

Father Dave's Corner



In today's reading from Exodus, God gave the Israelites bread from heaven to sustain them on their desert journey to the Promised Land. The manna appeared on the ground each day near the place where the people camped. They could gather only what they needed for the day. If anyone tried to hoard more than one day's portion, it turned rotten and wormy. Only on the 6th day could they gather and save

enough for 2 days: that day and the Sabbath. This truly was *daily bread*.

At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, giving us food from heaven—His own body—to sustain us on our spiritual journey from this life to the eternal kingdom of Heaven. Jesus continues to give Himself to us in the Eucharist each time we attend Mass. This nourishment is necessary for the life and health of our souls.

In the prayer that Jesus taught us, we pray—"give us this day our daily bread." We believe that God cares about the things we need each day to sustain our lives; He also cares that we have spiritual strength to build up our faith and trust. Knowing God's concern for us can fortify us in times of trial and temptation. Dependent upon a generous and loving God, we must never forget to thank Him for all that comes to us.

Sometimes our physical needs seem to monopolize our prayer time. Too many people lack basic food and shelter; terrible diseases take their toll on friends and family; our world suffers from pollution; we see misuse of power in many places as well as terror and the lack of peace among nations—the list goes on and on. These are all worthy causes for our prayer. God's help in finding solutions to these problems is part of the "daily bread" we seek.

We must also pray for the spiritual food that is essential in our lives. So, in our prayer we remember the needs of our faith family gathered to worship. We pray for the holy men and women who dedicate their lives to the work of the Church. We pray for ourselves, that we may grow in holiness and charity. As we offer these prayers, we are to remember always how generous is our God who gives us all good things. So, we can offer a great prayer of THANKSGIVING at this celebration of the EUCHARIST!!

(From Sunday Homilies-Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

Father Dave

2015-16 Faith Formation

Registration Dates:

Tuesday, August 25, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday, August 26, 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Class Times:

Tuesdays, 5:15 – 6:30—

Pre-K, Kind. & Grades 1 & 2;

6:45 – 8:15—Grades 5 & 6

Wednesdays, 5:15 – 6:30—Grades 3 & 4;

5:15 – 6:30—Youth R.C.I.A (Baptized);

6:45 – 8:15 -- Grades 7 & 8



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Please note that class start and end times have changed.

Classes begin Tuesday, 9/22 & Wednesday 9/23

All classes follow the Lake County School Schedule for holiday or emergency closings.

For the COMPLETE schedule for the year, please go to our web page at: <http://www.stfaustina.org/completeministrylist/religiouseducation.html>



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: \$1,020,184
(as of July 19, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK: Shula Burger invites us back on Tuesday, Aug. 4th from 11 AM-9 PM. Bring a flyer with you and present it when ordering and St. Faustina's will get 15% of whatever you eat and drink. **PLEASE 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 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, 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**.

ATTENTION CRUISE-GOERS! A NEW informational flyer is now posted on our website regarding our 2016 St. Faustina Cruise on Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas. This flyer is especially for those who have not yet booked. We will be going on a 7 Day cruise leaving on Sat. Feb. 20, 2016 out of Tampa. Our ports will be Honduras, Belize, Costa Maya, Mexico, and Cozumel and back to Tampa on Sat. 2/27/16. Call Debbie Bergeron (407-791-2444) to book cabins. There is a \$35 transportation fee (per person) if you use the bus service.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta, a parishioner and also a Real Estate Agent, is offering 15% of her Commission to St. Faustina's Construction Fund. Pick up a flyer at the bookcase in the front lobby. We have another real estate agent who is a parishioner who offered to share 20% of her commission with St. Faustina's Parish. **Kim Nigrelli**, of LaRosa Realty, has placed some postcards, and business cards on the bookshelf in the office.



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

for our people,
our ministries,
our future

As of 7/24 we have 214 families pledging \$44,904.00 and paying \$34,745.70 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 42.1% of our 508 families. Please...please...those who have NOT yet pledged, please prayerfully consider helping our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Orlando.

PARISH 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.

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.



valuable to us, but it is much more valuable to our beloved Lord. He wants us to come before Him with our requests, and our thanks, and has given us the gift of Free Will to do so by our own accord. There is a sign-up sheet in main office if you wish to spend some time with the Lord.

If you can't make Friday's Adoration, please go to our web page at: <http://www.stfaustina.org/adoration/blssdsacramentschedule.html> to see a schedule of other opportunities within a short 20 minute driving distance.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR Barbara McAndrew, sister of Debbie Bergeron will be held on **Wed., Aug. 6 @ 6:00 PM**. All are welcome.

The 2016 Mass Intention Booklet will be open on Monday, August 3rd.

