

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

Week of Oct. 17 to Oct. 25

Twenty-Ninth 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



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(please see 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



The fundamental vision of the Gospels is that the world has been corrupted by the arrogance of humankind. The world that is seen in the Bible as being evil is not the world of beautiful flowers, glorious sunsets, and innocent children. The world about which the Bible speaks is that network of relationships in which men and women attempt to take unto themselves the power of God. That's what abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide and the

death penalty have in common. Human beings think they have the right to choose between life and death! It is the world where people exploit, dominate, corrupt, enslave, abuse, lie, cheat and kill.

Having said that, the assertion is NOT that the world is totally and irreparably corrupt. It is that human nature has suffered a mortal wound—that we are born with a **will to assert our self over all others**. Psychologists give it a name: egocentrism. Theologians also give it a name: Original sin. We are all born into it. We are not responsible for it, but we are infected by it; it is a genetic disease.

So often we ask: Why do innocent people, good people, have to suffer? Must we suffer to be saved? Do we have to suffer in order to be good? Why is it, we ask, that good and evil can coexist? Why is it that an absolutely good God allows evil to exist? Most of us have asked these questions and similar ones at some point in our lives.

We recoil at the enormity of it all. We wish that the struggle were over. Many shake their fists at God and blame Him for creating a world in which evil exists. Many attempt to make God responsible for all of the evils WE COMMIT. If God is good, they argue, why did God create us with freedom of choice, thereby allowing us to choose against what is good? Why does God allow us to commit evil acts? Many intelligent thinkers and philosophers have used this as proof for their atheism and agnosticism.

In today's Gospel account we find James and John asking Jesus to give them the glory of sitting next to Him in His kingdom. In response, Jesus asks them to face the consequences of evil, to drink from the cup of suffering from which He must drink. He challenges them to respond to the consequences of evil human choices. The mark of a Christian is the **willingness to actively, not passively, accept and then confront the evil that exists within ourselves and in the world around us**. Jesus asks: "Can you drink the cup that I must drink?"

Are pain and suffering to be avoided at all times and at all costs? At first we respond: "Of course!" But is that true? Many have resorted to overuse of alcohol or drugs in order to avoid pain. Do athletes avoid pain? Our soldiers? Don't we suffer at the hands of doctors and dentists in order to be cured of our illnesses?

Following in Jesus' footsteps means not listening to the voice of those who counsel us to avoid pain at all costs, even at the cost of our souls. Following Jesus, we, with Him, drink of the suffering in order to confront evil and all that has gone mad in our world. That is the **ONLY WAY** to reach spiritual and psychological maturity. (Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, MI)

Every Life is Worth Living!!! Even those that may carry pain with them. May the Lord give us the grace to be MORE LIKE HIM!

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

Father Dave

ST. FAUSTINA PARISH'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.



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: \$1,061,181
(as of October 4, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, Oct. 20 our friends at Texas Roadhouse invite us back from 3:00 PM-closing. No Flyer needed. Just drop your receipt in the box at the host stand and the parish will receive 10% of whatever you eat and drink. **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 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.

GREAT THANKS TO our parishioner, Kim Nigrelli of LaRosa Realty for her generous donation of \$1,000.00 to our building fund. This is a part of her commission for a recent sale. If you are planning any sort of Real Estate transaction, we recommend that you contact Kim, since she has been so generous and made us a "partner". Blessings on Kim and her 2 little girls!

Life and Putting Our Faith Into Action

In a culture and world that is hungry for the Truth, we are often challenged to put our faith into action. For example, many of our politicians profess their Catholic faith, but try to divorce the faith which they proclaim from their policies, particularly as this relates to LIFE issues. However, as Christ's followers and as Catholics, we are called to integrate our faith into all aspects of our lives. In fact, we are called to make our faith evident in all our actions and decisions.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us not to hide our light under a bushel basket, but let our light shine before others (Mt 5:15-16). Defense of the unborn—the most vulnerable and defenseless human beings in our society, and the aged as well, is undoubtedly the most important aspect of integrating our faith and actions.

After all, LIFE is the most important gift that God gives us and we should RESPECT ALL LIFE!

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. 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. **THERE WILL BE AN EVENING MASS ON MONDAY, NOV. 2ND, THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS AT 6:00**

ST. FAUSTINA ITALIAN DINNER catered by Carraba's Italian Grill, will take place on Thursday, Nov. 5th, 2015 at Citrus Highlands Clubhouse on Route 27 North, just past the Eagle Ridge Publix shopping center. Two seatings: 4:00-5:30 PM and 6:00-7:30 PM. Buffet Dinner will include a Caesar Salad, Chicken Marsala, Pasta, Bread & Dessert and non-alcoholic beverages (BYOB-alcoholic beverages) for \$10 per person and \$7.00 for children under 12. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available after all masses and at the parish office during the week. Please car pool if you can, since there is limited parking at the clubhouse.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF OUR ST. FAUSTINA FEAST DAY DINNER AT WINDMILL VILLAGE: A total of 180 tickets were sold, 131 @\$10=\$1,310.00 at St. Faustina, the rest at Windmill Village clubhouse (176 dinners were served). There was a total of \$348.00 in donations of Foodstuffs, etc. The 1st 50-50 earned a profit of \$61.00 and another \$60.00 donated back from the winner. The second 50-50 profited \$41.00 and another \$21.00 donated back from the winner. The 3 item raffle set up by Dee and Windmill (orange ticket) earned a profit of \$97.00. they also sold our left over desserts at their Monday Bingo to profit us \$47.00. Our own 3 item raffle (blue ticket) profited \$46.00 after expenses. Total dinner expenses were \$1,055.05 for a TOTAL profit from the day of \$1,437.00. Great thanks to the following folks who made donations to defray expenses: Betsy Bechtel, Ian & Rena Munro, Butch Connelly, Pat Flanagan, Dee Smith, and Philip Santomaso. Winners of our raffle were Pat & Marge Tagler, Dave Gutowski, and Ron. Winners of the 50-50's were K. Johnson and Kathy Crowe. Lil Nicoletti won the Texas Gift Cards and the throw and rosary went to the same individual I repeat my words of thanks from last week's bulletin to Dee Smith and all of her volunteers and to all of the St. Faustina volunteers and bakers. GREAT WORK EVERYBODY!!!

NCYC FUND-RAISING UPDATE: As you know, we have 6 teens going to the NCYConference in Indianapolis Nov. 19-22. They have been participating in numerous fund-raisers the past few months. The results from the general fund-raisers follow: The Drink Tumbler sales in July/Aug. profited a total of \$1,000.00. The August Bake Sale & Spanish Food sales that weekend profited \$894.50. The September bake sale profited \$578.72. The Oct. 3rd Car Wash at Texas Roadhouse profited \$501.00 and the luncheon share that day from Texas Roadhouse was \$40.00. That comes to a total of \$3,013.72 to be shared by the youngsters and reduce their personal costs. In addition to that, there are some parishioners who DID join the teens as "Companions of the Journey" by giving direct donations to the group and some have joined by giving donations to a particular named pilgrim. **ON THE TEENS BEHALF, we thank ALL OF YOU who participated in these fund-raisers, and who have donated in any way to this pilgrimage. There is still time for anyone else who would like to be a "Companion on the Journey" to do so by donating to the group OR one of the individual teens.**

ST. MARIA GORETTI, PATRONESS OF PURITY: Her body, and her major relics are making a pilgrimage here in the United States; and next week, she is in the Diocese of Orlando. On Thursday, Oct. 29th, she will be at Blessed Trinity Church way up in Ocala. See the bulletin board for times of veneration and mass. On Friday, Oct. 30th, she will be a little closer to us at the Basilica of Mary, Queen of the Universe, off I-4. Public veneration begins at 10:00 AM with Mass being held at 7:00 PM and veneration continuing after mass until Midnight. Her greatest virtue was her unyielding forgiveness of her attacker even in the midst of horrendous physical suffering, a forgiveness that would completely convert him and set him on a path to personal holiness. As we prepare for the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy (beginning Dec. 8th), this would be a worthwhile visit if you can make it.



Mass Intentions

October 17 to October 25

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)

Mon. 10/19 -- 8 am -- **NO MASS**

Romans 4:20-25

Luke 12:13-21

Tues. 10/20 -- 8 am -- Paul Slingley + (19th Ann) (Fr. Dave)

Romans 5:12-21

Luke 12:35-38

Wed. 10/21 -- 8 am -- Health of Sara Jones (Ernie Loving)

Romans 6:12-18

Luke 12:39-48

Thurs. 10/22 -- 8 am -- Peggy Stoffel + (Nancy Harrigan)

Romans 6:19-23

Luke 12:49-53

Fri. 10/23 -- 8 am -- Healing of Barbara Mycroft

(Celia & Jim Kelly)

Romans 7:18-25

Luke 12:54-59

Sat. 10/24

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

4 PM -- Peggy Stoffel + (Don Villeneuve)

Sun. 10/25

9:00 AM -- Germaine Loving + (husband, Ernest)

11:00 AM -- Howard Rothwell + (John & Carmela Giaimo)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Adela & Margarita Morales + (Rosalinda Bautista)



October 4th Offertory:

\$6,801

As of 10/9 we have 223 families pledging **\$47,184.25** and paying **\$40,581.84** toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is **43.9%** of our 508 families. Those who have NOT yet pledged, please prayerfully consider helping our brothers and sisters.



Stewardship



Are you involved in a parish ministry? If you are not, you should be from a number of perspectives. First of all, in today's Gospel Jesus tells us, and it is something He wants us to understand and pursue as a goal, "For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." Service, giving of ourselves, is

at the focal point of stewardship.

Genuine ministry is done for and offered for the assistance and aid of those to whom one is ministering, not for the advantage of the one who is ministering. When we join a ministry, whether it is liturgical, service, or spiritually-supporting, although we certainly receive advantages from it, the reality is that we should do it because of the lift and help we can give to others. The fundamental aspect is what we give, not what we receive.

Jesus was a man of great humility. It is this humility to which we need to strive. This is not simple in the society in which we live. However, as the noted author and apologist, C.S. Lewis, once said, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." That is our tribulation as Christian stewards: to put others before ourselves both in reality and in our hearts. With God all things are possible.