



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 19, 2021



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

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There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works.

Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.



Saturday, Sept 18 4:00 pm Fr. Linus
 +Khalil Batayeh by Julie Rohr & Ken Jodouin
 +Casimer Draus by Rich & Carrie Wolski
 +Katherine (Ralko) Hartman by Audrey Ralko & Anne Rice
 +Tom Santocke by Wife

Sunday, Sept. 19 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Linus
 +Marie Kitz by Family

9:00 am Fr. Greg
 +Victor & Antonia D'Agostino by Adrianna & Mark Lypeckyj
 +Carmine & Elsabetta Stancato by Family
 +John Kubinski by Garrett & Michelle Pazur
 +Carlo Chimienti (ann) by Wife & Family

11:00 am Fr. Greg
 +Dan Biggerstaff by Joanne Marcantonio
 +Casimer Draus by Art & Mary Ann Walblay
 +Settimo Mannarino by Wife & Son
 +Decd. Members of St. Alphonsus Class of 1960
 Living & Deceased Members of Joseph & Gertrude Burger

Monday, Sept 20 8:30 am Fr. Linus

+Fred Conn, Jr. by Marie Marsh
 +Ellen Carl by Daughter, Denise

Tuesday, Sept 21 8:30 am Fr. Linus
 +Eugene Genise (Bday) by Family

9:30 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Linus
 Living & Deceased Residents of HFV

Thursday, Sept 23 8:30 am Fr. Linus

+Charlie Makaroff (Bday) by M. Filip
 +Fredrick Kinyua (4th Ann) by Family
 Birthday Blessings Mary Salamon by Family

Friday, Sept 24 8:30 am Fr. Linus
 Health George Johnson by Family

Saturday, Sept 25 4:00 pm Fr. Greg

+Kathy Bitonti by Colleen Charara
 +Casimer Draus by Annette Walblay
 +Jerry Coogan by SVdP
 +Tom Santocke by Wife

Sunday, Sept. 26 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Greg

+Greg Bates by Wife
 +Roby Robinson by Family
 +Richard Zielinski by Carol Sniderman
 +Decd. Members of Bates Family by Debbie Bates

9:00 am Fr. Linus
 +Irene Dewicki by M. Filip
 +Gail Telega by Frank & Barb Bechard

11:00 am Fr. Linus
 +Salvatore & Rosa Policicchio by Family
 +Casimer Draus by Son, John
 +Irene Rains by Rick & Annemarie Posh
 +Louis Cascardo by Peter Salamon
 +Harold & Betty Merritt by Merritt Family
 +Fredrick Kinyua by 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 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

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!



Widowed Friends Events

Sept 22-Polish Family Style Dinner, Stitt Post 23850 Military Dearborn Hts. 5-9:00 pm. Call Carol 313-562-3080

Sept 23-Men only breakfast, Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Livonia 9:00 am. Call Dick 313-534-0399



The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for health of

Gregory Stawara

By Cascardo 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, 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 View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it. That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.



St. Joseph—Man of the Year
Dec. 8, 20-Dec. 8, 21
How Did St. Joseph Serve
God?

St. Joseph was unfailingly obedient to God's commands. When the angel told St. Joseph to not be afraid to bring Mary his espoused wife into his home, he obeyed. When he was warned to escape to Egypt, he obeyed. He continually provided for his family and protected them—even

in the face of great danger.

Even though he was not the father of Jesus biologically, St. Joseph was a devoted father to the Word Incarnate, taking the place on earth of His Father in heaven.

Fatima, Lourdes & Shrines of Spain—take your faith on a journey on this 12 day experience. April 5-16, 2022. Mass & Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. \$2069 per person based double occupancy. Contact 860-399-1785 for more information.



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:

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P. O. Box 6047
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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.

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



Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong
Hasang & Companions'
Feast Day Sept. 20

The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital.

Andrew's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925.

Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45. Among the other martyrs in 1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. Peter Ryou, a boy of 13, had his flesh so badly torn that he could pull off pieces and throw them at the judges. He was killed by strangulation. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.

Readings for the Week of Sept 19

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 9/5/2021</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Church | \$5,238 | \$39,439 |
| HFV Chapel | \$313 | \$6,271 |
| On-Line Giving | \$390 ** | \$4,892* |
| ACTUAL | \$5,941 | \$50,602 |
| BUDGET | \$5,000 | \$50,000 |
| VARIANCE | \$941 | \$602 |

Capital Improvements \$357

** 8/29 On-Line Giving \$260

* 27% of the Year to Date On Line Giving was from HFV

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 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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