ST. FAUSTINA SOUVENIR DRINK TUMBLER'S FOR SALE AFTER MASSES AND AT THE OFFICE. For the rock bottom price of \$10.00 you can pick up a Souvenir Drink Tumbler that has some pictures of the 3 priests who have served at St. Faustina's since its founding in 2006. The tumbler has a twist off lid to protect from spilling, and a straw inserted in the lid for easy drinking. Get these handy tumblers and support our 6 teens who will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in November!

NEXT WEEKEND'S BAKE SALE PROCEEDS will be used to help the 6 teens going to NCYC. Please be ready to help these youngsters by baking some wonderful goodies, and planning to purchase some of those delicious delights.

TUESDAY, August 4th, we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 8 AM Mass. All who wish to have the Lord touch their spiritual, emotional, or physical ills are invited.

FYI...As the summer draws closer to finishing (meaning School starting up soon), our Finance Committees (Wed. 10 AM) and Pastoral Council (Thurs. 7 PM) will be meeting this week. Pray for those involved and if you have any ideas or questions you wish brought up, let a member know.

HELP AND DONATIONS ARE WELCOME: We have about 6 of our teens from the parish who will be attending the National Catholic Youth Council in November of this year. This is a great event for them to experience the Lord in a special way, meet thousands of faith-filled teens from around the United States, and improve their relationship with the Lord and the Church. It is a weekend event to be held in Indianapolis. The teens families will be responsible for the cost which could run up to \$750.00 each. We would like to help them as much as possible; so, we are putting this appeal out to all parishioners. If you would like to help them defray some of the costs, feel free to drop a donation in the offertory in an envelope marked **NCYC Convention**, and we will share the donation equally among the teens. Please be alert...there will ALSO be a few fundraisers in the next couple of months that the teens themselves will run to earn some reduction in costs as well. Please help these youngsters experience the Lord in a new way.

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



HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT YOU WILL FIND DAILY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man." - **St. John Vianney, Cure d'Ars**



Mass Intentions

August 1 to August 9

Sat. 8/1

Exodus 16:2-15 Ephesians 4:17-24 John 6:24-35

4 PM -- Bill Tucci + (Hank & Gloria Pozzuoli)

Sun. 8/2

9:00 AM -- Raymond White + (Friends of Polo Park)

11:00 AM -- Andrew Dioguardi + (Tony Franco)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Wilfredo Rivera Diaz +

(Roberto Vazquez)

Mon. 8/3 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

Numbers 11: 4b-15

Matthew 14:13-21

Tues. 8/4 -- 8 am -- Bill Sulzmann + (wife, Marie)

Numbers 12:1-13

Matthw 14:22-36

Wed. 8/5 -- 8 am -- Donald L. Crowe +

(wife, Kathleen M. Crowe)

Numbers 13:1-35

Matthew 15:21-28

Thurs. 8/6 -- **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

8 am -- For All care-givers and their families

(Carol Arroyo)

Daniel 7:9-14, 2 Peter 1:16-29 Mark 9:2-10

Fri. 8/7 -- **FIRST FIRDAY ADORATION, 8:30 AM TO 5 PM**

8 am -- Good Health of Margaret Kolec (Ruth Milot)

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Matthew 16:24-28

Sat. 8/8

1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30-5:2 John 6:41-51

4 PM -- Healing of Frances Calvin (husband, Leo)

Sun. 8/9

9:00 AM -- Good Health of Margaret Kolec

(St. Faustina Senior Group)

11:00 AM -- Liam Coughlan + (daughter Tara,

Billy and Family)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Living and Deceased Parishioners

of St. Faustina

July 19th Offertory:

\$5,493



Stewardship



St. Paul advises us in his letter to the Ephesians (our Second Reading) to "put away the old self of your former way of life... and put on the new self." Paul is calling for a conversion, a change in how we live. We need to remember the first documented word that Jesus said when He began His ministry was "Repent." It is also crucial that we keep in mind that the original word Jesus said was "metanoeo," the Greek word as reported in Gospels. There are two parts to this word: the first *meta* means "change," and the second *noeo* refers to the mind and its thoughts and perceptions.

Thus, what Jesus was really saying to us was "change your hearts and minds." This is what St. Paul is speaking about when he says we need to "put away the old self... and put on the new self." We are called to conversion; we are called to a change, a transformation that puts God at the center of our lives rather than self and all that goes with that self-centeredness.

This is the stewardship conversion to which we often make reference. This is not a one-time conversion but an ongoing one, a daily one, perhaps even more than once a day. That may sound impossible, but it is not if all we do and all that motivates us is the desire to live as Jesus wants us to. It is not easy, but it is joyful and fulfilling.