

# ST. ALPHONSUS - ST. CLEMENT PARISH

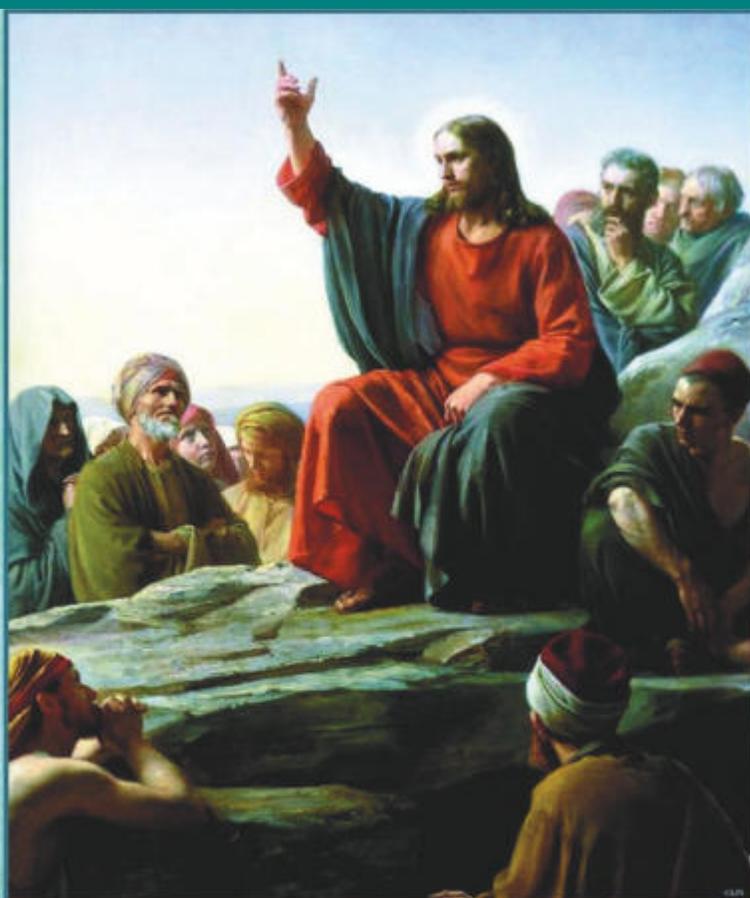
## Mission Statement

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 31, 2021



**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,  
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." Mk 12:34b

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1999, 1970 CCC

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet

with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**Monday, Nov. 1 All Saints 8:30 am** Fr. Linus

+Decd. Members of Rizzo & Cipolla Families  
 +Irene DeWicki by Madeline Prokop  
 +Edward Reuter by Family  
 +Michaluk Family by Kucel Family

**Tuesday, Nov 2 All Souls 8:30 am** Fr. Linus

+Carmine & Elisabetta Stancato by Family  
 +Marlene R. Bates by Family  
 +Sophie Franczak by Family  
 +Edward Reuter by Family  
 +Michaluk Family by Kucel Family

**9:30 am (Village Chapel)** Fr. Greg

People of Allegria Village

**Thursday, Nov. 4 8:30 am** Fr. Linus

+Decd Koda Family Members by Bobowski Family

**Friday, Nov. 5 8:30 am** Fr. Linus

+Sylvia Kumor by Family

**Saturday, Nov. 6 4:00 pm** Fr. Greg

**Mass of Remembrance**

+Casimer Draus by Mike & Joann Walblay  
 +Elio Puzzuoli by Madeline Prokop  
 +Carlo Chimienti (Bday) by Wife & Family  
 +Tom Santocke by Wife  
 +Genevieve & Andrew Ventro by Family  
 +Bernard & Leo Ruddy by Family

**Sunday, Nov. 7 9:00 am (Village Chapel)** Fr. Greg

+Henry Wenzel by Wife  
 +Pete & Esther Souchock by Family

**9:00 am** Fr. Linus

+Chester & Helen Pietraz by Family  
 +Joseph J. Bobowski by Family  
 +Shellie Rupp by Family  
 +Decd. Tellish Family Members  
 Spec. Int. Josephine Bobowski  
 Spec. Int. Rick Delagarza

**11:00 am** Fr. Linus

+Rick Ventura & Family  
 Health & Healing Lou Nagy



**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.**

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$1,712, to date.

You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday by visiting [MISSIO.org](http://MISSIO.org)

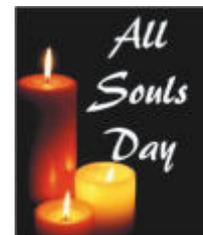


*St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Parish Mass of Remembrance*

We will celebrate the lives of those who have died and were buried from our Parish on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the 4:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

*May God grant all who have died eternal rest. Amen.*

**All Saints Day, Nov. 1,** is classified as a Holy Day of Obligation. However, when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the **obligation to attend Mass** is abrogated. Even though we are not required to attend, celebrating All Saints Day by attending Mass is a wonderful way for Catholics to honor the **saints**, who constantly intercede with God on our behalf. **Join us at the 8:30 am Mass.**



**All Souls Day—Nov. 2**

On this day, we pray that all those who have died—our loved ones and also those people around the world who we will never meet—through the mercy of God, will rest in peace.

