

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:

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm
Friday, 10 am to 1 pm
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**TRUE
FAITH
MANIFESTS
ITSELF THROUGH OUR
ACTIONS**

Week of Sept. 12 to Sept. 20

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

Clergy

Parochial Administrator
Father Dave Gillis
Assisting Priest
Father Fernando Gil

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4 pm
Sunday, 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



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*

**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.

Father Dave's Corner



Today's Gospel challenge to "Take up Your Cross" is a familiar one...and today's corner will give you some modern-day examples of people who have done this...and done it well enough to be great examples to us!

Lauren Hill played basketball for Lawrenceburg High School in Indiana. Her dream was to play basketball in college when she contracted an inoperable brain cancer that would eventually take her life.

A young woman of faith, she helped prepare her family for her death, even as her dream continued in her freshman year at Mt. St. Joseph University. When her dominant right side was weakened by cancer, she developed the ability to dribble and shoot with her left hand. Not knowing how much time she had left to play, the NCAA allowed for the opening game against Hiram College to be moved up two weeks, when she scored four points before an overflow crowd at Xavier University. She would play in four more games and score six more points before she was sidelined with weakness.

Her faith enabled her to keep a very positive attitude. She said that she did not regret her cancer. It would now enable her to raise money to support research for a cure of the disease that normally attacks much younger children. Her goal was to raise one million dollars for research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She raised close to two million dollars before her death, and the total continued to rise. Her oncologist was among the many to be inspired by this 19 year old woman of faith.

There are many Christians in Arab countries who refuse to convert to Islam or to pay their tax and are horribly executed while breathing the name of Jesus. We should pray for these modern Christian martyrs that we may be able to take up our own crosses daily and follow Jesus.

A deacon with a Ph.D. in physics left his well-paying job to joyfully attend to the needs of his severely handicapped wife whom he vowed to live in sickness and in health. It was part of his diaconal ministry and his promise to her. Marriage vows most often involve a cross of one kind or another, as when one spouse daily spends time with the other, even though he/she no longer knows who the spouse is.

A couple chooses NOT to have an abortion when they are informed that the child they are carrying will be born with severe handicaps. Parenthood very often involves taking up the cross of raising one or more children with love and commitment.

Notre Dame de Namur Sister Dorothy Stang committed herself to assisting the poor farmers in the Amazon forest in their struggle with the corporate logging industry that threatened their land and their way of life. Dorothy received many death threats, but continued her ministry. In a 2005 phone call to her brother here in the States, she confided, "I think they will kill me tomorrow." The next morning on her way to meet her beloved farmers, she encountered armed thugs who raised their firearms against her. Recognizing their weapons, she said, "Let me show you my weapon" and took out the Scriptures to begin reading the Beatitudes when they shot and killed her. She is known and venerated as the "martyr of the Amazon." (Harry J. Meyer...Homily Helps, St. Anthony Messenger Press)

Jesus challenges US to take up OUR cross and follow Him. The only way that we can do so, like those mentioned today, is by remaining in constant contact with Him through the Body and Blood He offers! May we stand strong and bear the weight of those crosses faithfully!

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

Father Dave



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: \$1,045,452
(as of August 30, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Texas Roadhouse invites us back on Tuesday, 9/15 from 3:30-9:00 PM. No flyer needed. Just write St. Faustina on your receipt and drop it in the box at the hostess stand and the construction fund gets 10% of what you eat and drink. Thanks for participating. **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%. **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS:** On 8/29 we received a check from Devenney's Irish Pub for our July 28th event in the amount of \$150.00. Many thanks to all who participated.

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

2015-16 Faith Formation

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



October is Respect For Life Month

OCTOBER IS RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH...Our parish has a newly formed Respect Life Committee and will be giving away various items and information for all life. "Every Life is Worth Living" and during October you will see inserts in the bulletin as well as flyers throughout the parish. Also, please regularly check our web site and Facebook page for information from the Diocese of Orlando and Bishop Noonan. We will have prayer cards and personal novena cards available. We are a people OF life and a people FOR life, and especially now with such heart-wrenching truths coming forward as to what is happening in the abortion mills. **WE MUST DO SOMETHING POSITIVE!!!!**...learn what is happening, know what the truth says, and BE PART OF THE PLAN TO CHANGE THE HORRIBLE CRIME AGAINST BABIES, THEIR PARENTS, AND THE WORLD.

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.



SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR SISTER DIOCESE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC will be taken up NEXT week, September 20th. There IS an envelope in your box...and there will be a guest speaker sharing some of their experiences with us after the homily. PLEASE be as generous as you can for the folks in our sister diocese.

