

St. Faustina Catholic Church



St. Faustina Parish is a community of Roman Catholics inspired by the Holy Spirit called to reflect God's Divine Mercy, to foster spiritual growth, and attend to the temporal and spiritual needs of all God's people.

Parish Office Hours & Contact Information:

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm
Friday, 10 am to 1 pm

NEW Phone: 352-515-9297 // Fax: 352-559-3920

**NEW Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27
Clermont, FL 34714**

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org



MASS SCHEDULE

8 AM, 12:00 PM
7:00 PM

*Ashes Distributed
at Mass Only*

Week of Feb. 6 to Feb. 14

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Clergy

Parochial Administrator

Father Dave Gillis

Assisting Priest

Father Fernando Gil

Winter Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4 pm, 6 PM

Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 am

Mass in Spanish, 7 pm

Daily Masses

**8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday**

*The Divine Mercy Chaplet
takes place 15 minutes
prior to all Weekend Masses.*

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesdays @ 3 pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm

Join us for the
Stations of the Cross
every Friday during
Lent at 7:00 PM.



Reconciliation is celebrated from 3:00 to 3:45 pm on Saturday or by prearranged appointment with the priest.

Baptism Parents of children to be baptized must be registered and actively participating members of the parish for at least four months prior to arranging any baptism. Attendance at parental preparation class is required.

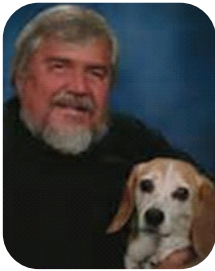
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish for a minimum of four months prior to the beginning of marriage prep.

PARISH STAFF Elaine Goth, *Bookkeeper*; Marylu Mariniello, *Coordinator of Faith Formation*; Carol Arroyo, *Parish Secretary*; Bob Vince, *Knights of Columbus Grand Knight*; Jose Cordeiro, *Spanish Mass Ministry Coordinator*; Nancy Harrigan, *Readers and EMs Coordinator*; Bill Murphy, *Mass Captains, Ushers & Greeters Coordinator*; Kelly Mucci, *Music Ministry*

**WELCOME
TO OUR CHURCH!!**

If you are a visitor to St Faustina Catholic Parish, we want you to know how welcome you are -- whether you have come from across the world, from another part of the country, or from another parish here in the state or city. If you wish to become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form in the church or office or download it at www.stfaustina.org and return it to the office.

Father Dave's Corner



Each of the readings of this 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time makes a reference to people being "called." Of course, each of us is called by God to be a disciple. The challenge for us is to hear that call, understand it, and then respond to it with action.

The United States Bishops, in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship—*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*—says the following about our personal vocations: "Jesus calls us, as His

disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is a part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls each of us individually, BY NAME. Each one of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we received from God."

The first reading from Isaiah reminds us of a hymn based on that reading that most Catholics have sung and heard for the past few decades—"Here I am Lord," from the St. Louis Jesuits. The hymn portrays Isaiah's response to God calling him. The lyrics in the refrain, known to many, are "Here I am Lord. It is I lord. I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, from which the 2nd reading is taken, reflects on his personal calling to be an apostle. As a sidelight, it is well to note the difference between an apostle and a disciple. Both have Greek derivations, with apostle meaning "messenger" and disciple meaning "student." Paul's point is that WE ARE CALLED, just as he was, and we have a HOLY DUTY TO RESPOND.

The Gospel from Luke is a story known popularly—of how Jesus told Peter and James and John to go out in Peter's boat and fish again, even though they caught nothing previously. The catch was enormous and it was a changing point in the vocations of those men. They were fishermen since they were boys. Fishing was their vocation, but Jesus called them to something higher—to be "fishers of men," and they responded by changing vocations from fishermen to apostles—messengers.

Some of us, like Isaiah, are called to vocations of discipleship which function parallel to our life's vocation, our jobs. Others, like Peter, are called to lifetime vocations—holy orders. The point is not which vocation we follow—it is as good stewards we recognize we HAVE A VOCATION—A ROLE—in building the Kingdom of God. We should be responding: "Here I am Lord...I will go, Lord, where you lead me." (Stewardship Reflection On Lectionary Readings, Cath. Stewardship Consultants, Inc.)

