

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.

GIVE YOURSELF AND
YOUR WORRIES TO GOD,
AND BEGIN ENJOYING THE
ABUNDANT LIFE HE HAS
PLANNED FOR
YOU!

Week of April 16 to April 24

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Clergy

Parochial Administrator
Father Dave Gillis
Assisting Priest
Father Fernando Gil

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4 pm
Sunday, 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am
Mass in Spanish, 7 pm

Daily Masses

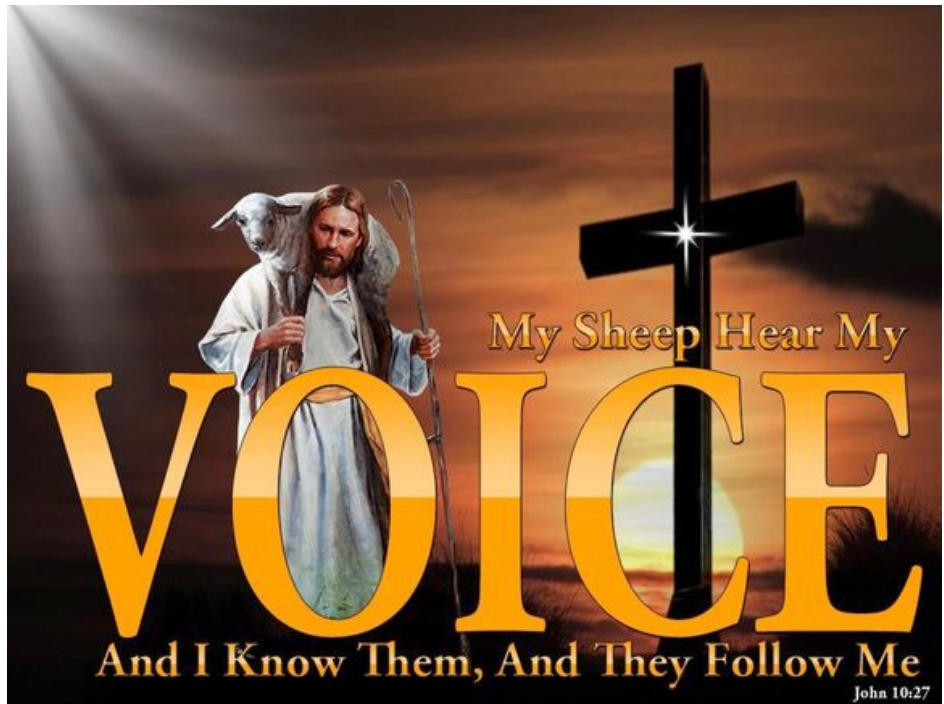
8 am — Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

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.

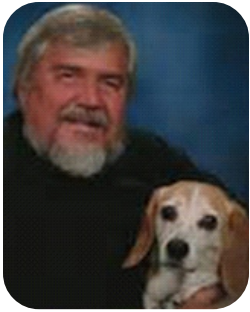
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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

Father Dave's Corner



On the first day of kindergarten, parents are usually more nervous than the children. Parents tell their children how much fun they will have, how they will make new friends and do art projects and learn to read. The children usually have new crayons, backpacks and lunch boxes and can't wait to see what comes next. Parents, on the other hand, are often nervous about letting go. What if my little girl gets sick? What if my son gets teased? What if she doesn't do well in reading or math?

These parents are NOT overprotective, they are simply living out their innate role as good shepherds. Parents shelter their children. They make sure their child does not hunger or thirst. They keep their children out of danger, and *wipe away every tear from their eyes*.

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday," from the comforting imagery of Jesus as the shepherd who will lead His sheep to eternal life. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects and provides for His flock, even to the point of laying down His life so we may live more abundantly. By His death and resurrection, Jesus Christ "opened" heaven to us. (CCC 1026) Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches what we must do to be saved, to join Him in the kingdom of heaven.

This Easter Season, inspired by the efforts of the New Evangelization, let's try these 3 ways to respond to Jesus as the Good Shepherd:

First, get to know the voice of Jesus by getting into discipline of reading from the Gospels every day. The peace and comfort you will experience from the words of the Good Shepherd will surprise you!

Second, pray for those who shepherd the Church. Pray for our priests, bishops, religious and lay ministers who are responsible for the pastoral care of the people of God. We need to be sustained in our ministries by God's grace, so that we can reflect His love and mercy better.

Finally, do not forget YOUR responsibility to shepherd others into the Kingdom of God. Parents, you love your children and shepherd their health, behavior, education and advancement in maturity. Make sure you provide for their formation and education as Catholic Christians as well.

Every one of us can make an effort to speak more freely about the person of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and how He has been a comfort and guide to us. BUT, we must be sure to listen to Pope Francis' message that when we spread the news of our faith, it should be "an encounter, not a confrontation; attraction, not promotion; dialogue, not debate." As we speak about our faith, we offer others the opportunity to join that great multitude in the kingdom of heaven. But, do it with mercy, kindness, and love! (Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

Father Dave



For more information and for a **COMPLETE LIST OF OUR MINISTRIES**, and who to contact, please see our website at www.stfaustina.org



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: \$1,219,676
(as of April 3, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, April 19th from 3:30 – 10:00 PM at **TEXAS ROADHOUSE**. No flyer needed. Just drop your receipt in the box at the hostess stand on your way out, and St. Faustina will receive 10% of whatever you eat and drink. Many thanks to those are able to join us. **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 to **Bruno's NY Style Pizza and Italian Restaurant** (Postcards are available at Church entrances. ANYTIME you dine at Bruno's we will get 10%.

MEMORIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES are still available. If you are interested in memorializing one of chairs, please contact the office.



COME SAIL AWAY WITH ST. FAUSTINA'S WONDERFUL FOLKS

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 through Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017, join us on the Beautiful Royal Caribbean OASIS OF THE SEAS! The ship will sail from Port Canaveral to Labadee, Haiti, Falmouth,

Jamaica and Cozumel, Mexico before returning to Canaveral. This 7 night cruise has 3 days at sea, which you will be happy for because the OASIS is a destination in itself. There is so much to see and so many things to do on the ship. Prices at this time are \$953.45 Per person for an Interior cabin (only 9 of them); \$1125.45 per person for a Central Park Balcony (only 9); and \$1192.45 per person for an Ocean View Balcony (only 6). These prices are ONLY good until April 18, 2016. So contact Debbie at (407) 791-2444 soon. Remember, St. Faustina's church does use this as both a social event and a small fund-raiser for the parish.

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.

ONLINE FUND-RAISER--See our website: www.stfaustina.org/earncashback.html to see and participate in St. Faustina's partnership with Shop.Com's Non Profit Program designed to help us raise more funds for the Construction Project. Our Shop Consultant is Francis Mulhern and you can call him with any questions at (267-275-6182).

ATTENTION ALL AMAZON SHOPPERS--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**.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigrelli, parishioners and Real Estate Agents, are offering a portion of their commission to St. Faustina's Construction Fund. Pick up a flyer at the bookcase in the front lobby.

Would You Like to Host The Pilgrim Virgin Mary?

If you would like the opportunity to host the Pilgrim Virgin Mary, please visit our website at:

www.stfaustina.org/completeministrylist/pilgrimvirginvisits.html



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.



and we will pray for all the special mothers in our lives.

St. Theresa Catholic Church in Belleview, Florida, is sponsoring a lecture by the esteemed Frank Duff on Saturday, April 20 from 8 am until 4 pm. For more information, please see our web site at : <http://www.stfaustina.org/frankduffseminar430.html>

THIS WEEKEND-APRIL 16-17 we will have a visiting Sister from the Servants of the Lord Community to speak about their mission work and their need for our support. Please take the envelope dated April 10th and use it for the Second Collection that will be taken up to support their work and be as generous as possible. (Fr. Tuttle will be covering for me, since I will be on my Post-Easter break).

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 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.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.

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

HARBOUR HOUSE 24 HOUR HOTLINE: Did you know that there is a shelter available for folks suffering domestic violence in our area? Call (4047)886-2856 24 hours a day...7 days a week.



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Mass Intentions

April 16 to April 24, 2016

Sat. 4/16

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 John 10:27-30
4 PM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sun. 4/17

8:00 AM -- Rosemarie Pavo + (Cheryle Lawrence)
9:30 AM -- Flora Goncalves + (Ines Goncalves)
11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)
7:30 PM -- (espanol) -- Ecundina Rosario + (Angel Pagan)

Mon. 4/18

NO MASS

Acts 11:1-18 **John 10:1-10**
Tues. 4/19 -- 8 AM -- Healing for Jane Dole (Saranne & Brian)

Acts 11:19-26

John 10:22-30

Wed. 4/20 -- 8 AM -- Helen Lahey + (Nancy Harrigan)

Acts 12:24-13:5

John 12:44-50

Thurs. 4/21 -- 8 AM -- Sabina Loaiza + (Nancy Harrigan)

Acts 13:13-22

John 13:16-20

Fri. 4/22 8 AM -- Kathy O'Neill + (Eugene O'Neill)

Acts 13:26-33

John 14:1-6

Sat. 4/23

Acts 14:21-27 Revelation 21:1-5 John 13:31-35
4 PM -- Helen Lahey + (Linda & Sal Lahey)

Sun. 4/24

8:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30 AM -- Healing for Angela Gillespie
(Dan & Kathleen McCarthy)
11:00 AM -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)
7:30 PM -- (espanol) -- Living & Deceased Parishioners



April 3rd Offertory:

\$11,967

OCA update for 4/3/16 -- We have 241 of our 500 families Pledging \$57,531.00 and paying \$25,261.00 toward our goal of \$45,000, which is 48.2% of parish. **MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.** Please pay those pledges on a timely basis.



Stewardship



It is not easy being Christian and Catholic in today's world. Our society, because of the critical nature of the media in large part, tends to view people of faith and morals with some distrust. That is a challenge for us.

Paul and Barnabas experience something similar in today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The people of Antioch in Pisidia "expel (them) from the territory." No one likes or appreciates rejection. It is humiliating and discouraging. There may be times in our own lives when we follow firmly our Catholic beliefs and experience something similar. However, like Paul and Barnabas, we need to become even more determined in our desire to be a Disciple of the Lord.

In their case, they moved on to Iconium and continued their ministry and their message. In fact, Holy Scripture adds, "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." We, too, need to seek that joy and to understand that we have been blessed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Blessed Mother Teresa said, "Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness." Like Paul and Barnabas, and Mother Teresa, we need to seek and utilize God's strength.