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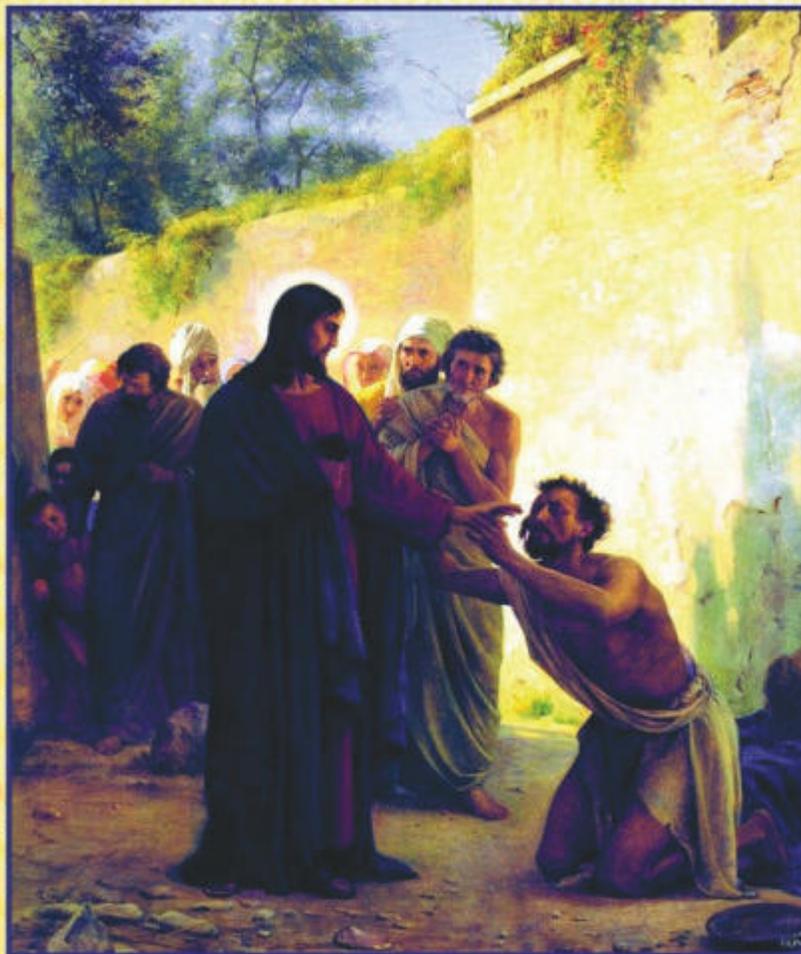
Mission Statement

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 24, 2021



30th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being

would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. ***This is salvation.***



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 +Berto DeNando by Marrone 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 Policicchio by Family +Casimer & Vera Draus (ann) by Children		
Monday, Oct 25	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
+Norbert Turek by Wife		
Tuesday, Oct 26	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
+Margaret Smith by Diane Stinnett		
	9:30 am (Village Chapel)	Fr. Linus
People of Allegria Village		
Thursday, Oct 28	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
+Josephine Michaluk (ann) by Kucel Family Health & Healing Lou Nagy by Parish Staff		
Friday, Oct 29	8:30 am	Fr. Greg
+Larry Kenniburg (ann) by M. Filip +Charles Lourie (ann) by Pat Durham +Jaime Bwemudez (ann) by Nancy Krause		
Saturday, Oct 30	4:00 pm	Fr. Linus
+Joan Addison (ann) by Daughter & Family +Maria Marrone by Nephews +Tom Santocke by Wife Bernard & Leo Ruddy by Family		
Sunday, Oct 31	9:00 am (Village Chapel)	Fr. Linus
Living & Deceased Allegria Village Residents		
	9:00 am	Fr. Greg
+Kathy Bitonti by Frank & Barb Bechard		
	11:00 am	Fr. Greg
+Eileen Vasiloff by Renee Vasiloff & Ron Kurowski Spec. Int. Dennis & Paulette Cebulski		

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



Last weekend, our parish took up a special collection to support our Priests' Pension Plan. These contributions, which totaled **\$5629**, will help our parish pay its annual per-priest assessment for the Priests' Pension Plan.

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Priests' Pension Plant pays monthly pension and insurance costs for priests at age 70. Diocesan priests live independently during their retirement years and they use their pension for basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation.

If you have already made a gift to the **With Thanks for Their Service in Christ** collections, please know how much we truly appreciate your support. If you have not completed and returned the envelope you received, you may still do so at Mass or by dropping or mailing it to the Parish office. You can use a plain envelope and mark Priests' Retirement Pension on the front.

**TODAY IS WORLD
MISSION SUNDAY.**

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



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Hang It On The Cross

If you have a secret sorrow, a burden or a loss; an aching need for healing, **Hang It On The Cross.**

If worry steals your sleep and makes you turn and toss; if your heart is feeling heavy...**Hang It on The Cross.**

Every obstacle to faith or doubt you come across; every prayer unanswered...**Hang It On The Cross.**

For Christ has born our brokenness and dearly paid the cost; to turn our trials to triumph

Hang On The Cross.



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



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, Lou Nagy, Frank Palmeri, Henry Perle, Jennifer Przepiora, Diane Raymond, David Rentschler, Serafina Romano, Pearly Ruffin, Dana Slepky, 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 — Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

St. Vincent de Paul Holiday Food Distributions

The St. Alphonsus-St. Clement SVDP will again distribute food boxes to our neighbors in need for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners and patrons, we are not in need of any food for these families -- our food pantry is fully stocked!



However, if you wish to donate food for the holiday season, we request that you provide small, individually wrapped items for the care kits we give to the homeless and indigent. The items needed are granola or fruit bars, raisins, peanuts, cheese and crackers, small To Go peanut butter tubs, beef jerky, tuna packets, beanie weenies, Vienna sausages, sealed fruit cups, applesauce cups, cookies and other sweets. Please keep in mind that volunteers pack 8 - 10 items in a quart-sized zip lock baggie, so the smaller the food item the better.

Our conference is truly blessed with such generous, caring supporters, and we appreciate all you do for those in need! As the saying goes, you help us help others.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart.

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

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him near your

heart. Press him in my name, kiss his sweet head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls—**Pray for me.**



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:

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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 Simon and Jude—Feast Day Oct. 28

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the *Letter of Jude*. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to “Jude” in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called “the Zealot.” The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and “collaborating” Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Reflection—As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two “sons of thunder,” and a man named Judas Iscariot.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God’s creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

**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”**.

Readings for the Week of Oct. 24

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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 10/10/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$4,387	\$59,692
HFV Chapel	\$348	\$10,509
On-Line Giving	\$295	\$7,452*
ACTUAL	\$5,030	\$77,653
BUDGET	\$5,000	\$75,000
VARIANCE	\$30	\$2,653
Capital Improvements	\$143	SVdP \$3
Priests' Retirement	\$62	

* 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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 Email: info@sta-stc.comcastbiz.net

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 Mrocza 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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