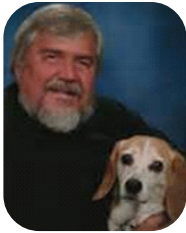


Father Dave's Corner



From our Psalm response today, we are encouraged to **taste and see God's goodness**. It is a goodness that is very bountiful. Elijah found out about God's goodness as he ate what was set before him. By doing so, he was able to travel to Horeb. How often are we tempted to surrender in defeat when things get difficult? Then, somehow, through God's grace, we are able to continue our journey. Many times in our lives we can find

ourselves in the same state that Elijah was in, and yet we are sustained because of God's goodness.

In the letter to the Ephesians, we are called upon to imitate our God. As God's beloved children, we live in love, and that love was engendered by the love of His Son, Jesus Christ. It is the same Jesus who feeds us with the Eucharist, His body and blood, each time we are at Mass. The love of God drives us toward our goal of eternal life.

Many people have a difficult time accepting this. Even in Jesus' time, they had a difficult time understanding what He was trying to tell them. In the Gospel, Jesus is trying to offer people **hope**. Yet the underlying message is still not very well received, much less understood. It is not the first time that Jesus is misunderstood by the people. But this time, it is truly unfortunate. Let us return to the words of Jesus: *Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the Bread of Life.* Why did they close their hearts?

We here know and understand the power of the words of Jesus. We who are partakers of the one bread, one body, know that Jesus is **truly present in the Eucharist**. We who believe do not need any further explanation, because we have the strength of our faith that was handed on to us. It was a seed that was planted in our baptism and is cultivated by our continuing trust in the words of Jesus—such as the words we have heard this day.

As the sons and daughters of a loving and forgiving God, we know the power of love. It is manifested in the forgiveness of our Lord. God forgives us in Christ. But God also **SUSTAINS** us in Christ. Our prayer can be that we will respond to God's grace, much as Elijah did, which will assist us on our journey of faith. Sustained by the love of God and following the light of Christ, we will be guided to our heavenly home. We need only to be directed by the Holy Spirit. God is so good! Let us encourage others to **taste and see the goodness of the Lord**. (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

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.

BUILDING GOD'S PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,026,475
(as of July 26, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK: On Tuesday, 8/11, Miller's Ale House invites us back for an ALL DAY event. Present your flyer before ordering and whatever you eat or drink from 11 AM to closing, the parish will receive 10 % of your total for our building fund. Please pick up the flyers at the church entrances and help us if you can. **DINE TO DONATE RESULT:** On July 28th, we received a check from Flipper's Pizzeria in the amount of \$74.25 for our July 14th event. Many thanks for participating and please be sure to patronize our business partners when you can. **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 Nigreli**, of LaRosa Realty, has placed some postcards, and business cards on the bookshelf in the office.



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.



MUCHOS GRACIAS TO our entire Spanish Community, but especially to these folks who organize and prepare the wonderful foods and goodies that are sold at the Spanish Mass: Angel & Carmen Pagan, Gualberto & Evelyn Garcia, Maria Edilma Gomez, Jose & Odila Cordeiro, John & Hilda Miller, and Edward Gaetano. Their efforts from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 profited the building fund to the tune of \$3,875.00. May God continue to bless all of you!!!!

SATURDAY, Aug. 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the BVM into Heaven...BUT...since it is a Saturday, there is NO OBLIGATION to attend it as a Holyday (thus no mass here). The 4 PM Mass on Saturday, is the Vigil for Sunday.

PLEASE BE KIND TO FR. TUTTLE... I will be away until Sunday, 8/23 visiting family and friends in Pennsylvania. While I am gone, our favorite replacement priest will be handling all masses at St. Faustina. If anyone ends up in the hospital in need of a priest, please ask for the hospital chaplain on call. If there are any emergencies at your home, please call the parish office during the day and the staff will try to help you with getting a priest. Please pray for safe travels, and a quiet time of substitution for Fr. Tuttle.

THIS 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.

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

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.



HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF WHAT YOU WILL FIND DAILY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

"This Lord of ours is so anxious that we should desire Him and strive after His companionship that He calls us ceaselessly, time after time, to approach Him . . . His appeals come through the conversations of good people, or from sermons, or through the reading of good books; and there are many other ways, of which you have heard, in which God calls us. Or they come through sicknesses and trials, or by means of truths which God teaches us at times when we are engaged in prayer; however feeble such prayers may be, God values them highly." — **St. Teresa of Avila**

"If it was, as we have said, a high honor to Joseph to be chosen as the spouse of Mary and accepted by her, what must we say of the dignity conferred on him in being chosen by the Son of God Himself to be His father?" — **Edward Healy Thompson**



Mass Intentions

August 8 to August 16

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) -- Ismael Aponte + (Roberto Aponte)

Mon. 8/10 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

2 Corinthians 9:6-10 John 12:24-26

Tues. 8/11 -- 8 am -- Healing for Fr. James Judge

(Kathy Crowe)

Deuteronomy 31:1-8 Matthew 18:1-14

Wed. 8/12 -- 8 am -- Albert Gillis 12th Ann + (Fr. Dave)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Matthew 18:15-20

Thurs. 8/13 -- 8 am -- Dorothy Bentley + (Kathy Crowe)

Joshua 3:7-17 Matthew 18:21-19:1

Fri. 8/14 -- 8 am -- Gordon Bolle + (Chauncey Family)

Joshua 24:1-13 Matthew 19:3-12

Sat. 8/15 **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

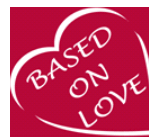
4 PM -- George Daignault + (wife, Annette)

Sun. 8/16

9:00 AM -- Deceased of Delena Family from Lucretia
11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (husband, Thomas)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Ismael Aponte + (Roberto Aponte)

July 26th Offertory:

\$4,945



As of 7/31 we have **214** families pledging **\$44,904.00** and paying **\$34,835.70** 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.

Stewardship



The city of Ephesus was one of St. Paul's major centers of operation. Although his letter to the Ephesians is not lengthy (it is about one-third the size of his letters to the Corinthians), many scholars consider it to be the most theologically sound of all his letters.

One of Paul's major purposes in writing it was to make clear to the Gentiles that they have been brought together with the Jews in the Body of Christ.

Unity is important, as much now as in the early Church. Furthermore, Ephesians is one of Paul's most encouraging letters. In the interest of Christian unity Paul includes an important piece of advice in today's Second Reading: "All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."

The idea of forgiveness is so important to us if we truly wish to be Christians and good stewards. Most of us understand that we need to be forgiven, but that does not make it any easier for us to forgive. Yet, that is at the basis of our ability to be unified and loving in the way Paul advises. When we learn to forgive, we take a large step toward holiness, as indicated by the famous quote from Alexander Pope, "To err is human, to forgive, divine."