

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.



This Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm

Week of Sept. 26 to October 4

**Twenty-Sixth 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

Parish Office Hours & Contact Information:

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm

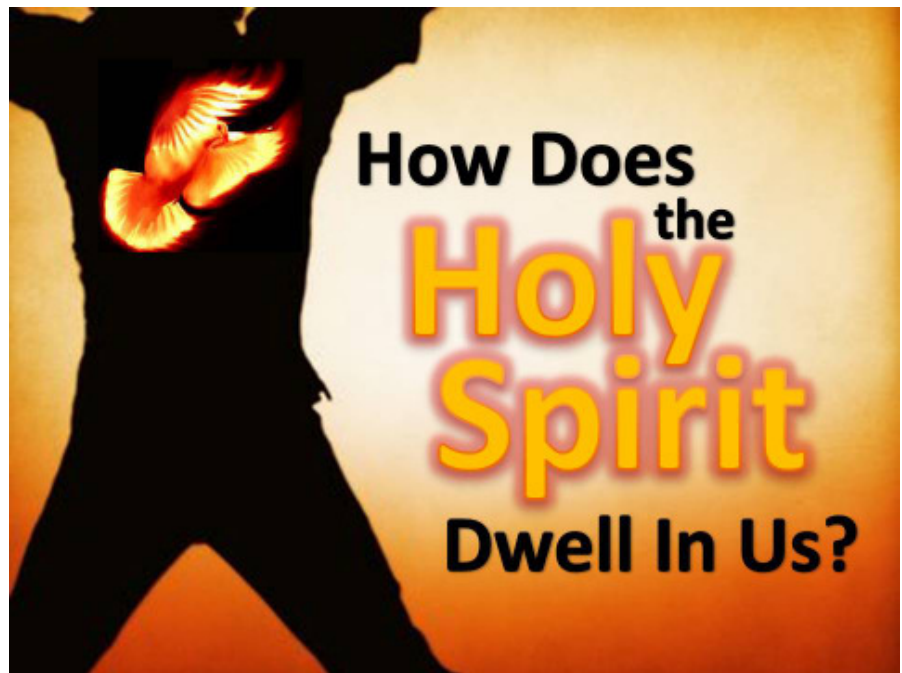
Friday, 10 am to 1 pm

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Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org



Be sure to read Father Dave's column

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.

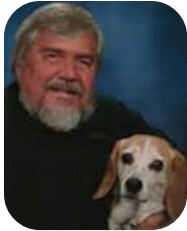
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



As Catholics every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we tend to think, or say, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit fills the Word for us. In fact, according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church (#687)* "God's Spirit, who reveals God, makes known to us Christ, His Word, His living Utterance, but the Spirit does not speak of Himself...the Spirit makes us hear the

Father's Word...we know Him only in the movement by which He reveals the Word to us."

The third member of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is sometimes the forgotten member of the Trinity, but it is the Spirit who dwells within us, and who is the major force in our lives. Today's readings all reach into the depths of understanding in relation to the Holy Spirit.

The Book of Numbers of the Old Testament is so named because it is filled with numerical data—statistics, censuses, population data, priestly figures, and more. However, it is also part of the history found in Genesis, Exodus, and Leviticus as well. The Holy Spirit is evident from the beginning; the second verse from Genesis 1 includes the statement "The Spirit of God was stirring above the waters." The Spirit fills the Old Testament and our 1st reading today that begins: "The Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the Lord bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied." Moses was filled with the Holy Spirit as were others whom God had chosen. **We, too, are filled with the Spirit**, but we must be open to Him working with us.

The past few weeks, the 2nd readings from the Letter of James speak of and often refer to a "living faith." This "living faith" IS THE HOLY SPIRIT working within us and coming alive in the way we live, the way we treat and love others. Although on the surface James seems to be condemning the "rich" in today's reading, he is saying that it is the rich who may be most likely to think they can live independently from God; that they do not need the Lord. Nevertheless, they, like all of us, must be **completely dependent upon God**. They must strive to be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to overcome the dangers of wealth. This is shown by how they love, how they recognize that their gifts need to be used to serve God, the Church, and people in need.

In the Gospel, the Lord Jesus, points out to us that our major interest SHOULD be in seeing the Holy Spirit within ourselves and using that Spirit in His name to make a difference in our world. Again it is the *Catechism of the Catholic Church (#689)* that explains it best: "The One whom the Father has sent into our hearts, the Spirit of His Son, is truly God...When the Father sends His Word, He always sends His Breath. In their joint mission, the Son and the Holy Spirit are distinct but inseparable." We may see Christ, but it is the Spirit who reveals Him to us. (Homily guides, Stewardship reflections on Lectionary)

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

Father Dave



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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



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: \$1,049,821
(as of September 13, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: 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%.

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.

September 13th Offertory:
\$5,991



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.



BLESSING OF OUR ANIMALS: On Saturday, Oct. 3rd (day before Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), we will meet in the back parking lot at 10 am to have a special blessing of these wonderful creatures. We will have a short liturgy of the word...prayer of blessing....sprinkling with holy water...and a treat or two.