**Seniors will not meet this Monday, Nov. 1, due to voting on Nov. 2.**

**Daylight Saving**

Time ends **next** Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 A.M. Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.



America needs CPR  
**Christ, Prayer, Repentance**



### 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 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 — Examen of Stewardship

“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him? What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him? To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

~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.

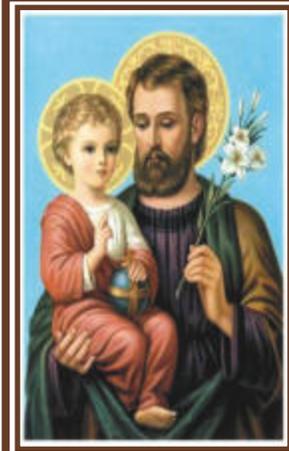
The items needed are granola or fruit bars, raisins, peanuts, cheese and crackers, small To Go peanut butter tubs, beef jerky, tuna packets, beanie weenies, Vienna sausages, sealed fruit cups, applesauce cups, cookies and other sweets. Please keep in mind that volunteers pack 8 - 10 items in a quart-sized 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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving**—last year the St. Alphonsus-St. Clement modified its Christmas Giving process due to COVID that kept so many of us away from crowds. Instead of buying specific gifts for needy children, we provided families with gift cards. This went over so well that we’ve decided to do the same in 2021!

As was the case in 2020, we will not be putting up a Christmas Tree with gift requests from children in our community. Instead, we will distribute gift cards to every child 16 or under who requests holiday assistance. In addition, we will set aside some cards for the Justice Initiative, which serves the incarcerated and those recently released from prison.

If you wish to participate, you may purchase one or more gift cards from VISA, Meijer, Target or Walmart for \$25 and drop them in the SVdP poor box or at the parish office. If you prefer not to shop at all, you can make a monetary donation instead. Simply put a check or cash in an envelope labeled “Christmas gift cards” and leave it in the poor box or office. Please have your donations in by Sunday, Dec. 6 so we can start planning the distribution. Thank you for your generosity and support!



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

“Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God.”

- Pope St. John Paul II



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](http://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.**



*O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, have mercy on your priests. Keep them all close to Your heart and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.*

**“This is not a good-bye, but a see you later”**....Wow, 3 years, 3 years of music ministry at St. Alphonsus-St. Clement. A place that has welcomed me back with open arms 3 years ago when I first started at the Sunday 9 am Mass here at church. Countless liturgies filling in for Lawrence Zelenka at all the liturgies when he was on medical leave, providing music for countless funerals of loved one from the parish. My heart is full of thanks, thanks to all of you who I’ve met these past 3 years. Thanks for all the support and kind words you’ve offered after every Mass, but most importantly thank you to the staff at the parish for trusting me with the responsibility to serve as Music Minister Assistant. This is no a good-bye, but a see you later.

As many of you may have already heard over the past month, this is my last weekend serving as assistant music minister here at St. Alphonsus-St. Clement. I have accepted an offer at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Trenton to be their Director of Music Ministry beginning next weekend. I’m eager and excited to begin this new chapter in my journey as a music minister. I ask for your prayers as I begin next weekend at St. Timothy.

I will be in the back of church (Saturday 4pm & Sunday 11 am) after Mass for those wishing to say good-bye and for those attending the 9am Mass, I will be by the organ. If you are ever finding yourself in the Trenton area, please stop at St. Timothy, 2901 Manning St. Trenton. Masses are Saturday 4pm and Sunday, 9am & 11am. Sincerely, Adam Morency

**Choir Rehearsals**

**Thursdays at 7pm. We still need new voices for our 11am Sunday Christmas Season Choir. All are welcome to sing the Lord’s praises!**

Music Director: Lawrence Zelanka



**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](http://www.stals-stclem.org) and click on **“Livestream Schedule”**.

**Readings for the Week of Oct. 31**

**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34  
**Monday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
**Tuesday:** Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a  
**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33  
**Thursday:** Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10  
**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8  
**Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15  
**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



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](http://www.stals-stclem.org)

**Stewardship Report**

	<u>w/e 10/17/2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$3,511	\$63,203
Village Chapel	\$465	\$10,974
On-Line Giving	\$ 250	\$7,702*
<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>\$4,226</b>	<b>\$81,879</b>
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>Variance</b>	<b>(\$774)</b>	<b>\$1,879</b>
Capital Improvements	\$115	
Priests' Retirement	\$5,629	

\* Village 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**

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 Parish Website: [stals-stclem.org](http://stals-stclem.org)  
 Email: [info@sta-stc.comcastbiz.net](mailto: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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm (HFV Chapel)  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
 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.



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