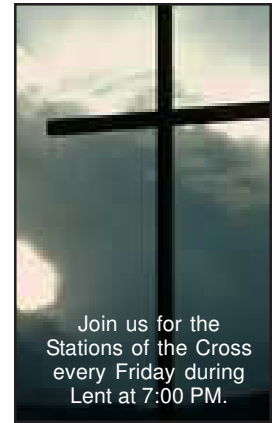


St. Faustina Catholic Church



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.



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

Week of Feb. 27 to March 5

THIRD 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



JOIN US ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 4 & 5

For "24 Hours for the Lord"

Please see page three for details.

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.

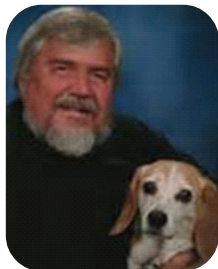
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



In his letter to the Corinthians today, Paul sends them a warning. He first reminds them of the great benefits the Chosen People of God, the Israelites received through Moses: their escape from slavery in Egypt through the Red Sea...their being led through the desert by God with a column of fire and cloud...their being fed manna and given water as they journeyed to the Promised Land.

Despite all of these blessings, many of them fell into sin, rejected God, and lost their place in salvation.

Paul tells the Corinthians that these Israelites got overconfident. They figured that they deserved all of the good things God was doing for them, and took them for granted. They sat back waiting for them to be showered upon them because they knew God loved them so much...and they did not live up to their part of the Covenant.

Paul warns the Corinthians in this letter, and any "later Christians," that the blessings we have received are MUCH GREATER than our ancestors. Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the Eucharist (Body and Blood of Christ), the presence of that Holy Spirit in our lives at all times. These gifts have been showered upon us, not because we deserve them, but just because our God is so good and so loving. Paul points out that since the gifts are so great...and we understand how generous our God really is...that the threat of our getting overconfident, like the Israelites, is also greater!

If you take the time to reflect, we often let overconfidence and expectations affect different things in our lives. It starts with our relationships...especially with those closest to us: spouses, family, real friends. Because these people love us so much, we EXPECT certain things to happen automatically, and without much effort on our part to show appreciation or to reciprocate. We will often expect these special loved ones to put up with our "bad moods," our human weaknesses and foibles, because we know they love us. The same is true in our relationship with God. We have been convinced by teachers, preachers, Bishops, and Popes, that our God is a God of unconditional love and mercy...and HE IS! But, in some cases, that leads us to expect Him to continue to love, even if we are not fulfilling our part of the Covenant.

We can actually point to situations we have witnessed in life where someone who has been blessed with athletic ability...or great intelligence...or some other special gift, who seems to lose the ability to perform up to the level they could...and should be able to attain. BECAUSE THEY HAVE TAKEN IT ALL FOR GRANTED! They have sat back and not honed their skills...they have not worked hard at practices...they have not studied or prepared for their tests or presentations...they have not done their part in that special relationship. They have taken it all for granted and sat back and expected it all to come their way anyway!

This season of Lent is given to us by the Church each year, to be sure that we are NOT taking our relationship with that loving God for granted. That we are working to show Him how grateful we are for all He has done for us. That we are performing His great works of love in this world He has asked us to be stewards of! Use the time we have been given to bear great fruit!

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

Father Dave



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



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: \$1,167,435
(as of February 14, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY on Tuesday, March 1st at Gator's Dockside Restaurant in Cagan's Crossing ALL DAY.

No flyer needed. Just drop your receipt in the box at the host stand and the parish will get 15% of what you ate and drank for our building fund. Please help us if you can. They open at 11:00 AM for lunch. **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS:** We received a check from Sarah's Greek Cuisine for recent visits on 2/8/16 in the amount of \$50.00 and a check from Devenney's on 2/25/16 in the amount of \$260.00 for our Feb. 2nd event. Many thanks to all who participated. **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. 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 to hrblock.com. If you're a NEW CLIENT, St. Faustina's will receive \$20. This offers runs through April 15th.



ELAINE'S 2ND WEEK OF OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT:

An additional 15 families have pledged \$1,779.00 and paid \$2,087.00 (\$1,000.00 was for a pledge made the first week). That means we have 196 families pledging \$32,823.00 toward our goal of \$45,000.00 and paying \$4,082.00 so far. Many thanks to all who have made pledges so far. Remember, due to the large volume of pledges going into the Diocese, we don't have their official numbers for our parish, yet. We continue to encourage those who have NOT pledged, to prayerfully consider joining us in supporting the ministries of the Diocese.

