



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 26, 2021

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1975 CCD

GLPI



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, Sept 27 8:30 am Fr. Linus
 +Mary McNeely-Taylor (ann) by Family

Tuesday, Sept 28 8:30 am Fr. Linus
 +Irene Tellish by Family

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

Thursday, Sept 30 8:30 am Fr. Linus
 +Regina Pietron by Family

Friday, Oct 1 8:30 am Fr. Linus
 +Sylvia Kumor by Family

Saturday, Oct 2 4:00 pm Fr. Linus
 +Casimer Draus by Joe & Michelle Carnes
 +Veronica Martin by Paul & Barb Lengel
 +Francis & Julia Marie Ruddy by Family
 +Margaret Smith by Filip Family
 Birthday Blessing for Jimmy Kogut by Friend

Sunday, Oct 3 9:00 am (HFV Chapel) Fr. Linus
 +Henry Wenzel by Wife

9:00 am Fr. Greg
 +Stanley Ziarnik by Wife

+James & Margaret Blair by Family
 +Joseph Bobowski by Family
 +Kennie Harper by Wife
 Spec. Int. for John Bobowski

11:00 am Fr. Greg
 +Rosa Policicchio by Family
 +Casimer Draus by Chris & Dawn Walblay
 +Louis Cascardo by Pat Durham



**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

**You are cordially invited to
 our 37th Annual Council of
 Catholic Women - The
 "No-Show" Baby Shower**

Please support Operation Layette with a monetary donation or a Target, Meijer, Kohls gift card. Your contribution will allow Operation Layette chairperson to purchase the much-needed items for the layettes. Make check payable to:

CCW/AD

...memo line: Operation Layette

Please mail your check and/or gift cards to:

CCW/AD

Attn: Jan Popowich
 38591 Thornwood Dr.

Harrison Twp., MI 48045

Questions? Contact Jan at
 586-212-0434

janp2@wowway.com



B A B Y



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, 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 Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?
~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus’ message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God’s bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God’s world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus’ looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.



St. Joseph—Man of the Year
Dec. 8, 20-Dec. 8, 21
What Does St. Joseph Help With?

St. Padre Pio said, “Go to Joseph with extreme confidence, because I do not remember having asked anything from St. Joseph, without having obtained it readily.”

Since St. Joseph was the foster-father of Jesus, he was continually working for his family, the Holy Family.

He provided for them, protected them and was the head of the family.

Now that he is in heaven, he is a powerful intercessor for us and the patron saint of many different people and places.

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:

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

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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Answer:

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe “in the resurrection of the body.” Does that mean Christ’s resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus’ resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it’s also a sign of what’s to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It’s an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited. Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus’ resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don’t really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

Feast Holy Guardian Angels - Oct. 2

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus’ words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

Reflection—Devotion to the angels is, at base, an expression of faith in God’s enduring love and providential care extended to each person day in and day out.



Readings for the Week of Sept 26

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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 9/12/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$4,458	\$43,897
HFV Chapel	\$5283	\$6,799
On-Line Giving	\$635	\$5,527*
ACTUAL	\$5,621	\$56,223
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$55,000
VARIANCE	\$621	\$1223

Capital Improvements \$37

* HFV percent of the Year-to-Date On Line Giving 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
 Office: 7469 Calhoun St., Dearborn, MI 48126
 Office Phones: (313) 581-5218 ~ 581-7495
 Fax: (313) 581-4233
 Parish Website: stals-stclem.org
 Email: 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: 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.



SENATE Coney Island

313-441-1027

3345 Greenfield (at Rotunda)

Coupon good for 10% off



Stanley Turowski Funeral Home

www.stanleyturowskifuneralhome.com

(313) 562-5120

25509 W. WARREN AVE • DEARBORN HTS, MI 48127

Directors

JEFFREY BOLESKI • SCOTT BOLESKI • TODD BOLESKI

Roman Village

CUCINA ITALIANA est. 1964

*A Family Tradition
Since 1964*

Lunch & Dinner Specials
Banquet Facilities • Cocktails

9924 Dix

Dearborn, MI 48120

(313) 842-2100

"Great Employment Opportunities!"



VORAN FUNERAL HOME

- Family Owned and Operated
for Over 70 Years -

DEARBORN - 23701 Ford Rd

(313) 278-5100

Preplanning & Grief Counseling
Services Available

Se Habla Español

www.voranfuneralhome.com

FRANK JASTRABEK'S TREE SERVICE

TREE TRIMMING, REMOVAL,
FIREWOOD, STUMP GRINDING
Insured, Senior Discounts

30 Yrs. Exp. • I.S.A. Certified Arborist

Free Estimate **734-266-4015**

www.frankstree.com

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized
Provider

SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251



LICENSED & INSURED

MASTER PLUMBER

WaterWork
PLUMBING

WaterWorkPlumbing.com

Senior Discounts

313-558-8757

24 Hr. Emergency Service

\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE

WE'RE HIRING

AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Work-Life Balance
- Paid Training
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Some Travel
- Serve Your Community



Contact us at: careers@4lpi.com | www.4lpi.com/careers

Jim & Chris Puzzuoli, Parish Member
Family Owned for Over 30 Years

PUZZUOLI'S

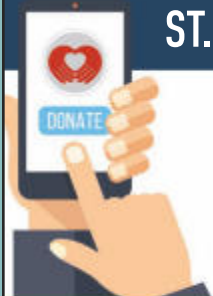


AUTHORIZED
SERVICE CENTERS

Tires • Brakes • Mufflers • Shocks • Oil Change
Under Car Service • Custom Pipe Bending • Shuttle Avail.
14441 W. Warren, East Dearborn
584-8770 584-6060

ST. ALPHONSUS - ST. CLEMENT

Continue to Support Our
Ministries From the
Comfort of Your Home



Visit our church website
and click **GIVE ONLINE**

stals-stclem.weshareonline.org



CHESTER C. LAWRENCE

313-730-9898

Attorney at Law

Wills, Trusts, Probate, Real Estate

14940 Michigan Ave.
Dearborn, Mi 48126

SUPPORT OUR
ADVERTISERS!



We've Missed You!

Welcome Back to Mass

Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are
by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

www.ParishesOnline.com

FREE AD DESIGN

WITH PURCHASE
OF THIS SPACE



CALL

800.477.4574

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!

ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Larry Burgett** to place an ad today!
lburgett@4LPi.com or **(800) 477-4574 x6268**



3-D-4-2

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com

15-0002