

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:

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God's Grace is
IMMEASURABLE,
His Mercy is
INEXHAUSTIBLE,
His Peace is
INEXPRESSIBLE.

We invite you to join us for today's Divine Mercy events. (schedule on page 3)

Week of April 11 to April 19

**DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY**

Mass Schedule
Saturday, 4 & 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.



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*; Bob Vince, *Music Ministry*



Father Dave's Corner

Some of us can really lean toward being very skeptical and doubt a lot of things. Many people believe ONLY what they can see and touch. Many do not trust our government leaders...or our neighbors...or, sadly, even that God loves them. There is really only one way to overcome doubt...that is through faith. In spiritual matters, no one can give you faith except God. Others can lead you there; others can show you how to nurture it; still others can point you in the right direction; but, inevitably, you believe because God's grace has filled you, and you use your free will to choose to believe. You make that conscious leap from doubt to faith.

Remember the words of Jesus to the Apostles at the Last Supper: "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Many people want answers, but no answer is satisfying enough. We've got to keep these words in mind as we stumble through life carrying our own crosses. We understand very little, even though we think we know so much.

Most of us, at different times of our lives, are a lot like the Apostle Thomas...which is not necessarily a negative thing. But, if we REMAIN in doubt, and do not search for the truth, we cannot grow in faith. If we only believe those things that we can see or fully understand, we cannot begin to experience the glories of creation, or the mysteries of our faith. If we stay in that place of doubt, then Jesus can become for us someone who has no power in our lives.

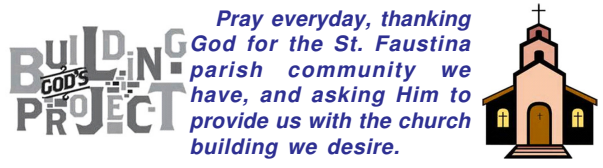
Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, established in the Catholic Church by St. John Paul II on April 30, 2000. Mercy is "charity with heart," giving when we expect NO repayment; forgiveness over and over and over again. Mercy is the expression of God's charity-God's love to us. He seeks to soften our hearts to others, to the same point of His tenderness toward us. Today's Gospel gives us an example of that mercy as Jesus speaks gently to Thomas, acknowledging his doubt...but, bolstering his faith. Jesus was patient and kind with Thomas. He met Thomas where he was and led him forward. He does the same for us!

Jesus died to save all of us. He wants all of us to feel His mercy and come to believe in Him. He wants all of us to love as He does. His constant call to us is that we would share His mercy with all. When the Church first announced this Octave of Easter Sunday would now be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, I was skeptical and resisted. I felt that WE ALREADY KNOW GOD'S MERCY AND LOVE! Why is there a need to create another day on the calendar and highlight it. I have since come around to realize that there are STILL so many people in this world who do not think they have ever felt God's mercy and love. That is because, I, and so many other Christians, have NOT shown that mercy and love to them.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, 2015...it is time for ALL of us to change that.

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

Father Dave



CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$958,960.14
(as of March 30)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITIES: IHOP in Clermont invites us to join them **all week from Monday, 4/13 through Friday, 4/17 all day long.** Please take a flyer and they will give us 15% of whatever you feast on. That same week...**on Thursday, 4/16, we have a new partner, SHULA BURGER, East on 192** near the Target shopping center. Take a flyer and whatever you eat and drink from 11 AM to close, we will get 10%. **Texas Roadhouse invites us back on Tuesday, April 21st from 3:30-9:00 PM.** Drop your receipt in the box at the host stand and the parish will receive 10% of what you eat and drink. Please support these businesses and us. **Don't forget our regulars--Mandarin Garden** (Right next door) 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 *and bring a postcard*, the parish will get 10% of your receipt).

TEXAS ROADHOUSE SUNDAY EVENTS--A bit of a change in the Texas Sunday event...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, that will count (in case you wanted to KEEP your bulletin). Either way, the parish will receive 10% of your receipt at the end of the month.

ATTENTION ALL AMAZON SHOPPERS--We now have a new way for you to help St. Faustina's Building Fund. If you shop at AmazonSmile they will make a donation to your favorite charity of .5% of every eligible purchase you make. To find out more about this wonderful opportunity to add to our building fund, please go to our web site: www.stfaustina.org and click on the **AMAZONSMILE FUNDRAISER link.**



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL
for our people,
our ministries,
our future

As of 4/3, we have 190 families pledging \$39,047.00 and paying \$16,960.57 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 37.4% of our 508 families. Many thanks to those who have participated.

Faith Formation

Tuesdays, 5:00 – 6:30—Pre-K, Kind., & 1st grade;
7:00 – 8:30—Grades 4-5-6
Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:30—Grades 2-3;
5:00 - 6:30--Youth R.C.I.A.;
7:00 - 8:30--Youth R.C.I.A (unbaptized);
7:00 - 8:30 -- Grades 7 & 8



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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER to contact Father Dave after office hours. Call the parish number: (863) 438-6900 and you will get a voice mail message telling you the number for getting in touch with me IN AN EMERGENCY.



