\$5,241
On-Line Giving	\$745	\$4,242*
<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>\$3,795</b>	<b>\$39,729</b>
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>(\$1,205)</b>	<b>(\$934)</b>

\* Percent share from HFV will be updated monthly

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

**St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Parish**

Church: 13540 Gould St., Dearborn, MI 48126  
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 Email: [info@sta-stc.comcastbiz.net](mailto:info@sta-stc.comcastbiz.net)

**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm (HFV Chapel)  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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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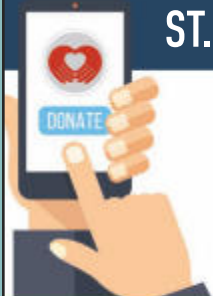


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