

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

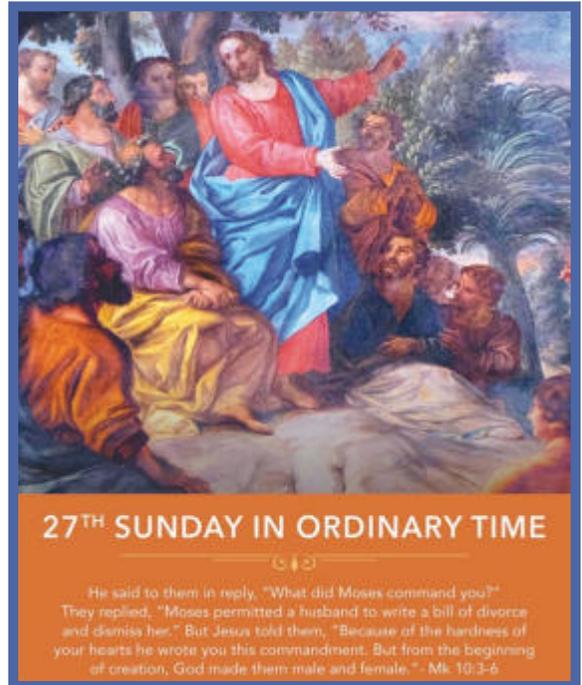
OCTOBER 3, 2021

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!



St. Vincent De Paul Friends Walk Fundraiser

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Friends Walk was held on Belle Isle on Saturday, September 25. Eight walkers represented the St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Conference, braving the cool, rainy weather to walk in solidarity and raise funds for those in need. Many thanks to the generous donors who contributed to this worthy cause. So far we have collected over \$1400, which does not include online donations that have not yet been tallied. All funds raised will be used in direct service to disadvantaged who live within our parish boundaries. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated!



Mass Intentions for the Week

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. Diane Harper 77th Birthday by Family 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		
Monday, Oct 4	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
+Frank DeBonis (ann) by Bonanno Family		
Tuesday, Oct 5	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
Health & Healing Bob Malizia		
	9:30 am (HFV Chapel)	Fr. Linus
Living & Deceased Residents of HFV		
Thursday, Oct 7	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
+Deloris Bieniak (Bday) by Joanne Perry		
Friday, Oct 8	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
Spec. Int Hurley & Frances Fields by M. Filip		
Saturday, Oct 9	4:00 pm	Fr. Greg
+Frank Romeo (ann) by Niece & Family +Casimer Draus by Ken & Kathy Russell +Tom Santocke by Wife +Jerry Nyland by Fred Conn +Margaret Smith by Diane Stinnett		
Sunday, Oct 10	9:00 am (HFV Chapel)	Fr. Greg
+Nell Nash by Penny Nash +Richard Zielinski by Carol Sniderman		
	9:00 am	Fr. Linus
+Chester & Helen Pietraz by Family +Deceased Members of the Walczak Family Spec. Int. for Richard +Kennie Harper by Wife Spec. Int. for Rachel Zundel		
	11:00 am	Fr. Linus
+Adam & Mary Szura by Family +Irene Rains by Rick & Annemarie Posh Spec. Int. for David Rentschler by Giorgina Cascardo & Family		

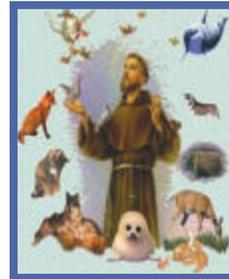
PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Linus and Fr. Greg will be attending the Priests' Convocation from **Monday, Oct. 18 through Friday, Oct. 22**. There will be **NO** 8:30 am Mass on those days nor will there be a 9:30 am Mass at the HFV on Tuesday, Oct. 19.



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**".



Blessing of Pets, Monday, Oct. 4 at 6:00 pm

Parishioners are invited to bring your pets or picture of your pets and join Father at the front entrance of the Church to receive a special blessing through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi.

All pets must be on a leash or in an appropriate carrier.



Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Mary Patricia (Pat) Hannon, Marian Winfield, Katherine (Ralko) Hartman and Mary Nino**.

May they have eternal life with our Blessed Mother and all the saints. May their families be comforted in the hope of the Resurrection.



**With Thanks For Their Service in Christ
A Collection to Support Our Priests' Retirement**

The retirement years can be difficult for senior priests. No longer assigned to parishes or supported by the communities they served with such dedication, these men rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pensions from the Priests' Pension Plan.

In two weeks, we will take up a special collection, **With Thanks for Their Service in Christ**, to support our priests' retirement. Our parish has been especially generous in the past and we prayerfully ask for your generosity again.





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 Cuddy, 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 —Therein lies the...rib

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don’t verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn’t let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn’t exist.

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don’t look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it’s never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam’s rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I’m guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven’t you sent me what I need? I’ve been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don’t fit the bill?

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~



Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska—Feast Day Oct. 5

St. Faustina’s name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3 p.m. by many people.

Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of 10 children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses.

In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, Sister Faustina also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors.

At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. “I do not want to punish aching mankind,” he once told Saint Faustina, “but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart.” The two rays emanating from Christ’s heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus’ death.

Because Sister Maria Faustina knew that the revelations she had already received did not constitute holiness itself, she wrote in her diary: “Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God.” Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993, and canonized her seven years later.

Catholic Journey...If you have not completed the reception of the Sacraments, curious about the Catholic Church and the Faith. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is an exploration and journey through the elements of the Sacred Word/Scripture, Worship & Liturgy, Community and Service. Weekly sessions of formation are beginning this Fall through a joint parish collaborated program. Contact Grace Lakatos, Faith Formation Director at St. Kateri, for more information. (313) 336-3227.



St. Joseph—Man of the Year
Dec. 8, 20-Dec. 8, 21
2021 The Year of St. Joseph

On the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pius IX's proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis declared the Year of St. Joseph. This year honoring St. Joseph began Dec. 8, 2020 and continues till Dec. 8, 2021.

The Apostolic Penitentiary made this announcement on Dec. 8, 2020.

Today marks 150 years since the Decree Quemadmodum Deus, with which Bl. Pius IX, moved by the grave and sorrowful circumstances in which the Church was threatened by mankind's hostility, declared St. Joseph and the Patron of the Catholic Church.

In order to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Guardian of Jesus, Pope Francis has established that, from today's date, the anniversary of the Decree of the proclamation as well as a day sacred to the Blessed Immaculate Virgin and Bride of Joseph most chaste, until Dec. 8, 2021, a special Year of St. Joseph will be celebrated, in which all faithful, after his example, may daily reinforce their own life of faith in complete fulfillment of God's will.

All the faithful will thus have the opportunity to commit themselves, with prayer and good works, to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these".

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.



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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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.

Our Lady of the Rosary - Oct. 7



O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little

by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.

Readings for the Week of Oct. 3

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
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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 9/19/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$3,820	\$47,717
HFV Chapel	\$835	\$7,634
On-Line Giving	\$565	\$6,092*
ACTUAL	\$5,220	\$61,443
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$60,000
VARIANCE	\$220	\$1,443

Capital Improvements \$50

* HFV percent of the Year-to-Date On Line Giving will be updated monthly

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

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 Parish Website: stals-stclem.org
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Henry Ford Village Chapel

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

Devotions

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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