

St. Faustina Catholic Church

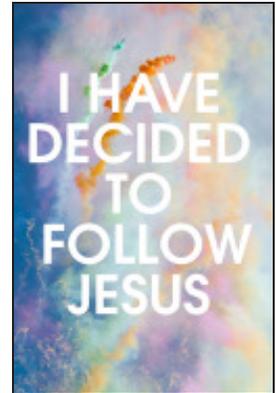


St. Faustina Parish is a community of Roman Catholics inspired by the Holy Spirit called to reflect God's Divine Mercy, to foster spiritual growth, and attend to the temporal and spiritual needs of all God's people.

Parish Office Hours & Contact Information:

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm
Friday, 10 am to 1 pm
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Week of Sept. 19 to Sept. 27

Twenty-Fifth 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*



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 readings show us two different kinds of wisdom. What we would instinctively call **wisdom** is very different from what the Book of Wisdom, the Epistle of James, and the Gospel of Mark present as wisdom. We are challenged to choose between the world's understanding of wisdom and God's.

By now, we are accustomed to seeing pictures of Pope Francis kissing little children. These are more than the photo ops of a clever politician. They are declarations of Pope Francis' determination to follow "the wisdom from above" shown by Jesus in today's Gospel reading. The Epistle of James presents an accurate picture of the sorry state of the world. We are not strangers to wars, disorders, and foul practices. The kind of childish conduct described in the Book of Wisdom has NOT abated in our supposedly more advanced times. Even in the Church, the petty attitudes of the disciples continue to surface. Some of these attitudes may have even been evident in the run-up to next month's Synod of Bishops.

Today's passage from the Book of Wisdom describes a scene more appropriate to a children's playground than to a gathering of adults. The just person offends the plotters. His words and conduct contradict their way of operating. He makes them feel uncomfortable. (Pope Francis is making many people feel uncomfortable these days with his emphasis on the poor, the discarded, the peripheries, and the environment.) Rather than examining their consciences and making needed adjustments, the plotters scheme to make the just one's life miserable. Their machinations remind us of the taunts of the crowd at Jesus' crucifixion: "He trusted in God. Let Him deliver him, if He delights in him." (Likewise, the internet is full of negative comments about Pope Francis and his agenda.)

Jesus gave a thumbnail sketch of what He would undergo in His passion. He foretold a happy outcome to His sufferings...a resurrection after three days. The disciples did NOT understand what He was talking about...and were afraid to ask Him to explain. They were more concerned about arguing over which one of them was the greatest. Their rivalry showed them to be the kind of people James condemned: covetous, envious, at war with one another.

Jesus used a child as a visual aid, to try to teach them "wisdom from above." Children in ancient Palestine were the weakest of the weak. Jesus was willing to become "the last of all and the servant of all," to put Himself on the bottom of the social ladder, a criminal condemned to a brutal form of capital punishment. The disciples eventually abandoned their dreams of glory and became TRUE followers of Jesus. But it took a long time and a lot of adjustment. They had to accept THE WAY described by James: peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy, not angry, ambitious, or aggressive. Jesus "was led as a lamb to the slaughter." THIS is NOT the way to a worldly success story (or a way that WE would be willing to easily accept.) It is THE WAY Jesus asks us to choose. It takes a faith that goes against our natural instincts to believe that the path of sacrifice, service, and even death is NOT defeat but RESURRECTION. May we have the COURAGE to follow the WAY OF THE LORD! (Rev. Paul J. Schmidt, Homily Helps, St. Anthony Messenger Press).

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

Father Dave

September 6th Offertory:

\$6,505



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: \$1,048,484
(as of September 6, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: TUESDAY, Sept. 22nd at DiRomio's near Polo Park from 11 AM to closing...no flyer needed. Just place your receipt in the box on the bar and the parish will receive 10% of what you ate and drank. **On Tuesday, Sept. 29th, we go back to Gator's Dockside in Cagan's Crossing.** No flyer needed from 11 AM to Closing, just drop your receipt in the box at the hostess stand, and we will receive 15% of all you eat and drink. Please help us if 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%. **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS:** On Aug. 31st, we received a check from Flipper's Pizzeria in the amount of \$30.12 from our July 14th event...on 9/3, we received a check from Texas Roadhouse in the amount of \$150.00 for our Aug. 18th event and the Sundays in August. Many thanks for participating.

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.**

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.