February 14th Offertory:

\$13,797

Ash Wednesday: \$4,735



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.



Clermont will have confessions heard each Saturday, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 at 2:30 PM and on Monday at 10 AM and 7 PM.

MEMORIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE--As of 2/15/16, we have had an additional 64 congregational chairs memorialized and the 1 larger chair near the Baptismal Font (@\$300.00) in our worship space. "We cannot do great things on this earth, only small things with great love," Blessed Mother Teresa. Because of your generous gifts, small things are adding up to help St. Faustina parish grow and be blessed. Many thanks and God's Blessings upon all of you.

The 11th annual LONG-SLEEVE RELIEF DRIVE runs from Feb. 10, Ash Wednesday through Mar. 24, Holy Thursday. WE ALREADY HAVE 18 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**

**JOIN US ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
MARCH 4 & 5
for
"24 Hours for the Lord"**

In a universal effort to make Christ's mercy more manifest during the season of Lent, the Vatican is asking parishes worldwide to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic adoration available for a 24-hour period on Friday and Saturday, March 4-5. Called **"24 Hours for the Lord,"** the initiative, now in its third year, places the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the heart of what it means to be a people and a Church of mercy.

St. Faustina will have daily Mass at 8 AM with exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Adoration from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday. Reconciliation will be available from 10 AM on. Lenten Stations of the cross will take place at 7:00 PM with Reconciliation available before and after until last penitent is heard. Regular weekend Reconciliation from 3:00-3:45 PM on Saturday, March 5, followed by our usual masses at 4 & 6 PM.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK, 3/6/16...The Diocese has changed its schedule of special collections on us after our boxes were compiled and printed...SORRY...Next week, there are 3 collections in one...you have an envelope for Catholic Relief Services/Central + Eastern Europe that is dated for 3/13: PLEASE USE IT ON MARCH 6th and drop it in the 1st collection along with the Regular Offertory envelope. The Diocese has also moved the Propagation of the Faith (World Mission Sunday) from Oct. 23rd to March 6th. Please dig out that envelope from October and drop it into the first collection basket as well on MARCH 6th. (Sorry for the confusion...but, the Diocese made these decisions after our boxes were printed...and in an attempt to reduce the number of special collections that you are burdened with each year). Please be as generous as you can.

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.

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



Mass Intentions

February 27 to March 5, 2016

- 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)
- Mon. 2/29 NO MASS**
2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30
- Tues. 3/1 -- 8 AM -- Edmund Fracek + (Mary Fracek Heyl)**
Daniel 3:25-43 Matthew 18:21-35
- Wed. 3/2 -- 8 AM -- Healing for Christine Putschernick**
(Bob & Kim Garven)
Deuteronomy 4:1-9 Matthew 5:17-19
- Thurs. 3/3 8 AM -- Donald Crowe + (Kathy Crowe)**
Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23
- Fri. 3/4 STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7 PM**
8 AM -- Michael J. Gissona + (Bill & Kathy)
Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34
- Sat. 3/5 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
4 PM -- Denise Campeau + (Family)
6 PM -- Rev. Ronald Falotico + (Nancy Harrigan)
Sun. 2/28
7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor, and Stephen Paul Verostko +
(Family)
9:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
11:00 AM -- Patrick Farrell Kilbane + (Mike Gallagher)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Rafaela Maldonado + (Evelyn Garcia)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONER, Richard Hiss, who died on Feb. 16th. Include his wife, Joann, and his entire family in your prayers as well.



Stewardship



Our Old Testament Reading, the First Reading, on this Third Sunday of Lent, relates the narrative of Moses and the Burning Bush. Like many readings which we hear throughout our lives, this is an image and a story with which most of us are familiar. Also, through Moses' experience there is a stewardship message for each of us.

As Moses approaches the bush, God calls out "Moses, Moses!" The fact that the Lord repeats Moses' name gives the situation a sense of urgency. Perhaps God feels the same sense of urgency in relation to each of us. God calls us, and He calls us by name, but too often we do not hear, or we do not pay attention. Probably most often we are not even listening.

The second aspect of stewardship indicated in this passage from Holy Scripture is found in God's next statement, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Removing sandals was an act of respect, a sign of humility. To fully live lives of stewardship requires these traits from each of us — to be alert and aware that God is speaking to us, but we must listen, and to live our lives, especially our stewardship lives, with a sense of humility. That is, after all, how we really show love for our God and for one another.