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.

UPDATE ON NEW WORSHIP SPACE (as of 9/17): The Diocesan Office of Design and Construction and our parish leaders have chosen the A.D. Owens Construction Company of Orlando to do the buildout work on our new worship space and office/meeting areas. They were the lowest of 3 bids at the amount of \$316,731.00. Their projection of work completion is 9 weeks. In talks with the owners of the property, the Diocesan negotiator was able to have the landlord promise to reimburse us for certain permanent parts of the buildout (such as air conditioning, restrooms, etc.) in the amount of \$169,284.00. In addition, we are receiving the first 6 months of the units rent free (about 3 months of those will be during the construction work). With inspections by Lake County and barring any delays during construction, we are projected to be in the new site by mid-December(needless to say, we didn't make the Nov. 30th deadline and that means we will be paying extra rent to our present landlords so we can continue to say mass here until the other site is given its Certificate of Occupancy). PLEASE KEEP PRAYING!!!

NCYC FUND-RAISING REPORT: As of 9/15/15, our teens going to the Youth Conference have been able to raise a pretty good amount of cash to help defray their expenses. The Drink Tumbler sales totaled \$1,980.00. The Bake sale in August raised \$894.50 and the one in September raised \$578.72. In addition, some parishioners have donated directly to individual teens or to all 6. Many thanks.

FINAL FUNDRAISER for Our NCYC TEENS will be a car wash that will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 12 to 4 pm at Texas Roadhouse. Have lunch while you are waiting for your car and we will receive 10% of your check as well. You or a business/company you are involved with can still be **COMPANIONS on the JOURNEY** by giving to the following levels: **CLOTHE-A-PILGRIM (\$25)** Help the students show off their St. Faustina pride by helping them purchase parish clothing items; **FEED-A-PILGRIM (\$75)** The Diocesan package does not include dinner the Thursday and Friday of the conference or any lunches during the three days; **CARRY-A-PILGRIM (\$250)** would provide the round-trip flight and transportation to and from the hotel and airport in Indianapolis; **ADOPT-A-PILGRIM (\$450)** would pay for the entire Orlando Diocese traveling pilgrim package, including all travel, lodging, covered meals, registration, and a few other items.

THE DIOCESE ANNUAL BLUE MASS for the safety of our local Heroes will be held on Tuesday, September 29 at 12:10 pm at St. James Cathedral, 215 N. Orange Avenue in downtown Orlando. Bishop Noonan invites you to celebrate and pray for these dedicated individuals who risk their lives to protect us as members of law enforcement, fire & rescue and public safety. Free parking is available on the corner of Orange Avenue and West Robinson Street. Please arrive early as parking is limited.

For information regarding **A MESSAGE FROM CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE ON THE REFUGEE CRISIS**, please see our web site at: <http://www.stfaustina.org/helpsyrianrefugees.html>



Mass Intentions

September 26 to October 4

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)

Mon. 9/28 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

Zechariah 8:1-6 Luke 9:46-50
Tues. 9/29 -- 8 am -- John Arroyo + (wife, Carol)
Daniel 7:10-14 John 1:47-51

Wed. 9/30 -- 8 am -- Sr. Mary Lourdes Donovan +

(Nancy Harrigan)
Nehemiah 2:1-8 Luke 9:57-62

Thurs. 10/1-- **Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus**

8 am -- Donald Crowe + (wife, Kathy Crowe)
Nehemiah 8:1-12 Luke 10:1-12

Fri. 10/2 -- **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, 8:30 am to 5 pm**

8 am -- Bill Sulzmann + (wife, Marie)
Exodus 23:20-23 Matthew 18:1-10

Sat. 10/3

Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16
4 PM -- Nancy Houck + (R. Satterlee)

Sun. 10/4

9:00 AM -- Paul Murray + (Regina Weigand)
11:00 AM -- Barbara McAndrew + (Nancy Harrigan)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Fransisco Morales +
(RosaLinda Bautista)

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

As of 9/18 we have **219** families pledging **\$46,004.00** and paying **\$38,886.84** toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is **43.1%** of our 508 families. Those who have NOT yet pledged, please prayerfully consider helping our brothers and sisters.



Stewardship



It has often been said that it is not the size or nature of the gift which is important; it is the attitude in which it is given. It is what is in one's heart that is important. There are many quotes about this kind of giving, including that wonderful line in the Prayer of St. Francis, "It is in giving that we receive."

Jesus makes reference to the importance of giving in today's Gospel from St. Mark: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." Giving a cup of water may not seem significant to us, but to God, who sees into our very hearts, it can be of great consequence.

The keys are that the gifts are given out of love, not pity or guilt or because we may be blessed with excess. And they are given in Jesus' name. Giving, especially of self, is a sign of our commitment to being a disciple of Jesus and as a sign that we truly "Love our neighbor." Giving in this way is at the nucleus of stewardship. However, it can only be achieved if we have undergone a conversion of heart which leads us to understand that it is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.