

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.

Eucharistic



Adoration

**FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION,
8:30 am to 5 PM
Join us for the Rosary
at 1:00 pm**

Parish Office Hours & Contact Information:

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm
Friday, 10 am to 1 pm

NEW Phone: 352-515-9297 // Fax: 352-559-3920

NEW Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27

Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org

Week of Jan. 9 to Jan. 17

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Clergy

Parochial Administrator

Father Dave Gillis

Assisting Priest

Father Fernando Gil

Winter Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4 pm, 6 PM

Sunday, 7:30, 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



***"You are my beloved Son;
with You I am well pleased."***

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*; Kelly Mucci, *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



A common question seminarians ask of their professors in class is: "When did Jesus know who He really was?" The assumption is that even though He was both human and divine, as He grew from being a little boy to a man, He came to understand who He was and the saving mission that His Father had sent Him to accomplish.

This is confirmed in the signs that occurred after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove and a voice from the heavens was heard saying: "You are my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." After His baptism and the forty days He spent fasting and praying in the desert, Jesus began His public ministry. He began teaching and doing the things necessary to reveal the depths of the Father's love for us, to reveal the Father's plan of salvation, to teach us how to live in order to enter eternal life. Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection would win our salvation and open the way to eternal life. When Jesus began this mission, He did so in firm resolve, with one hundred percent commitment, and in perfect fidelity to the will of the Father.

Similarly, for us to be successful in any endeavor, commitment is essential. Nothing of lasting value happens without it. And commitment is not easy. Our culture sends us many messages that work against keeping our commitments. Thankfully we do, from time to time, come upon stories of heroic men and women who honor their commitments no matter the cost. We hear of mothers and fathers who stay with their children through horrible sicknesses and misfortunes, giving them their message of faithful and steadfast caring love.

Commitment is the key element of all noble adventures, wonderful discoveries and heroic deeds. Jesus started with it. So did Mary, His mother. Likewise, St. Joseph remained faithful to his commitments. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were able to do all that God asked them to do because faith and love for God go hand-in-hand with commitment. Faith and love for God build commitment to living out one's faith, and vice versa.

That's why we have the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and why marriage and ordination are also sacraments. They are really, in a sense, sacraments of commitment. **They are holy moments that fill us with the same Spirit that anointed Jesus Christ in His commitment to begin His saving mission.** Journey now back to your baptism. Open your ears. Hopefully you will hear the voice of God saying: *You are my beloved son. On you my favor rests. You are my beloved daughter and I will love you no matter what!* God's love and mercy enable us to commit ourselves to living as a disciple of Jesus, and give us the grace and strength we need to live out this call. (Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

Father Dave

Christmas Offertory: \$9,444
December 27th Offertory: \$6,021
Retired Religious: \$900



Did you know we had a Facebook page? Please join us for daily devotions and important parish information by going to: St. Faustina Catholic Church from your Facebook page.

Here are a couple of examples from our Daily Devotions:

"For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God." — **St. Teresa of Avila**

"The human soul has so much likeness to God its creator that I surely know of no other way by which one can more easily mount to a knowledge of God than from reflection on one's own soul." — **St. Robert Bellarmine**



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: \$1,123,688
 (as of Monday, December 28, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, 1/12 all day at I LOVE NY PIZZA in Cagan's Crossing. A flyer IS NEEDED. Please present flyer to server before ordering and we will get 10% of your receipt donated to our Building Fund. PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR REGULARS--Mandarin Garden, down on 192 East, 1/2 mile from 27.. 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 RESULT: On 12/28, we received payment from Texas Roadhouse for our Dec. 15th event and the month of December in the amount of \$332.00. Many thanks to all who participated.**

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. The parish will receive 10% of your receipt.

RAISE MONEY FOR ST. FAUSTINA CHURCH: By having H & R Block Prepare your taxes. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3. 1) Get a REFERRAL FORM with our special code at the parish office. Take this form to a participating H&R Block office and give it to the tax professional. To find the nearest H & R Block office, go to hrblock.com. 2) If you're a NEW CLIENT, St. Faustina's will receive \$20. 3) Feel good knowing you helped us raise more money as you got the necessary taxes done. This program runs from January 1 through April 15, 2016.

NEW ONLINE FUND-RAISER--See our website: <http://www.stfaustina.org/earncashback.html> to see and participate in St. Faustina's partnership with Shop.Com's Non Profit Program designed to help us raise more funds for the Construction Project. Just do your shopping as you normally would, but order your items through St. Faustina's web page. You get your items, and some great deals, some Cash back, and the parish benefits as well. There is a flyer in the office (and on our website) that takes you step by step through the sign-up process. Our Shop Consultant is Francis Mulhern and you can call him with any questions at (267-275-6182).

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. There are STILL cabins available.

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.

2016 Faith Formation--New Class Times



Tuesday: 6:00 – 7:15
 P/K & K, Grades 1, 2, 6

Wednesday:
 4:00 – 5:15: RCIA (Communion)
 4:30 – 5:45: RCIA (Unbaptized)
 6:00 – 7:15: Grades 3, 4, 5, 7

Sunday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM
 Grade 8, RCIA-Adult Confirmation

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER to contact Father Dave after office hours. Call the parish number: (352) 515-9297 and you will get a voice mail message telling you the number for getting in touch with me IN AN EMERGENCY.



JUST A REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COME BACK FROM THE NORTH (and everyone else). The cost of the buildout and the move to the new space was paid for out of our savings. THE CONSTRUCTION FUND WAS LEFT UNTOUCHED!!!