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.

THIS Week's BAKE SALE will benefit those teens going on the above mentioned trip.

PARISH MOVING UPDATE: While I was away in August, Darryl of the Design and Construction Office of the Diocese was busy. He was soliciting 3 bids for contractors to do the build-out work of our new worship suite at the Sweet Bay Mall. On 8/27, the 3 contractors were able to visit the site and see what they had to work with and compare the working plans with the reality. Before I left on 8/10, I was informed that the Lease for the new site was finalized by the Diocese, but I do not have ALL of the specifics. I WAS informed that the New Landlord agreed to give us the first 6 months rent free to compensate us for some of the costs of the build out. When I get the specifics, I will let you know. AT THIS TIME, we NEED you to do some heavy duty praying! As I have been saying all along, I DO NOT WANT TO STAY HERE PAST 11/30/15. However, we are now only 11 weeks from that deadline. Please PRAY that all the permits from the County and all the construction work, and moving work can get done in this time. (In case you're wondering...I have been pushing them on this process since early April...and they kept saying, "we have time...you'll get there before the 30th.")

THANKS TO ALL WHO FILLED OUT THE CARDS FOR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT...If you did not get a chance to do so, feel free to pick one up at the office OR just VOLUNTEER for any of the ministries that we have available. Remember, when we move to the new worship space, we will probably need more help to keep everything moving smoothly. PLEASE remember what OUR PRAYER says...This CHURCH is ONLY as good, loving and active AS YOU MAKE IT!!!

CONFIRMATION CLASS REMINDER: We remind ALL parents of youngsters who are in need of Confirmation that it is a 2 year program. Attendance at 8th Grade Faith Formation Classes is Mandatory in order to be included in the 9th Grade Confirmation Preparation Program. Confirmation will be celebrated in the Spring of the students 9th grade (or older) Academic year. Remember, that Confirmation is necessary for anyone who wishes to be a Godparent in the future...and is actually, expected in order to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please encourage your teen to accept this Sacrament of the Holy Spirit to aid them in their lives.

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

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



Mass Intentions

September 12 to September 20

Sat. 9/12

Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-28 Mark 8:27-35

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

Sun. 9/13

9:00 AM -- Cyril Brunousky + (Celia & Jim Kelly)

11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty +

(husband, Thomas Doherty)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Angel Villegas + (Linda Velia)

Mon. 9/14 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:13-17

Tues. 9/15 -- 8 am -- Peggy Stoffel + (Elaine Goth)

1 Timothy 3:1-13

John 19:25-27

Wed. 9/16 -- 8 am -- Harry Allen Alcorn + (Frances C. Alcorn)

1 Timothy 3:14-16

Luke 7:31-35

Thurs. 9/17-- 8 am -- C. Francis Houk, Sr. + (R. Satterlee)

1 Timothy 4:12-16

Luke 7:36-50

Fri. 9/18 -- 8 am --Healing for Jurs Family (Celia & Jim Kelly)

1 Timothy 6:2-12

Luke 8:1-3

Sat. 9/19

Wisdom 2;12-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37

4 PM -- Adele Cangialosi + (Celia & Jim Kelly)

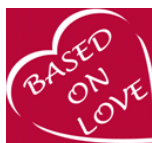
Sun. 9/20

9:00 AM -- Paul E. Casey, 2nd Ann. + (Family)

11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (husband, Thomas)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Gamaliel Cruz +

(Mr. & Mrs. Marcos Flecha)



As of 9/4 we have 214 families pledging \$44,563.00 and paying \$37,499.33 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.

August 30th Offertory:

\$4,045,452



Stewardship



"Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." (James 2: 18) In our Second Reading from the Letter of James we are challenged to have a living faith, a faith backed up by action. This is a concept which has been debated ever since Jesus invited

us to be His disciples. Is our faith enough to save us, or must we do more? James certainly thinks we need to do more.

James is making reference to something termed by most theologians as "living faith." That kind of faith is exemplified by being an active participant in building the Kingdom. It is more than attending Mass and praying. It is the kind of faith to which we are called through stewardship. Our faith communities, our parishes, are filled with ministries and ways that we can serve and reach out to those in need. Perhaps we need to find a way to be involved in something, anything, to be an active member of our communities, a focused and participating steward.

God knows who and what we are. For some of us prayer and a complete trusting faith is most likely enough. However, James is trying to let us know that if we can, we need more. We need to find ways to live out our faith as stewards of our many gifts.