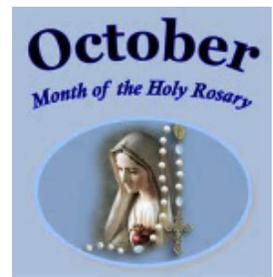


# St. Faustina Catholic Church



*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 Oct. 3 to Oct. 11**

**Twenty-Seventh 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*

WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE  
**LEAST OF THESE**  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE  
**YOU DID FOR ME**

Matthew 25:31-46



**October is Respect for Life Month**

**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 IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY...OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH...these themes have been shaped by the Roman Catholic Church for more than 60 years; first as a response to the federal law that made abortion on demand the law of the land in the USA...but, we have come to realize that our God...and therefore, our Church is ALL ABOUT LIFE...ESPECIALLY, HUMAN LIFE!

God breathed His life only into humans. In doing so, he imbued us with HIS ESSENCE. We are MADE to share that love with each other. Jewish sages wrote the Book of Genesis as a series of meditations on the origin of the universe and the genesis of humankind. A popular form of Jewish writing was employed, setting forth very profound ideas in simple forms of storytelling.

Everything happened, they told us, because a **caring and loving creator** in the beginning willed it so. All that has happened comes from His personal love and inner drive to share Himself. All lovers know of that inner drive. God did not create anything by chance—everything is purposeful, especially man and woman who are created in **God's own image and likeness** so that He can share Himself with them as He does with NO OTHER CREATURES. He breathed His life, Genesis tells us, only into man and woman, not into His other creatures.

Note that the creation of man was *prior to the creation of any other form of life* (Gen. 2:18-24—the “second” story of creation). Into man God breathed His Spirit, His very life and love. God then created the garden and all of the other wonderful creations found in the universe and in our world. Then God said that it was “not good that man should be alone.” So he brought all sorts of creatures to Adam and had Adam name them. But none of them could overcome Adam's loneliness. God did not go back to the soil to create a woman...God went into Adam's very nature and from that part closest to his heart, Adam's rib, God fashioned a woman.

In THAT moment Adam realized that his loneliness had been overcome and that he was *now complete*. He had found in her the other half of his heart and soul and he gave her a name that identified her as *essential to his own nature*. He called her “woman,” his other half.

God, in His nature, is NOT solitude. **God, in His nature, is driven to share love.** God is so good that He cannot keep it all to Himself. In making man and woman with an inner drive to find themselves in each other, each finding their self in the other, God was expressing in our humanity, **His own inner reality!** We are made to belong. In belonging to each other we

mirror our belonging to God. In belonging to each other we share in God's love and in His own drive to belong to us. (Sunday Homilies...Diocese of Lansing).

This beautiful teaching about the nature of our God should touch us deep inside our core and inspire us to be filled with unimaginable joy! To think that our God loves us this much! No human person should ever feel as if they are worthless. No human person should EVER MAKE another person feel as if they are worthless or treat another human being as a problem to be discarded. THIS IS WHAT RESPECT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT!

A number of groups in the United States have piggy-backed on the Church picking October as Respect Life Month, and they have made it Domestic Violence Awareness Month and National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. And that is OK. It is NOT hard at all to include ending Domestic Violence as one of the goals of Respecting Human Life. If we re-read the section above speaking of how we become COMPLETE, there is NO DOUBT that this violence upon another is an evil to be eradicated, and certainly NOT a way to show respect. National Breast Cancer Awareness can also fit into our theme without too much stress...really, **anything** we do to help eradicate illness, disease, and evil that is thrust upon human beings fits this theme well.

One of the criticisms of the Catholic Church's Respect Life movement has been that it focuses ONLY ON ABORTION. That is untrue! There is no doubt that abortion on demand is the genesis of the movement because it is such a heinous act and couched in terms of providing GOOD health care for the women in the U.S. and the world. Those who are Pro-Life are often accused by their opponents as being against good health care for women, especially, the poor. That is hogwash!

The Respect Life movement in the Catholic Church has included many different issues that deal with human life (some, individual Catholics have a hard time accepting): Euthanasia or assisted suicide which is now legal in a number of states in the U.S. and countries in the world; Capital punishment (the death penalty for criminals) is also on our list as being against God's love for humanity, and not the right thing for civilized nations to be using; the concept of armed conflict or war is being preached as the VERY LAST WAY of dealing with problems among nations, due to the huge capacity we have of eradicating so many human beings with our advanced weaponry; taking care of refugees and helping the poor also fall under this wide umbrella of “taking care of each other.”

We, human beings, have become so overconfident and proud that we don't need God...that we have the talent, the knowledge, the freedom to control our own destiny that it has led us to overstep the boundaries set up by God...the God who LOVES US SO MUCH THAT HE DIED SO WE MIGHT LIVE!

We all need to remember this, and do a better job at loving each other as our God has loved us. When we do, we will surely be seen as making great progress and being TRULY HUMAN!

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

**Father Dave**

## Forty Years of the Most Destructive and Barbaric Public Policy

“As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you.”

The reading from Isaiah shows us how much God delights in human life. He rejoices in us as in a bride. He gives himself to us as a bridegroom is called to do for his beloved. He protects and defends us, and leads us to eternal life—the life that never ends.

His commitment to humanity should be the source of our commitment to human life. Like him, we are to give ourselves for the good of others, starting with the most vulnerable and innocent lives – children at the very beginning of their development in the womb.

The *Roe v Wade* decision which enabled the callous taking of human life by abortion, made abortion legal in America throughout all nine months of pregnancy. This remains the single most destructive and barbaric public policy in our nation.

