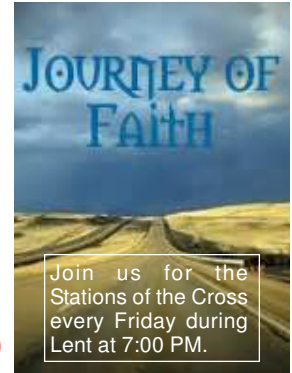


# St. Faustina Catholic Church



*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.*



**Week of Feb. 20 to Feb. 28**

## **SECOND SUNDAY of LENT**

**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



**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.

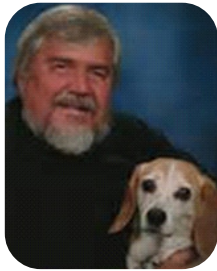
**Marriage** Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish 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](http://www.stfaustina.org) and return it to the office.***

## Father Dave's Corner



We live in a time when excellence and perfection are much sought after when it comes to the things of this world, but can be ignored when it comes to our spiritual lives. For example, it is a great American goal to have a perfect body. But how many of those physically gorgeous people do you see every day?

The pursuit of perfection is likewise true with regard to intellectual faculties. Getting an excellent education is quite laudable. Academic achievement comes at a high cost. But what about MORAL perfection—MORAL excellence? If our humanity is to be transfigured, and if Christ's Transfiguration is an icon of that goal, then what do we need to do?

We find a great deal of conflict in this area. What sort of values are presented to our children? What images are put in front of their eyes? We are surrounded by people who seem to lack morality. Consider the main characters in today's Gospel account of the Transfiguration. Moses was engaged in a tremendous struggle to free his people from a pleasure principle. God brought them out of slavery in Egypt and gave them freedom. But they didn't want to carry the weight of freedom with all its burdensome moral choices. So they rebelled and wanted to return to the fleshpots of Egypt. They would have to live in slavery, but at least they would be more comfortable than they were out there in the desert. The freedom and life God wanted to give them was simply too costly, they felt.

Self-sacrifice and discipline are the price we pay for creativity, personal growth and transformation. The greatest of our artists, poets, musicians, and moral leaders give testimony to that fact. We increase our intellectual capacities only through self-sacrifice—times of study and difficult exams. Should we expect anything different when it comes to moral or spiritual growth? Yet, we treat morality as if it should come naturally.

The Transfiguration is meaningless if we do not understand the context: Jesus was about to suffer and die in order to release God's transforming power unto humanity. The whole of Christ's life is meaningless unless it points to the meaning of suffering. Of all the great founders of religions, only Jesus Christ enters into suffering, loss, pain and even death in order to lead us through it into the resurrection and a higher and better life. Transcendence comes only through death and resurrection. That's the guts of Christianity, a religion that goes way beyond simply being "nice."

As we move through Lent toward Easter, have courage. Make the hard decisions. Move away from merely being comfortable and embrace the cost of discipleship. There will, of course, be many Herods and Pilates to judge you and mock you. But, if you are in Christ, then you must live His life and enter into the cost of growth, transformation, and transcendence. This upward climb is the only way to achieve nobility, beauty, and God-likeness! (Sunday Homilies: Diocese of Lansing MI)

MAY THE LORD'S PEACE, JOY, HOPE, AND LOVE BE WITH YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY!

**Father Dave**



Our first 2016 OCA report comes from Elaine's calculations of the In-Pew pledges on 2/6-7. (there may be different numbers when the Diocese sends their first report due to mail and on-line pledges). For now, we have had 181 families pledge \$31,044.00 and pay \$1,995.00 toward our goal of \$45,000.00. MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED SO FAR. We beg the rest of the folks to continue to pray over their pledges and join us if they can. If you have not yet made your 2016 OCA pledge, please take an envelope from the bookcases...or go online...or mail in the card sent to you.



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



**CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,162,315**  
(as of February 7, 2016)

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY on Tuesday, 2/23 at DiRomio's Italian Restaurant near Polo Park from 11:30 AM until closing.** No flyer needed (but there are some on the bookcases as reminders). Just drop your receipt in the box on the bar and the parish will get a percentage of what you ate and drank. **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%. **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS:** We received a check from Texas Roadhouse on 2/12 in the amount of \$167.00 for our Tuesday, 1/19/16 event...and 1 for \$191.00 for the month of January Sunday afternoons. Many thanks to all who participated.

**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. 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. If you're a NEW CLIENT, St. Faustina's will receive \$20. This offers runs through April 15th.

### February 7th Offertory:



**\$10,435**

### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR LENT

Merciful Lord,  
As we embark on our journey of renewal  
Toward the great paschal feast of Easter,  
teach us to be good stewards  
of your mercy and forgiveness,  
so that we may extend these gifts to others.

Give us the strength to bear witness to you at all times,  
even in times of stress and adversity.