LABOR DAY RAFFLE RESULTS: On Sunday, September 6th, we picked 3 winning tickets for our raffle. Total cash collected was \$1,237.00. 1st Prize (25% of total cash); \$309.25 went to our parishioner Dee Smith of Windmill Village, and she was kind enough to donate ½ back to the Construction Fund...2nd Prize (15%); \$185.55 went to Ohichi Ukegbu, a visitor from Taylor,

Michigan, and she also graciously donated money back to us in the amount of \$85.55...3rd Prize (10%) \$123.70 went to our parishioner Marie Miele of Bass Lake, who generously donated \$60 back to the Construction Fund...The TOTAL donated back from 3 winners was \$295.55...MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. The parish share was \$618.50 (before donations).

MUCHOS GRACIAS to our Spanish Community Rosary Makers...for their recent donation (on 9/11/15) of \$1,000.00 to our Construction Fund. Gualberto & Evelyn Garcia, Jose & Odila Cordeiro and their helpers continue to make and sell these rosaries. God's Blessings on all of them!!!

SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES: "Thank you so much for your support and generosity to our 2014 Catholic Charities Annual Special Collection. Your \$2,717.00 empowered countless individuals who simply needed mercy, expressed through our good deeds. Be assured of our prayers for the entire parish of St. Faustina."

ST. FAUSTINA FEAST DAY DINNER AT WINDMILL VILLAGE: On Sunday, Oct. 4th, we will have a special dinner to celebrate our Patroness' Feast day (Oct. 5th). Dinner will be served at the Windmill Village Clubhouse in 2 sittings: from 2-5 PM and then from 6-8 PM. Menu includes Ham with Pineapple Sauce, Stringbeans Almondine, Sweet Potato Casserole (or Baked Potato), cold drinks and desserts. Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person. We DO NEED YOUR HELP...we need bakers to bake and donate desserts...we need some volunteers to help serve the food at both sittings and of course, some cleanup help. Please sign the sheet in the front office or call Carol at the office. Tickets are available for sale after all masses.

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.")

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.



Mass Intentions

September 19 to September 27

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)

Mon. 9/21 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

Ephesians 4:1-13

Matthew 9:9-13

Tues. 9/22 -- 8 am -- Healing for Sylvia Greci

(Celia & Jim Kelly)

Ezra 6:7-20

Luke 8:19-21

Wed. 9/23 -- 8 am -- Anniversary Blessings Dennis & Karen

Anderson--56 years (Diane Anderson)

Ezra 9:5-9

Luke 9:1-6

Thurs. 9/24-- 8 am -- Peggy Stoffel + (Mary Casey)

Haggai 1-8

Luke 9:7-9

Fri. 9/25 -- 8 am --Walter Scott + (R. Satterlee)

Haggai 2:1-9

Luke 9:18-22

Sat. 9/26

Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-48

4 PM -- Cyril Brunousky + (Celia & Jim Kelly)

Sun. 9/27

9:00 AM -- Sergio Garcia & Maria Z + (Esther Garcia)

11:00 AM -- Carol Schanen + (Ken & Lynda Schanen)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Magin Pagan + (Angel Pagan)



As of 9/11 we have 218 families pledging \$45,929.00 and paying \$38,299.33 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 42.9% of our 508 families. Please...please...those who have NOT yet pledged, please prayerfully consider helping our brothers and sisters.

PARISH MINISTRIES UPDATE

The Legion of Mary meeting has been changed to: MONDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 1:00-2:30PM. MEETING IN THE CHURCH LOBBY AREA...**The Senior Activities Ministry** meets on Thursdays from 12:30 until 2:30 pm

Stewardship



Jesus makes things clear to us in terms of how we are to treat those around us and how we are to try to live as Christians in the world. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." The idea of being a servant may be disagreeable to

many of us, if not downright unacceptable. We live in a world — and the world has been like this for some time — where being humble and looking to serve others first is not easy.

In ancient China, the wealth and prestige of a person was measured by how many servants he had. Jesus' point to us is that He measures people not by how many serve them, but how many people they serve. One of the hallmarks of stewardship is service. The Four Pillars of Stewardship have been described as follows: prayer, hospitality, formation, and service. It is this fourth one, service, about which Jesus is speaking in today's Gospel.

Recent research has found that one of the most quoted people of recent time is Blessed Mother Teresa. She often spoke of love and service. This is one of her better-known sayings: "Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service."