**October is  
Respect  
For Life Month**



**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.**



**GREAT THANKS for your generosity to the Sister Diocese Collection, \$3,226.00.**

**ST. FAUSTINA FEAST DAY DINNER AT WINDMILL VILLAGE: this afternoon, Sunday, Oct. 4th--tickets available at the door.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Our parishioner, Izarra Grinkey, who celebrates her Quincenara today at our parish. May the Lord protect her, and guide her through the difficult world of adulthood that lies ahead. And may the Lord continue to inspire her mother, Ileana, as she shares her wisdom with this special young lady.

**BELK'S DEPARTMENT STORE CHARITY SALE:** On Saturday, Nov. 7th from 6:00-10:00 AM there is a private ticketed event at the Belk's Dept. Store in Clermont (Citrus Tower Blvd). We are selling tickets here for \$5.00. The parish gets to keep the \$5 for our Building Fund, you get \$5 off your first purchase AND the right to enter the store. There are flyers available listing some of the large savings, but you do need to purchase a ticket. They will be on sale here until the week of the event. Please help us if you can.

**UPDATE ON NEW WORSHIP SPACE (as of 9/22)** We have a fully executed Lease for our new worship space. Remember that we are increasing our interior square footage for worship and meeting/office space by 3,700 sq. ft. That means we will be 77% larger than our present space. In addition, we will have about 200-250 additional parking spaces available to us. Our Diocesan negotiators worked hard to get the best deal that they possibly could for us: We will be paying \$17.44 per square foot (quite a bit lower than the \$19.50 we pay here). But, it is going to be a much larger monthly bill than we are used to paying, (which makes logical sense, since we will have so much more room). It looks like we will be paying \$12,423.09 per month to our new landlord for the first 2 years of the lease (versus the \$7,800 a month here: roughly a 63% increase). While that may send, and has sent, some of us into panic mode... We have proven to the Diocese that we CAN pay it. Remember, that in addition to the monthly rent here, we have also been paying about \$3,200 per month in interest on a loan from the Diocese which is a total of \$11,000. While we have been paying that and continuing to run the parish, we have also been able to put into savings at the end of the past 2 fiscal years over \$175,000. So, we can do it as long as you, the parishioners, and our visitors continue to be as generous as you have been. There is also a "chance" that the Diocese will do something with our loan to reduce the payments to them.

For those of you who have been with St. Faustina Parish since the beginning (2006), this will be your 4th Worship space; each one has been larger and more satisfactory for celebration as a parish family and to truly be CHURCH! Remember, as you have proven for the past 9 years, the Church is the People of God, NOT the building. With this move, we can truly see a light at the end of the tunnel: With the help of God, within the next 3-5 years, St. Faustina Parish will have a permanent church on our property on Route 27! In the meantime, our new worship space address is 1714 US Highway 27, Clermont, FL 34714. The shopping center is called; Glenbrook Commons. It is on the Northeast Corner of the intersection of Rte 27 and Glenbrook Blvd. It is a right turn at the 3rd traffic light (North on 27) of our present sight. Landmarks include a Walgreen's Pharmacy on the corner before the light and a CVS pharmacy on the corner after the light. The shopping center is behind the CVS. If you miss the light, there is a direct entrance into the shopping center just before the AutoZone store. (If you are coming South on 27, you will need to make a left turn at the light where the CVS is located). To exit and go south on 27, you will need to exit at the light. To exit and go north, there is a ramp next to AutoZone.

**NO DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK** BECAUSE of the St. Faustina Feast Day Ham dinner at Windmill Village TODAY (10/4) tickets available at door.

**NO BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND (due to the feast day dinner)**



## Mass Intentions

**October 3 to October 11**

- 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)
- Mon. 10/5 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS---Feast of St. Faustina**  
*Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11 Luke 10:25-37*
- Tues. 10/6 -- 8 am -- Birthday Blessings for Barbara Lou  
(Family)  
*Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 10:38-42*
- Wed. 10/7 -- 8 am -- Healing of Eddie Peters (Mike McBride)  
*Jonah 4:1-11 Luke 11:1-4*
- Thurs. 10/8 -- 8 am -- Blessings on Mike & Barbara McBride  
(32nd Anniv) (Family)  
*Malachi 3:13-20 Luke 11:5-13*
- Fri. 10/9 -- 8 am --Peggy Stoffel + (Kathy Crowe)  
*Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2 Luke 11:15-26*
- Sat. 10/10  
*Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30*  
4 PM -- Daniel McCarthy (+1st Anniv) (Mom & Dad)
- Sun. 10/11  
9:00 AM -- Lance Cpl John Mann + (Margaret Mann)  
11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (husband Thomas)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Living and Deceased Parishioners of  
St. Faustina



**September 20th Offertory:**

**\$5,804**

**Sister Diocese: \$3,226**

**CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,050,717**  
(as of September 20, 2015)

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



Proper stewardship can be defined and measured in a variety of ways. In today's Gospel from Mark, when Jesus notes that His followers are trying to prevent children from "bothering" Him, He states, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." There are two lessons for us in this passage.

The first reminds us of our responsibility as stewards for the children of our faith community. The primary duty for raising and forming children in the faith is, of course, the parents. However, each of us who is baptized into the community and is a vital part of the Body of Christ shares in stewarding these little ones.

A second lesson has to do with Jesus telling us "...whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Small children, infants in particular, are largely helpless. They need us. Jesus' point to us is that we need the Lord. Children understand their dependence. Nevertheless, we sometimes balk at the thought that we are totally dependent upon God. If we reach that conclusion, and if we put our lives into God's Hands, like a child, we are more likely to "inherit the kingdom." Jesus is telling us to trust Him, and that will help us to be the stewards and disciples we are expected to be.