

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 17, 2021

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

www.jstor.org From the Archives of the New York Public Library, 1880-1970 (pp. 10)

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 9:30 am Mass at the HFV on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

**Saturday, Oct 16****4:00 pm**

Fr. Linus

- +Andrew Strange (ann) by Mary Mitchell
- +Casimer Draus by Mike & Joann Walblay
- +Caterina Gallizzi (ann) by Family
- +Egidio Furgiuele by Family
- +Carol Shpakoff by Family
- +Jerry & Charlene Jeske by Family
- +Gianni & Rosa Marrone by Grandchildren
- Spec. Int. Mary Santocke by Family

Sunday, Oct 17**9:00 am (Village Chapel)**

Fr. Linus

- +Richard Zielinski by Family
- +David LaFace by Wife
- Health of Maria Vizi by Dorothy Baughman

9:00 am

Fr. Greg

- +Teresa Dean by St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Seniors
- +John Kubinski by Garrett & Michelle Pazur
- +Kathy Bitonti by Eileen Bridenstine

11:00 am

Fr. Greg

- +Casimer Draus by Rich & Carrie Wolskie
- +Louie Cascardo by Joseph Sullivan
- +James Durham (ann) by Pat Durham
- +Nicu Fratilla (10th ann) by Wife

Monday, Oct 18**8:30 am****NO MASS-Priest's Convocation****Tuesday, Oct 19****8:30 am****NO MASS-Priest's Convocation****9:30 am (Village Chapel)****NO MASS-Priest's Convocation****Thursday, Oct 21****8:30 am****NO MASS-Priest's Convocation****Friday, Oct 22****8:30 am****NO MASS-Priest's Convocation****Saturday, Oct 23****4:00 pm**

Fr. Greg

- +John Krisko by Wife
- +Bernard & Leo Ruddy by Family
- +Joe Podorsick by Fred Con
- +Tom Santocke by Wife
- +Marlene Bates by Family

Sunday, Oct 24**9:00 am (Village Chapel)**

Fr. Greg

Living & Deceased Allegria Village Residents

9:00 am

Fr. Linus

- +Victor & Antonia D'Agostino by Adrianna & Mark Lypeckyj
- +Irene Dewicki by Jackie Manick
- +Dominic Salamone by Therese Harper

11:00 am

Fr. Linus

- +Ralph Kurowski by Ron Kurowski
- +Rosa Pollicchio by Family
- +Casimer & Vera Draus (ann) by Children
- +Berto DeNando by Marrone Family



*The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in memory of
Caterina Gallizzi*



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**".



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

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection for our priests' retirement. The With Thanks for Their Service in Christ collection will support the Priests' Pension Plan, which provides a monthly pension as well as health and automobile insurance to priests at age 70.

As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our senior priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pension from the Priests' Pension Plan for basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation.

Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to our community by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the With Thanks for Their Service in Christ Collection. You may return your completed special collection envelope at Mass or mail it to the parish office.



Choir Rehearsals

Join us every Thursday at 7:00 pm — we still need voices to join the choir. No experience necessary. Remember, when you sing, you pray twice. Music Director: Lawrence Zelanka



America, the donkey
and elephant won't
help.
We must turn back to
the LAMB.



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 Co-dy, 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, Lou Nagy, Frank Palmeri, Henry Perle, Jennifer Przepiora, Diane Raymond, David Rentschler, Serafina Romano, Pearly Ruf-fin, Dana Slepsky, Rosario Aleta So, Judith Stafford, Greg Stawara, Martha Stott, Marcy Tar-low, 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 — What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

St. Luke Feast Day Oct. 18



Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion.

Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles: 1) The Gospel of Mercy 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation 3) The Gospel of the Poor 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit 6) The Gospel of Joy

It's that time of the year again!

Halloween is just around the corner and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their door and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But, they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy, please drop them off in the designated box in the vestibule or bring them to the parish office. Seminarians will pick up the donated candy October 25.



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



Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home.

As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully

commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion.

Henry Ford Village has a new name and owner. The Village will now be known as **Allegria Village** and no longer requires an entrance fee. New residents are moving in every week. If you are a new Catholic resident or know of someone who is, please contact the parish and/or Sr. Margaret at the Village (313-789-8261).

We want to include you on our **Allegria Village** registry, whether or not you are a parishioner of St. Alphonsus -St. Clement. **If you are not a parishioner and are looking for a home parish, we welcome you.**



St. Alphonsus-St. Clement parish has reached **100%** of our goal for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you to the **95 parishioners** who have made gifts and pledges totaling \$56,230.79. 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
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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.

St. Paul of the Cross—Feast Day Oct. 20



Born in northern Italy in 1694, Paul Daneo lived at a time when many regarded Jesus as a great moral teacher but no more. After a brief time as a soldier, he turned to solitary prayer, developing a devotion to Christ's passion. Paul saw in the Lord's passion a demonstration of God's love for all

people. In turn that devotion nurtured his compassion and supported a preaching ministry that touched the hearts of many listeners. He was known as one of the most popular preachers of his day, both for his words and for his generous acts of mercy.

In 1720, Paul founded the Congregation of the Passion, whose members combined devotion to Christ's passion with preaching to the poor, and rigorous penances. Known as the Passionists, they add a fourth vow to the traditional three of poverty, chastity, and obedience, to spread the memory of Christ's passion among the faithful. Paul was elected superior general of the Congregation in 1747, spending the remainder of his life in Rome.

Paul of the Cross died in 1775, and was canonized in 1867. Over 2,000 of his letters and several of his short writings have survived. acts of mercy.

Readings for the Week of Oct. 17

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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 10/3/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$4,269**	\$55,305**
HFV Chapel	\$2,034	\$10,161
On-Line Giving	\$770	\$7,157*
 ACTUAL	 \$7,073	 \$72,623
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$70,000
 VARIANCE	 \$2,073	 \$2,623
Capital Improvements	\$285	SVdP \$80
Catholic Charities	\$10	Missions \$20

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

**Includes on-line giving

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

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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)

EUCARISTIC 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**

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Housekeeper: **Denise Paniccia**

Maintenance: **Frank Bechard**

Organist: **Lawrence Zelanka & Adam Morency**

Secretary: **Marilyn Filip**

Parish Council

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Annette Fiedor, Vice-Chairperson

Jennie Sinatra, Secretary

~ Parish Council Members ~

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Matthew Keller, Karen Krepps

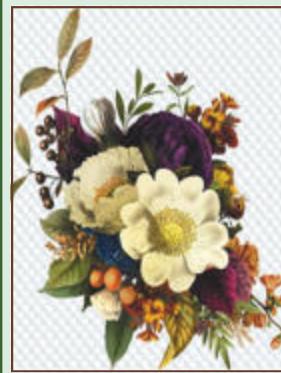
Chester Lawrence,

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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