PLEASE NOTE MASS CHANGES-- Easter Sunday WAS the LAST 12:30 PM Mass for now...and THIS WEEK'S Divine Mercy Sunday is the LAST weekend for the 6 PM Sat. and 7:30 AM masses. Next week we go back to our regular schedule, 4 PM on Sat. 9, 11 AM on Sunday and 7 PM Sunday en espanol.

GREAT WORDS OF THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED AT OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS with such devotion and beauty. To all of our Ministers of Eucharist, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Parking Lot attendants, Mass Captains, Altar Servers, Musicians and Singers, our decorators who transform our little worship space into a true place of beauty and majesty for the Lord, to our seminarian, James who worked hard behind the scenes AND at each service, to Fr. Boland, Fr. Gallerani, and all of the neighboring priests who helped us with confessions and the extra masses...and of course, to all you people of great faith who came out to honor and worship our loving Lord. Blessings of safety to all our travelers, tourists, and snowbirds! Great Blessings to our year round residents. St. Faustina, Pray for us!!!!

SPECIAL THANKS TO George and Diana and Rosemary for their good work over the last 2 years getting our youngsters in the RCIC process ready for their Baptisms and 1st Holy Communion celebrated this Easter season. Blessings upon the youngsters and these catechists who sacrifice so much of their time and talent for the youngsters of the parish!!!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION will meet **EVERY Thursday of the month** after the 8 am mass. They are studying *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*.

The BAKE SALE is held the second weekend of every month.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT PARKING!!!! Please remember THERE IS NO PARKING on the property next door near the Tattoo parlor, furniture store, and ticket sales agents. We have our own parking in the back of the church...the Days Inn parking lot, except for beside our building, and if needed, the areas at Bardell Real Estate 3 properties over.

WE STILL HAVE ST. FAUSTINA SHIRTS AVAILABLE.

TODAY'S DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE



We invite *everyone* to join us for today's very special Divine Mercy events.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration) will take place from 12:30 until 3:30; **Reconciliation**

(Confession) will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 pm The Divine Mercy Service will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 pm and will be highlighted by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which will take place at 3 pm.

All are welcome to participate.

Church Ministries

For more information and for a **COMPLETE LIST OF OUR MINISTRIES, and who to contact, please see our web site at www.stfaustina.org** and click on the appropriate link(s) on the right side of the page.

Here is one of the devotions you will find, daily, on our Facebook page: "God will forgive you if you ask him to. Though your sins be numerous as the grains of sand on the shore, God's merciful forgiveness is far greater than your sins. Do not be afraid. Trust in his love. Repent of your sins without delay and return to the house of the Father. He is waiting for you." Patrick Madrid



Mass Intentions

April 11 to April 19

- Sat. 4/11 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31
4 PM -- Adele Cangialosi + (Celia & Jim Kelly)
6 PM -- Sergio & Maria Garcia + (Esther Garcia)
- Sun. 4/12**
7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor & Stephen Paul Verostko + (Mary Ann Heary)
9:00 AM -- Carol Schanen + (Ken & Lynda Schanen)
11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Richard Rosado + (Norma Rosado)
- Mon. 4/13 -- 8 am -- NO MASS**
Acts 4:23-31 John 3:1-8
- Tues. 4/14 -- 8 am -- Healing for Fred Day (Lois Losole)**
Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7-15
- Wed. 4/15 -- 8 am -- George Durette + (Jack & Susan Ronan)**
Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21
- Thurs. 4/16 -- 8 am -- Art Murosky + (Marie & Larry Buss)**
Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36
- Fri. 4/17 -- 8 am -- Healing for Barbara Caminiti (Celia & Jim Kelly)**
Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15
- Sat. 4/18**
Acts 3:13-19 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48
4 PM -- Dolores P. Ruffolo + (Andrew Osten-Sacken)
- Sun. 4/19**
9:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Bill Middleton + (Judy & Gary Mohler)
11:00 AM -- Una Doherty + 1st Ann. (Jo Doherty)
7:00 PM--(espanol) --Secundina Rosario + (Mr & Mrs. Paco Pagan)

March 29th Offertory:

\$7,119



Stewardship



"The community of believers was of one heart and one mind." For those who practice stewardship as a way of life every passage from Holy Scripture contains a stewardship message.

However, today's readings are particularly special in that regard. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles speaks to the sense of unity and teamwork of the early Church. Our own parishes may reflect this idea that we are one, and that we have a common purpose.

One of the great misconceptions of this particular scriptural passage is that it reflects what we might term a "sense of Communism." However, as we as Catholics and stewards reflect upon this, we must understand a basic difference. Communism says "What you think is yours is really mine." Our faith, our community, and our good stewards say, "What may seem to be mine is really yours."

"No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own." This is the stewardship understanding that, first and foremost, everything comes from, is gifted by, and is possessed by God, not by us. In addition, stewards understand that all their gifts are to be shared with others. The key to this entire passage is, nonetheless, that the early Christians regarded people as more important than things. As difficult as this may be for us, that is to what we are called, as well.