

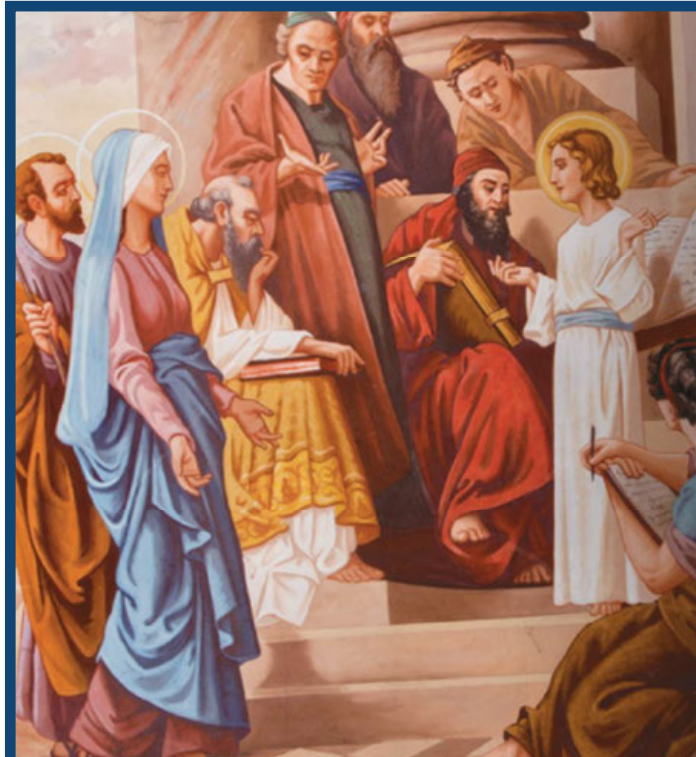
ST. ALPHONSUS - ST. CLEMENT PARISH

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. Gregory Deters, Associate Pastor

JANUARY 23, 2022



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me...
He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to
captives
and recovery of sight
to the blind,
to let the oppressed
go free.
- Lk 4:18*

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jan. 22**4:00 pm**

+Paul Romeo (ann) by Sister & Family
 +Howard (Doc) Scheer by Peter Salamon

Sunday, Jan. 23**9:00 am (Village Chapel)**

Living & Deceased Residents of the Village

9:00 am

+Adam & Mary Szura by Family
 Spec. Int. Larry & Pat Szura by Family

11:00 am

+Shirley Ann Viviano by LIFT

Monday, Jan. 24 8:30 am

+Frank & Kathleen Bitonti by Friends

Tuesday, Jan. 25 8:30 am

Spec. Int. Fr. Linus Kinyua by Parishioners

9:30 am (Village Chapel)

+Frances Bell (ann) by Husband, Jim

Thursday, Jan 27 8:30 am

+Gil Morgan by Friend

Friday, Jan 28 8:30 am

+Charlie & Doris Makaroff by Friends

Saturday, Jan. 29**4:00 pm**

+Andrew Fullerton (Bday) by Stawara Family
 +Hurley Fields by Stawara Family

Sunday, Jan. 30**9:00 am (Village Chapel)**

Living & Deceased Residents of the Village

9:00 am

+Catherine Millon (ann) by Pat Durham
 Health Madeline Keller by LIFT
 Health Bernadine Mistor by LIFT
 Spec. Int. Margot Millon by Pat Durham

11:00 am

+Jeannine Hamilton by Pat Durham
 +Robert Cardoni by Denise Paniccia

INFORMATION about Year End Statements

CSA donation statements will be mailed from the Archdiocese of Detroit for donations totaling \$125 or more. If you need a statement and your donation was less than \$125, contact Donor Services at the Archdiocese by emailing csa@aod or calling 313-237-5768.

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
 Thank you and may God bless you for your support throughout 2021. Your continued support in 2022 is greatly appreciated.

Request for 2021 Parish Contribution Statement
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Yes _____ No _____

Please place in envelope and drop in collection basket. Thank you!

Fr. Linus, Fr. Greg, Staff and Parishioners of St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Parish. My daughter, Kimberly, grandsons, Ethan, Andrew and I wish to extend our deepest thanks to you all for asking how my son-in-law, Greg was doing, the prayers and Masses for him during his battle with cancer and now, in our greatest sadness, his death. We appreciate it more than words can express and your kindness will always be remembered. Your words have comforted us, your support has strengthened us and your love has sustained us. God bless you all. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Marilyn Filip & Family





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 Slepsky, 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.



