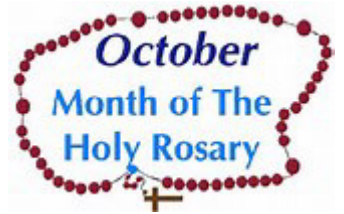


# St. Faustina Catholic Church



*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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Location: 9310 US Highway 192 Suites 1 - 3

Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: [www.stfaustina.org](http://www.stfaustina.org)

Week of Oct. 10 to Oct. 18

## **Twenty-Eighth 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*



## **October is Respect 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.

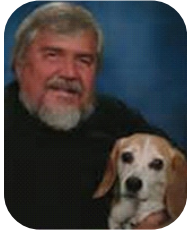
**Marriage** Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



*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 reading is a well-known passage, one we may be tempted to ignore because we think it does not apply to us...after all, we are NOT rich(?). It is important to remember, however, that Jesus **IS** speaking to each of us. The rich man is sincere about wanting to inherit eternal life. His heart is in the right place. We also learn that he **HAS** followed the commandments, the law of God given to us through Moses: Do not kill. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not lie.

The rich man's good intentions and his following of the law are not guarantees to eternal life, however. Why? Because **salvation is God's gift to us and not something we can earn**. Receiving the gift of salvation requires seeking to love God with one's whole being, and letting go of those things that hinder us from growing in our love for God. The rich man was unable to receive the gift of salvation because of his attachment to his wealth and possessions.

The first lesson we can learn from today's readings is that good intentions and following the laws of the Church are NOT sufficient for eternal life. We may be tempted to think that because we attend Mass every Sunday and have followed the Church's rules, we deserve heaven. In reality, **NOTHING WE CAN DO OF OUR OWN ACCORD MAKES US DESERVING OF HEAVEN**; salvation is a **gift that God in His goodness freely offers**. Receiving the gift of salvation that God offers through faith in Jesus requires that we have the right disposition. We strive to love God above all things, love our neighbor as ourselves, and practice the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives.

The second lesson is that in order to love God above all things and to live as a more faithful disciple of Jesus, we must let go of things that hinder us from growing in our love for the Lord. Notice that, for the rich man, the purpose of selling everything and giving to the poor was so that he could follow Jesus. They were **prerequisites for being a disciple**.

Ask yourself: What is keeping me from following Jesus? What in my life am I choosing above Jesus? We can be more concrete: What in my life is keeping me from prayer? What in my life is keeping me from loving my neighbor? What in my life makes me afraid to be Catholic in public? What keeps me from standing up to RESPECT LIFE AND BEHAVE KNOWING THAT: **"EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING?"**

These questions are relevant to all of us, whether we have many possessions like the rich man, or very few. We should remember that Jesus asks us these questions **in a loving way**. The Gospel passage says, Jesus *looked at him and loved him*. Jesus is NOT trying to condemn us. Do not imagine Jesus with His finger wagging. Rather, He invites us into a deeper relationship with Him. Jesus invites us to strive to let go of things that hinder us from growing in our love for Him and following Him more faithfully. Focus on Jesus so that one day we might come to share eternal life in heaven...and, in the meantime, make this world a place of His love and mercy! (Homilies...Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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.

**BUILDING GOD'S PROJECT**

**CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,058,012**  
(as of September 27, 2015)

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, Oct. 13, I LOVE NY PIZZA** restaurant in Cagan's Crossing invites us back all day. From 11 AM until closing, if you give a flyer to your server before ordering, St. Faustina Building Fund will receive 10% of whatever you eat and drink. **Dine to Donate results:** We received a check from Texas Roadhouse on 9/29 in the amount of \$238.00 for our Tuesday, Sept. 15th event AND for the Sundays in September. Many thanks to all who participated. **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%.

**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.

**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--**To find out more about this wonderful opportunity to add to our building fund, please go to our web site: [www.stfaustina.org](http://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.**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigrelli**, parishioners and Real Estate Agents, are offering a portion of their commission to St. Faustina's Construction Fund. Pick up a flyer at the bookcase in the front lobby.

## Abortion and "Personhood"

Abortion continues to deny the inalienable, God-given right to life first mentioned in our Declaration of Independence.



If a "fetus" is wanted by the mother, the unborn child is a person—invariably a very cherished person, as is very evident from attending any baby shower! However, if the mother does not want the child, our law says the unborn child is not a person and therefore has no legal protection whatsoever.

Does this make any sense? Personhood of a child cannot and should not be dependent on the will and wishes of anyone. The unborn child is, or is not a person as a matter of common sense and science, regardless of someone's will or wishes.

Under our current law, "wanted" babies are protected; "unwanted" babies are slaughtered.