And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful  
to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed  
and ready to celebrate his resurrection.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever.

Amen

### Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Good Friday is an obligatory day 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.**



*Please be sure to be kind and welcoming to Fr. Tuttle who is covering for me while I am on the Parish Cruise.*

*Thanks to Fr. Herald Brock for his inspiring talks and grace-filled presence at our mission last week. If*

you would like to send a donation to his mission work, there are envelopes available on the bookcases.

**The 11<sup>th</sup> annual LONG-SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE runs from Feb. 10, Ash Wednesday through Mar. 24, Holy Thursday. WE ALREADY HAVE 10 SHIRTS TOWARDS OUR GOAL OF 120 (40 days of Lent x3).** Please consider how you can help, either by donating long-sleeve shirts, raising funds for the farmworkers, or making a monetary donation of your own. So many ways to help in this year of Mercy. **For information or donations, please contact George Cuttita at [gcuttita@cfl.rr.com](mailto:gcuttita@cfl.rr.com)**

**YOU CAN STILL REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN BEST LENT EVER**—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/lent](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent)**

**DECADE A DAY MEMBERS**--You and your intentions will be remembered at all of the Masses said at the Basilica of the National Shrine, Mary Queen of the Universe, in Orlando FL in a special way throughout Lent. This will include the Lourdes Novena Masses Feb. 11-20, 2016 at the Shrine. In addition, Father Paul Henry, Director of the Shrine, will pray for you and your petitions at Lourdes later this year when he visits the Grotto. As always, you are in our daily prayers and in our petitions in the Prayer Basket at all of the Masses at our church each weekend.....plus the Monday evening Novena of the Miraculous Medal at the Shrine. God Bless each of you, and have a meaningful Lent,

**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**).

**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](mailto:kmucci@stfaustina.org)

**CAN YOU 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.



## Mass Intentions

**February 20 to February 27, 2016**

- Sat. 2/20 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
*Genesis 15:5-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36*  
4 PM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina  
6 PM -- Leonard Beegle + (Dennis & Judy Donovan)
- Sun. 2/21**  
7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor, & Stephen Paul Verostko + (Family)  
9:00 AM -- John Cangialosi + (Celia & Jim Kelly)  
11:00 AM -- Mary Risucci + (Lois & Jim McGuire)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Alfreda Rivera + (Evelyn Garcia)
- Mon. 2/22 NO MASS**  
*1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19*
- Tues. 2/23 -- 8 AM -- Wayne Richards + (Lenise Shope)**  
*Isaiah 1:10-20 Matthew 23:1-12*
- Wed. 2/24 -- 8 AM -- Rosemary DeMartino + (Celia & Jim Kelly)**  
*Jeremiah 18:8-20 Matthew 20:17-28*
- Thurs. 2/25 8 AM -- MaryAnn Kennedy + (Celia & Jim Kelly)**  
*Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:9-31*
- Fri. 2/26 STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7 PM**  
8 AM -- Intentions of Dennis Mongeon (Bob & Kim Garven)  
*Genesis 37:3-28 Matthew 21:33-46*
- Sat. 2/27 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
*Exodus 3:1-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-12 Luke 13:1-9*  
4 PM -- Evan Studinski + (Barb & Pete Bungert)  
6 PM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
- Sun. 2/28**  
7:30 AM -- John O'Brien + (Patricia)  
9:00 AM -- Nina Camtagnola + (Celia & Jim Kelly)  
11:00 AM -- Vincent & Rose Giaimo + (John & Carmela Giaimo)  
7:00 PM--(espanol)--Ana Victoria Reynoso + (Angel Pagan)

**Don't forget to access our Facebook page from your page, St. Faustina Catholic Church. It features daily devotions and parish news.**

[www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch](http://www.facebook.com/St.FaustinaCatholicChurch)

## Stewardship



Each liturgical year on the Second Sunday of Lent our Gospel Reading recounts what we call the Transfiguration of Christ. On the First Sunday (last week) we heard one of the accounts of Jesus' temptations in the desert. There is a reason we hear this Gospel Word in this order. Last week we were informed of the temptations that await us, especially during this Holy Lenten period.

This week the way to overcome these temptations is revealed. The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin trans, which means "across" and figura, meaning "form" or "shape." It signifies a change of form or appearance, and this is exactly what happened to Jesus; His appearance changed and became glorious.

The description of the Transfiguration occurs in all three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). This is a proclamation of the Lord's divinity. It is intended for all of us. In fact, each of us is invited, just as Peter, James, and John are, to become a part of this experience. We are called to conversion and witness of the truth.

That is what Lent should be all about for us. The stewardship message is that we need to strive for conversion, for grasping the hope offered by Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "At His Transfiguration Christ showed His disciples the splendor of His beauty, to which He will shape and color those who are His." Are we His? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what His Body contains and radiates the sacraments, 'the hope of glory'."