**St. Thomas Aquinas
Feast Day January 28**

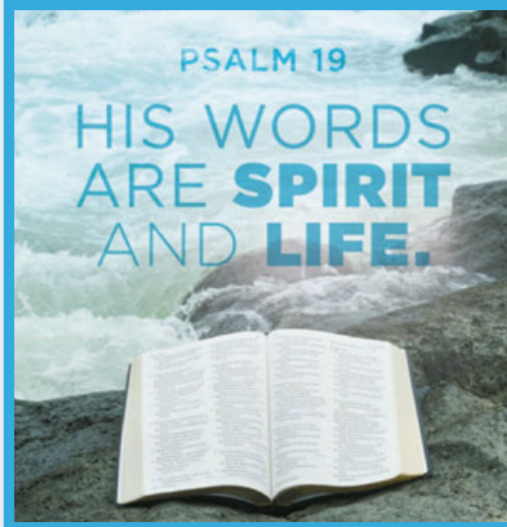
One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life, but it surely will add life to your years.



**RECOGNIZE
GOD IN
YOUR
ORDINARY
MOMENTS
Plant Your
Works in the
Word**

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall

message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate “listening attentively.” Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We “clock in” with Bible reading instead of “diving in.”

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL REPORT



The St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the members of our parish and community for the overwhelming support given during this past year. As we close the books on the 2020-2021 fiscal year, we would like to report that our Conference performed 285 service hours, traveled 366

miles and provided nearly \$14,000 in funds for food, utility, furniture and housing assistance to 1322 individuals. Many of those served were recipients of the 'Care Kit' project we launched last year, funded in part from a \$5,000 grant from the national organization. Even after all of the grant money was spent, the conference continued to provide food and hygiene kits to two outreach organizations, with the help of funds received from our parishioners and benefactors.

We are off to an excellent start for the 2021 - 2022 reporting year. This Christmas we distributed food baskets and a \$25 certificate to Fairline Food Center to 20 area families. The Father O'Kelly Knights of Columbus provided turkeys and other food items to another 10 families. In addition, we distributed 70 gift cards worth \$50 each to assist with the purchase of Christmas gifts for children 16 and under.

Your outpouring of generosity in providing food, cash donations and gifts cards made this possible, and is greatly appreciated. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



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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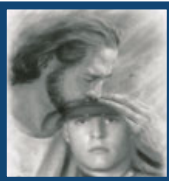
Or make your gift to our parish campaign online at givecsa.org.

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

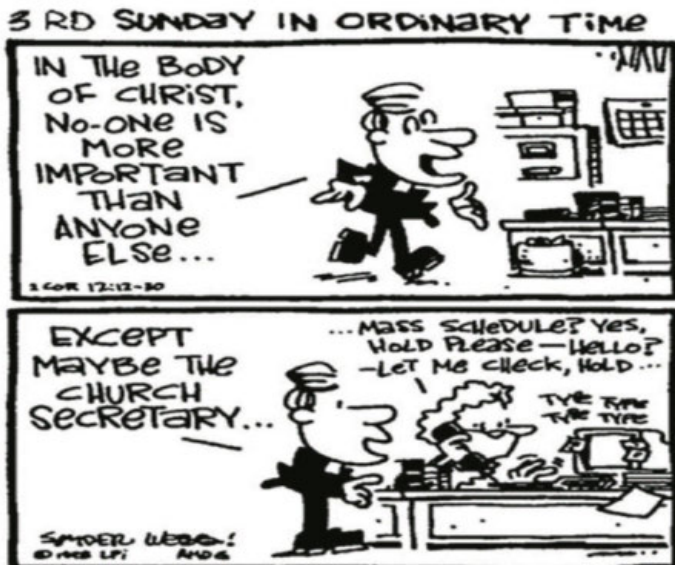
Thank you again for helping to Fuel the Mission to witness Christ.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it.....it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.



Happiness
 keeps you sweet, trials
 keep you strong, sorrows
 keep you human, failures
 keep you humble, success
 keeps you glowing, but
 only God keeps you
 going. Amen

Readings for the Week of Jan. 23

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
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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 1/9/2022</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Church | \$3,870 | \$101,060 |
| Village Chapel | \$648** | \$16,991 |
| On-Line Giving | \$630 | \$14,831* |
| ACTUAL | \$5,148 | \$132,882 |
| BUDGET | \$5,000 | \$140,000 |
| Variance | (\$148) | (\$7,118) |
| Christmas Capital Improvements | \$1,085 \$70 | Religious Ret. \$135 |

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

**Includes 1/2 and 1/9

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

St. Alphonsus-St. Clement Parish

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 Fax: (313) 581-4233
 Parish Website: stals-stclem.org
 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**
 Bookkeeper: **Dawn Peters**
 Housekeeper: **Denise Paniccia**
 Maintenance: **Frank Bechard**
 Organist: **Lawrence Zelanka**
 Secretary: **Marilyn Filip**

Parish Council

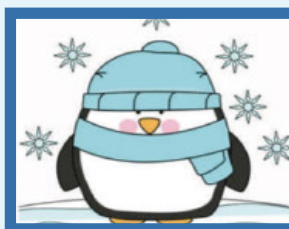
John Savage, Chairperson
 Annette Fiedor, Vice-Chairperson
 Jennie Sinatra, Secretary

~ 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.



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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