**ST. FAUSTINA PARTISH'S RESPECT ALL LIFE COMMITTEE** The heads of the committee are Nancy & Tom Madden. If you would like to get involved, please call the church phone number and we will forward any calls to them.

**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.**



**ALL SOUL'S MASS REMEMBRANCES (Mon. 11/2)**-- If you have loved ones that you would like to remember at this Mass, please use the special envelope in your box and list their names on the back of the envelope. If you are not a registered parishioner, envelopes are provided in the congregation chairs for your use. Your envelope can be placed in the collection basket anytime between now and October 25. The Mass on All Soul's Day will be celebrated for the repose of their souls. We will also leave these envelopes on the altar throughout November and continue to pray for our loved ones.

**GREAT WORDS OF THANKS TO** Dee Smith and all of her volunteers at Windmill Village...to Carol Arroyo and ALL of YOU volunteers of St. Faustina who helped prepare and serve the food for the St. Faustina Feast Day Dinner back on 10/4, and for all of our wonderful bakers who presented our desserts...and to the managers at Windmill Village clubhouse who allowed us to celebrate the dinner there. Financial report will be in next week's bulletin. THANKS TO ALL...YOU ARE GREAT!

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY-PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH COLLECTION** will take place NEXT weekend. This year we are invited to support the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please keep the Missions in your prayers. There is an envelope in your box and we ask you to be as generous as you can to support the World wide Mission of the Catholic Church. There will be NO second collection. Just use your envelope and drop it in the first passing of the baskets.

**NCYC FUND RAISING CONTINUES**--Even though the community fund-raising for the teens is finished, there is still the opportunity to be Companions on the journey with them. The conference will take place Nov. 19-21. Please keep praying for these teens as they prepare for this special event. They will be attending a Diocesan Retreat next Saturday with the rest of the Orlando pilgrims to get them better prepared for this wonderful experience. **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.

**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](http://www.masstimes.org)

**MOVING UPDATE**--If you missed the latest announcement (Sept. 22) regarding the move to our new home, please go to our website at: <http://www.stfaustina.org/buildingupdatehistory.html>



As of 10/2 we have 222 families pledging \$46,899.25 and paying \$40,251.84 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 43.7% of our 508 families. Those who have NOT yet pledged, please prayerfully consider helping our brothers and sisters.

## 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;

4:00 - 5:15--Youth R.C.I.A (Baptized);

6:45 - 8:15 -- Grades 7 & 8



## Mass Intentions

October 10 to October 18

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) -- Maria Carmen Lopez + AND

Luis Augustine Michel + (Maria Bamcosme)

Mon. 10/12 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

Romans 1:1-7

Luke 11:29-32

Tues. 10/13 -- 8 am -- Rui Goncalves + (Auta Goncalves)

Romans 1:16-25

Luke 11:37-41

Wed. 10/14 -- 8 am -- Stephen, Eleanor, & Stephen Paul

Verostko + (Family)

Romans 2:1-11

Luke 11:42-46

Thurs. 10/15 -- 8 am -- Ricardo Goncalves + (Birthday

blings) (Auta Goncalves)

Romans 3:21-30

Luke 11:47-54

Fri. 10/16 -- 8 am --Health of Larry Kavanagh (Billy McCarty)

Romans 4:1-8

Luke 12:1-7

Sat. 10/17

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

4 PM -- Linda May + (Joe May)

Sun. 10/18

9:00 AM -- Marie Santomaso + (Phil Santomaso)

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

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Teresa Rivero (80th Birthday blessings) (Maria del Carmen Ramirez)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONER, Terry Gagnon-Sampiere**, wife of Pete, who died on Oct. 1st. Keep her 2 children, her grandchildren, Pete and all of her family in your prayers as well.

## September 27th Offertory:

\$4,996



## Stewardship



As Catholics, we acknowledge that there will be a Judgment Day, that final day on which Christ comes again, and when we all stand in judgment on how we have lived our lives. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it this way: "When the Lord comes at the end of time to judge the living and the dead,

the glorious Christ will render to each man and woman according to their works, and according to their acceptance or refusal of grace." (#682)

The principal author of our U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter on Stewardship (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*) tried to explain stewardship and how it relates to judgment in this way: "Each of us has received a garden; that garden is the many gifts and graces we have received from God. At our final judgment, the Lord will only ask us one question: 'What have you done with the garden I gave you?'"

That is, of course, a simplified version of judgment, but it is an accurate measure of how we may be judged. We have received gifts, varied and different to be sure, but gifts nonetheless, from a beneficent God. What have we done with those gifts? Have we used them as Christ expects us — to further and build the Kingdom, to help those in need, and to show our love for others by sharing? That is the stewardship way.