

# 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

JANUARY 16, 2022



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."  
- Jn 2:1-3

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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.



<b>Saturday, Jan. 15</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Fr. Greg
+Anne Gusfa by M. Filip +Donato Mancini by Robert Picirilli		
<b>Sunday, Jan. 16</b>	<b>9:00 am (Village Chapel)</b>	Fr. Greg
Living & Deceased Residents of the Village		
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Fr. Linus
+James & Margaret Blair by Family +Jeannine Hamilton by Frank & Barb Bechard +Joseph J & David Bobowski by Family +Mary Maliszewski by Family +William Millon & Josephine Durham by Pat Durham		
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Fr. Linus
Living & Deceased Coogan Family Members		
<b>Monday, Jan 17</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
+Greg Stawara by Augustine Family Birthday Blessings (21st) Adam Ayoub by Grandma Pat		
<b>Tuesday, Jan 18</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
Spec. Int. Helen Gorski by Friend		
	<b>9:30 am (Village Chapel)</b>	
Living & Deceased Residents of the Village		
<b>Thursday, Jan 20</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
+Decd. Members of Butler, Rivette and Morgan Families		
<b>Friday, Jan 21</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	
+Ken & Jo Link by Family		
<b>Saturday, Jan. 22</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	
+Paul Romeo (ann) by Sister & Family +Howard (Doc) Scheer by Peter Salamon		
<b>Sunday, Jan. 23</b>	<b>9:00 am (Village Chapel)</b>	
Living & Deceased Residents of the Village		
	<b>9:00 am</b>	
+Adam & Mary Szura by Family Spec. Int. Larry & Pat Szura by Family		
	<b>11:00 am</b>	
+Shirley Ann Viviano by LIFT		

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**2021 Parish Contribution Statements** will be mailed **upon request**. Please complete the form below, place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or call the Parish office 313-581-5218 or email your request to [info@sta-stc.comcastbiz.net](mailto:info@sta-stc.comcastbiz.net)  
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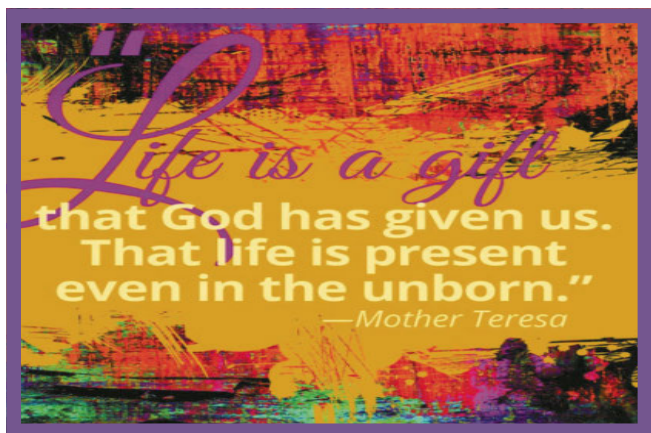
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*Don't let the noise of this world keep you from hearing the voice of God.*



Please remember in your prayers the souls of

**Dorothy Gennaro & Gregory (Greg) Stawara**

May they be wrapped in the loving arms of our heavenly Father and may God grant His peace and consolation to their families and friends.



### 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, Sylvia Fregonara, Betty Fucinari, Mary Furioso, Sulhi & Charlotte Gencyuz, Peggy Goodart, Geri Haddad, Thomas, Leonard, Susan, Cary 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, Theresa Mullen, Frank Palmeri, Henry Perle, Jennifer Przepiora, Diane Raymond, David Rentschler, Serafina Romano, Pearly Ruffin, Dana Slepky, Rosario Aleta So, Judith Stafford, Martha Stott, Tina Threedy, Joshua Yeager, The Parishioners of the Village Assisted Living and Health Care.

***Please notify the Parish office for changes to our prayer list.***

### Saint Fabian – Feast Day Jan. 19



Fabian was a Roman layman who came into the city from his farm one day as clergy and people were preparing to elect a new pope. Eusebius, a Church

historian, says a dove flew in and settled on the head of Fabian. This sign united the votes of clergy and laity, and he was chosen unanimously.

He led the Church for 14 years and died a martyr's death during the persecution of Decius in 250 A.D. Saint Cyprian wrote to his successor that Fabian was an "incomparable" man whose glory in death matched the holiness and purity of his life.

In the catacombs of Saint Callistus, the stone that covered Fabian's grave may still be seen, broken into four pieces, bearing the Greek words, "Fabian, bishop, martyr." St. Fabian shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Sebastian on January 20.

#### Reflection

We can go confidently into the future and accept the change that growth demands only if we have firm roots in the past, in a living tradition. A few pieces of stone in Rome are a reminder to us that we are bearers of more than 20 centuries of a living tradition of faith and courage in living the life of Christ and showing it to the world. We have brothers and sisters who have "gone before us with the sign of faith," as the First Eucharistic Prayer puts it, to light the way for us.

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~



*O Lord, when I grow weary please help me to remember each and every day: to count my blessings and not my crosses; to count my gains and not my losses; to count my laughs and not my tears; to count my joys and not my fears; to count my health and not my wealth; and most of all.....to count on **GOD** and not myself.*

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Faithful Departed

### Question:

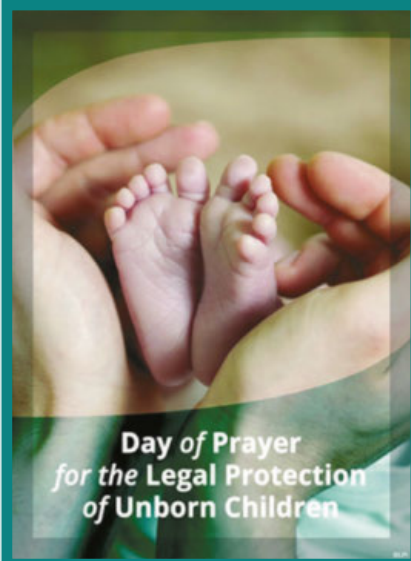
How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

### Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the ante-chamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

## Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children—Jan. 22



Day of Prayer  
for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children

Let us pray... Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.

You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb

to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square. With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen



St. Alphonsus-St. Clement parish has reached **100%** of our goal for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you to the **105 parishioners** who have made gifts and pledges totaling \$58,624.29. 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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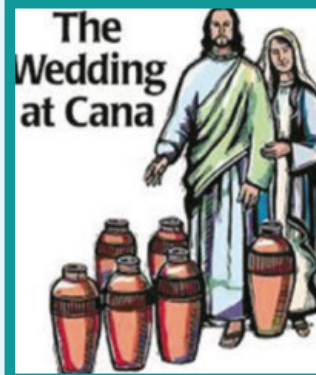
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Or make your gift to our parish campaign online at [givecsa.org](http://givecsa.org).

**If you misplaced your pledge card, please contact the parish office.**

**Thank you again for helping to Fuel the Mission to witness Christ.**

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care

about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

**Readings for the Week of Jan. 16**

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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 1/2/2022</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church	\$1,918	\$97,130
Village Chapel	\$0.00	\$16,343
On-Line Giving	\$405	\$14,201*
<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>\$2,323</b>	<b>\$127,674</b>
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>
<b>Variance</b>	<b>(\$2,677)</b>	<b>(\$7,326)</b>

Christmas \$4,140  
Capital Improvements \$100

\* 21% of the Year-to-Date On-Line Giving was from the Village.

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:** 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**

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Associate Pastor: **Rev. Gregory Deters**

Pastoral Minister: **Sr. Margaret Alandt, IHM**

Bookkeeper: **Dawn Peters**

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Maintenance: **Frank Bechard**

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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

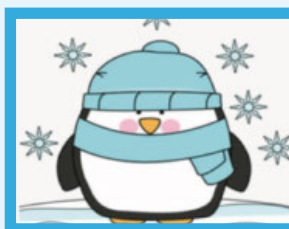
Chester Lawrence,

Debra Mrocza and Joseph Sullivan

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday: 9 am until 3 pm;

Friday: 9 am until Noon.



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It is important that

we keep our parish records up to date. Phone 313-581-5218.



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