Today's **Our Catholic Appeal** gives you an opportunity to fulfill that vocation: caring for those who are suffering; defending human life and dignity; engaging our youth through education and campus ministry; evangelizing more people that we could ever reach alone.; you build your lives on the essentials when you share your treasure in a way that shows your love for others. THAT IS WHAT YOUR PLEDGE TO THE APPEAL ALLOWS YOU TO DO! Please be generous! Pledge whatever you can; and be faithful to paying your pledge throughout the upcoming year.

MAY THE LORD'S PEACE, JOY, HOPE, AND LOVE BE YOURS ALWAYS!!!

Father Dave

January 17th Offertory: \$10,657

FINAL 2015 OCA REPORT--as of 1/29/16 234 families (46.1%) pledged \$53,259.25 and paid \$51,337.18. Many thanks to ALL who participated.



Pray everyday, thanking God for the St. Faustina parish community we have, and asking Him to provide us with the church building we desire.

BUILDING GOD'S PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,146,380
(as of January 24, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY this week from Monday to Friday, Feb. 8th-12th all day at IHOP in Clermont on US 27. Please pick up a flyer(or flyers-you'll need one for each visit) and you can eat there at any meal all week long and the parish will receive 15% of your receipt. Please help us build our construction fund higher. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR REGULARS--Mandarin Garden**, down on 192 East, 1/2 mile from 27.. and **Sarah's Greek Cuisine** in Cagan's Crossing as well as newcomer, **Bruno's NY Style Pizza and Italian Restaurant** (Postcards are available at Church entrances. ANYTIME you dine at Bruno's we will get 10%.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE SUNDAY EVENTS--If you dine with them on Sunday from Noon to 4 PM and just write "St. Faustina Church" on your receipt and drop it in the box at the host stand. The parish will receive 10% of your receipt.

RAISE MONEY FOR ST. FAUSTINA CHURCH: By having H & R Block Prepare your taxes. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3. 1) Get a REFERRAL FORM with our special code at the parish office. Take this form to a participating H&R Block office and give it to the tax professional. To find the nearest H & R Block office, go tohrblock.com. 2) If you're a NEW CLIENT, St. Faustina's will receive \$20. 3) Feel good knowing you helped us raise more money as you got the necessary taxes done. This program runs from January 1 through April 15, 2016.



Pope Francis encourages us to "build our lives on the essentials"... Our parish strives to do just that through our ministries, but we are only the starting point. Being Catholic means being part of a larger family of faith. Because we are all one in Christ, it is only right that we help His work to flourish in our neighboring communities.

Our Catholic Appeal mobilizes our entire diocesan family to support ministries that benefit far more people than we could ever reach alone. You can visit www.cfcf.org/oca to learn more about the life-changing impact of your gifts.

Over the past few weeks, we have thought about, talked about and prayed about the ministries supported by **Our Catholic Appeal**. Now it is time for all of us to share a portion of our treasure so these ministries can continue. If you received your 2016 **Our Catholic Appeal** packet in the mail and made your pledge, thank you. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so today. By supporting the ministries of our diocese, every parish, including our own, is better equipped to carry out the work of Christ. Our parish goal is \$ _____. Once we achieve our goal, the majority of the additional funds will be returned to our parish to support our own special needs, including support of our budding youth ministry, and of course, our future building. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. **When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.** A Reflection on Lenten Fasting If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate his Resurrection.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER to contact Father Dave after office hours. Call the parish number: (352) 515-9297 and you will get a voice mail message telling you the number for getting in touch with me IN AN EMERGENCY.



abstaining from meat. We will also begin our weekly celebration of Stations of the Cross this Friday, 2/12 at 7:00 PM in the Church. All are welcome.

BEST LENT EVER—*Don't Give up chocolate this Lent*—Have you ever had a memorable Lent? More importantly, have you ever had a life-changing Lent? Dynamic Catholic invites you join Matthew Kelly, the Dynamic Catholic Team, and thousands of people across the country for the Best Lent Ever. Based on Matthew's new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus*, (the book we received at Christmas from the church instead of calendars) this free mail program will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way. Each day you'll receive an inspirational email with a short video featuring Matthew and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Throughout Lent, they will guide you through each of the 40 chapters in *Rediscover Jesus* and share simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday life. **Sign up at: www.dynamiccatholic.com/len**

SAVE THE DATE!!!! -- Our parish Mission will take place this year from Monday, Feb. 15th through Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Fr. Herald J. Brock, CFR (Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal) will be our presenter, and his theme will be: "The Great River of Mercy," ("From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly"—Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus* 25). Services with Eucharistic Exposition will be held on Monday and Tuesday at 7 PM with Confessions being heard on Tuesday, and it will close with the Eucharist on Wednesday night at 7 PM. Fr. Herald will be preaching at all Masses on the weekend of 2/13-14. Come out and start Lent 2016 focusing on the Mercy of our God.

ATTENTION ON-LINE GIVING PARTICIPANTS... Please be sure to notify your bank of our change of address to 1714 US Hwy 27, Clermont, FL 34714.

MEMORIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE--We have about 125 or so of the wooden chairs that are now available for memorializing (but they are going fast) at the cost of \$150.00 each. Contact the office for the forms and for the needed information. **This income will be deposited into the Construction Fund.** --- There are also some bigger items that we have installed at the church that are available for partial and/or total memorialization. The new sound system cost us a total of \$12,728.07. We have also added some monitor speakers for musicians and singers at a cost of \$999.54. We are also contemplating purchasing a keyboard (\$1,200) to complement the organ that was donated from St. Timothy's parishioner in Lady Lake. **If anyone is interested in memorializing these bigger items, please contact Fr. Dave directly at (352) 515-9297, ext. 101.** These donations will be used to defray those expenses from our savings (**not into Construction Fund**).

THE SENIOR GROUP has resumed its Thursday 12:30 pm meetings.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.

NEW St. Faustina MUSIC MINISTRY-- Practices are held on Thursdays in the church. For information go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/newmusicministry.html> or email Kelly at kmucci@stfaustina.org

CAN HELP WITH THE NEW EVANGELIZATION? If you know of any Catholics who live in your neighborhood or in your development, please let them know that we have moved.

GOING OUT OF TOWN?... find a Catholic Church and mass schedule at: www.masstimes.org



Mass Intentions

February 6 to February 14, 2016

- Sat. 2/6 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
4 PM -- Special Intentions for Genny Gorman Family
(Margaret Gorman)
6 PM -- Clara M. O'Shea (Patrick O'Shea)
Sun. 2/7
7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor, & Stephen Paul Verostko +
(Family)
9:00 AM -- Cleon Garl + (Marge Mann)
11:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- David Serrano, Jr. +
(Gladys Santiago)
- Mon. 2/8 NO MASS**
1 Kings 8:1-13 Mark 6:53-56
Tues. 2/9 -- 8 AM -- Living & Deceased Members
of Casey Family (Mary Casey)
1 Kings 8:22-30 Mark 7:1-13
Wed. 2/10 -- ASH WEDNESDAY
8 AM -- Michael J. Gisonna + (Bill & Kathy)
12:00 PM -- Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 PM -- Those memorialized on our chairs
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- Thurs. 2/11 8 AM -- Living & Deceased Members**
of the Crawley Family (Mary Casey)
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 22:25
Fri. 2/12 STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7 PM
8 AM -- Deceased members of Rasquinha family
(Ladislav & Leena Rasquinha)
Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15
- Sat. 2/13 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13
4 PM -- Special Intention for Nonie & Charlie Herrin
(Margaret Gorman)
6 PM -- Elizabeth Slusher + (Helen Rowe)
Sun. 2/14
7:30 AM -- Living & Deceased of Passet Family
(Barnett Family)
9:00 AM -- Sara Jones + (Senior Activity Group)
11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Faustina

Stewardship



a great number of fish."

Note Peter's reaction, however. He falls to his knees and implores Jesus, "Depart from me Lord, for I am sinful man." St. Peter is astonished and amazed, and he is, quite frankly, afraid of what he has just experienced. We may sometimes react to the Lord's calling in a similar way. It is a bit overwhelming and frightening to come to the realization that we, too, are called, and that the Lord has expectations of us.

Yet, this is how what we know as the Church began. It commenced with Jesus calling simple fishermen according to our Gospel. These, of course, then developed into twelve, then hundreds, then thousands, and now millions upon millions of those called to be disciples. We are among that throng. When Luke speaks of "following," he is talking about discipleship. We are called to be stewards and disciples, but are we willing to "leave everything and follow Him?"

What we know and understand as Church more or less begins with today's Gospel reading from St. Luke. Jesus calls His first disciples — His first Apostles. Luke tells us of the miracle that occurred for St. Peter and the others in their fishing boat. At the Lord's command, they cast their nets after a time of catching nothing, and "they caught