Now that we are moved in, you have some new opportunities for MEMORIALIZING items in the church. We have about 125 or so of the wooden chairs that are now available for memorializing at the cost of \$150.00 each. Contact the office for the forms and for the needed information. This income will be deposited into the Construction Fund. There are also some bigger items that we have installed at the church that are available for partial and/or total memorialization. The new sound system Mixer, 3 speakers, cables and installation of Sound System cost us a total of \$12,728.07. We have also added some monitor speakers for musicians and singers that cost a total of \$999.54. We are also contemplating purchasing a keyboard (piano-like instrument) to complement the organ that was donated from St. Timothy's parishioner in Lady Lake. The cost of the keyboard is roughly \$1,200.00. **If anyone is interested in memorializing these bigger items, please contact Fr. Dave directly at (352) 515-9297, ext. 101.** These donations made out to St. Faustina Church will be used to defray those expenses from our savings (not into Construction Fund).

STARTING THIS WEEK is the NEW St. Faustina MUSIC MINISTRY-- Sing a new Song unto the Lord! Everyone is encouraged to share their musical gifts, no matter how big or small, with the Lord! The parish will be starting both an Adult Choir and a Children's Choir in the new year. Adult choir will sing at the 9 AM Mass and Children at the 11 AM beginning Sunday Feb. 14, 2016. **PRACTICES WILL BEGIN Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016. Children's practice will be from 5:00-5:45 PM...Adults from 6:00-7:00 PM.** Cantors are also needed for the 4 PM Saturday and the 9 AM Sunday liturgies. **Cantor practices will be held on Thursday, at 7 PM or by appointment.** Anyone who is willing to share their instrumental talent with the community is also asked to contact Kelly. **For information go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/newmusicministry.html>.**

SPECIAL HANDICAP PARKING SPACES ARE RESERVED at the 20 closest spaces to the building. WE BEG all of you to please keep those spaces free for the truly handicapped parishioners and visitors who attend our masses.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for the Home Missions and Farmworker Ministry. There is an envelope in your box. There will be only one collection. Please drop both envelopes into the 1st passing of the basket. Please be as generous as you can.

THE 2016 ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up---PLEASE pick them up!!!..Thanks!!

YOU CAN HELP WITH THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: If you know of any Catholics who live in your neighborhood or in your development, please let them know that we have moved to our new location!!! Tell them how much parking we have and how much room is now available in the church. The Diocese is looking for us to increase the number of permanent, year-round registered parishioners so they can be reassured that building a new church is a safe bet. Let's get out there and invite them into our loving and welcoming community.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER--Many times people have attended Mass regularly, and for many years don't realize they are NOT registered. To Sponsor someone for Baptism or Confirmation, you are required to have a Certificate of Eligibility from your Church. Also to Baptize your child or enter them into the Faith Formation Classes, you must be a registered parishioner. Please register by picking up a Parish Registration Form in the office reception area. **THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT NOW THAT HAVE WE MOVED TO OUR NEW HOME** as we anticipate a larger parish community.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.



Mass Intentions

January 9 to January 17, 2016

- Sat. 1/9 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Isaiah 42:1-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-22
4 PM -- Intentions of Julia Koperova, 99th birthday (Marta Stranianek)
6 PM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina
- Sun. 1/10**
7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor, & Stephen Paul Verostko + (Family)
9:00 AM -- Marie Santomaso + (Phil Santomaso)
11:00 AM -- Charles Verbetich + (May Ann & Family)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Claudio Flores + (Alex & Family)
- Mon. 1/11 NO MASS**
- Tues. 1/12 8 AM -- Peggy Stoffel + (Jackie Heal)**
1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28
- Wed. 1/13 8 AM -- Patricia Mendoza & Dala Cruz + (Lillian Nicoletti)**
1 Samuel 3:1-20 Mark 1:29-39
- Thurs. 1/14 8 AM -- John Dolly + (Phil Santomaso)**
1 Samuel 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45
- Fri. 1/15 FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, 8:30 am to 5 PM**
8 AM -- Randy Alberti + (Pannacchione Family)
1 Samuel 8:4-22 Mark 2:1-12
- Sat. 1/16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11
4 PM -- Frances Mazolli + (Mr. & Mrs. W. Moeller)
6 PM -- Joseph D'Ambro (dec-1st Ann) (Evelyn D'Ambro)
- Sun. 1/17**
7:30 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM -- Cleon Garl + (Marge Mann)
11:00 AM -- Maryellen Doherty + (Thomas Doherty)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Emilia Castillo + (Aura Castillo)



As of 12/31 we have 230 families pledging \$48,779.25 and paying \$45,992.77. That is 4.3% of our parish. Many thanks!



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. This officially brings to an end the season of Christmas. You might say this is a second Epiphany. It is important to us as Catholics and Christians because it represents a second creation involving the entire Trinity.

In fact in the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because God appears in three persons. Jesus the Son is baptized; the Holy Spirit descends upon Him; and God declares "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

We recall our own Baptism on this day, because Christ's Baptism represents in many ways what occurred at our Baptism. At Christ's Baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. At our Baptism the Trinity occupied our soul; Christ was declared the "Beloved Son"; at our Baptism we became a child of God. At Jesus' Baptism the heavens were opened, and at our Baptism heaven was opened to us.

On this Holy Day we need to reflect upon our own Baptismal calls — calls to live and love on this earth, a command to seek holiness, to actively be disciples of Christ, calls which can be achieved in part by embracing stewardship as a way of life. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1213) states: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the door which gives access to the other sacraments. We are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission."