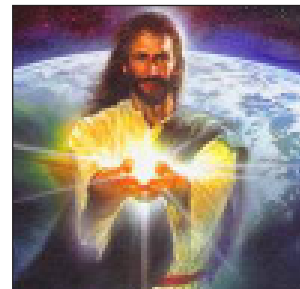


St. Faustina Catholic Church



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

Phone: 863-438-6900 // Fax: 863-438-6902

Location: 9310 US Highway 192 Suites 1 - 3

Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org

Week of Nov. 14 to Nov. 22

Thirty-Third 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

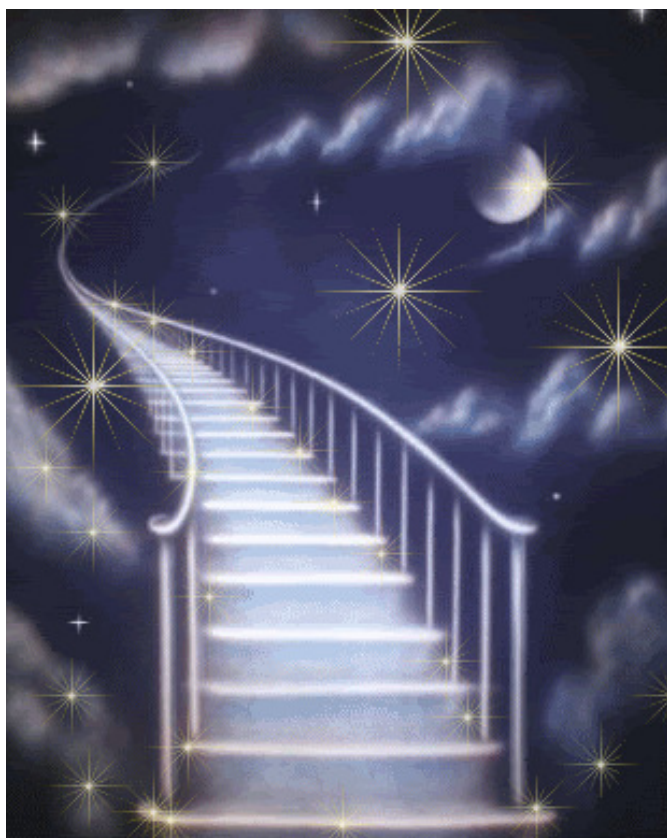
Wednesdays @ 3 pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Tuesday @ 8 am Mass

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm



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.

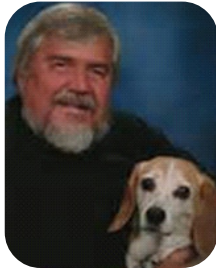
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



THIS IS IT!!! THE END IS NEAR!!!!
 Next Sunday is the end of our liturgical year. We can look back over the course of the year and discover that we have celebrated our entire story—from creation to the end times. Most importantly, we participated in the cycle of the Church year as it rotates around the center of our faith, Jesus Christ—from His first coming as an

infant, to His death and resurrection, and we look with HOPE to His coming in glory.

Today, our readings reveal things about His story AND our story. We hear of cosmic signs like the dead rising and stars falling from the sky. That might sound like science fiction. But make no mistake: this is NOT fiction. Christ reminds us that His words shall not pass away.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes these signs leading to His coming again—the sun being darkened and the stars falling from the sky. We can well imagine that upon hearing this, His disciples were struck with fear or confusion. Jesus knows this and so—in other parables—He speaks about something they can understand: a fig tree. *When the fig branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that HE is near.*

Jesus uses this simple image of the fig tree, and the way it comes to life in the summer. It is not an image of crisis or violence. It is a sign of NEW LIFE after winter.

In our lives, we all experience difficult times. We even use the phrase "our whole world is coming to an end" to describe our tribulations. Our crises feel like they take on cosmic proportions. But, Jesus assures us: *When you see these things happening, know that I am near.*

Our times of personal trial teach us how to be faithful and faith-filled. We may not always get it right, but these times prepare us for THAT TIME—the days that Jesus describes. We need NOT be afraid. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us we have an eternal high priest who, through His own sacrifice, gives us His body and blood. We are being perfected through this body and blood for His coming again.

Our story does not have a scary ending. While this year is coming to an end, our story, the story we hear and celebrate AND LIVE from one Church year to the next is NEVER ENDING. We profess it: He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

So, let us pray daily together the words of today's psalm: **Lord, show us the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, the delight to be at your right hand forever.** (Homilies: Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

Father Dave

2015 ADVENT ANGEL TREE

Once again St. Faustina's will support the Lake County Pregnancy and Family Care Center in Clermont. This year the center has 125 clients (expectant moms and younger children) Please select a colored tag from the Angel Tree; (Yellow- new born or newborns to be, along with the usual blue & pink ones) Purchase a gift listed on the Wish List and RETURN NO LATER THAN Dec. 13th to the parish **UNWRAPPED** please. We will prepare and deliver the gifts to the Center. Thank you for these special Christmas Blessings.



Pray everyday, thanking God for the St. Faustina parish community we have, and asking Him to provide us with the church building we desire.



CONSTRUCTION FUND BALANCE IS: \$1,080,344
 (as of Monday, November 2, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, Nov. 17th back at Texas Roadhouse from 3:30-10 PM. No Flyer needed. Just drop your receipt in the box at the host stand on your way out. There are flyers available as a reminder. **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%. **DINE TO DONATE RESULTS:** we received checks from Gator's Dockside in Cagan's Crossing on 11/4/15. \$102.62 for our Sept. 9th event and \$59.15 for our Sept. 29th event...and from Texas Roadhouse in the amount of \$207.00 for our Oct. 20th event and for all the Sundays in October. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED AND TO OUR PARTNER RESTAURANTS.

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). We need all the cash we can get to Build our church, so 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigrelì, 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.

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



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.



PRE-CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKET sales begin today and run until the raffle on Sunday, Dec. 6th. There will be 3 prizes...1st prize is two(2) One-Day Disney park hopper Passes & \$200 cash; 2nd prize is two (2) One-Day Disney park hopper passes & \$100 cash; 3rd prize is 10% of money collected. Cost is \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00. Need NOT be present to win. Drawing will take place after the 11 AM Mass on 12/6/15. Disney One-Day park hopper passes are valued at \$124.00 each, are valid during normal operating hours and provide admission to all 4 Disney parks. They expire 9/14/2017. Get them after Mass or at office during the week.

CARRABBA'S DINNER at CITRUS HIGHLANDS partial financial report. We sold 76 tickets for the 4:00-5:30 PM seating and 124 tickets for the 6:00-7:30 PM seating for a total of 200 tickets sold (should be \$1,997.00-one was for a child of 12 yrs. old). There were also a few outright cash donations(total next week). The 50-50 sales were \$103.00 parish share at the 4 PM seating with \$50.00 donated back from our winner...and \$131.00 parish share at the 6 PM seating. I will give the final numbers NEXT WEEK, when Elaine has the correct amounts. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO JOINED US...TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND ORGANIZERS...TO ELITE RESORTS/CITRUS HIGHLANDS FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THE FACILITY...TO PUBLIX, DENNY'S, WAWA FOR THEIR DONATIONS OF DRINKS, ICE, ETC...TO CARRABBA'S STAFF FOR THEIR GREAT WORK. Keep an eye out for our next event!

The Tuesday morning Bible Study kicks off its fifth season on Tuesday, November 17th from 8:30 am until 10 am in the conference room. They will be studying Exodus. Everyone is invited to attend the 8 am mass before heading for the study.

COLLECTION FOR CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND AFRICAN CHURCH TODAY. NO second collection. Just drop your envelope in the first collection with your regular offertory.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION: Work continues to move smoothly as much of the sheet rock for the walls in the church was being done the week of 11/3-9. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The construction site is OFF LIMITS to parishioners and visitors!!! DO NOT TRY TO ENTER THE SITE TO INSPECT THE WORK YOURSELF!** We understand that people are curious, but since it is an active construction site, you are asked to remain OUTSIDE for your safety and for the safety of the workers. Feel free to drive up and get delighted about ALL OF THE PARKING SPACES...feel free to look through the windows...but, DO NOT ENTER! I will continue to give both written and spoken announcements about the progress. **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

THANKSGIVING MASS will be held at 10 AM on Thursday, Nov. 26th. We will bless food if you wish and we will collect donations from parishioners which will then be brought over to our local food bank. Start off this special family day of thanks by thanking the Lord at the Eucharist.

PRAY FOR OUR 6 teens and 2 adults headed to the NCYConference next weekend. Many of you have partnered with them on this Pilgrimage of Faith for them. Read all about it in the bulletin stuffer this week.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 1, 2014-JUNE 30, 2015 WAS IN LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN. Anyone who may have questions, feel free to call Fr. Dave at the office.

A Prayer for Our Young People - This week we pray for our candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation as they celebrate the Welcome and Commitment Service. This is the beginning of their formal journey toward a fuller life in the Holy Spirit. We pray for the strengthening of the relationship between the candidates and the Holy Spirit throughout their journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.



Mass Intentions

November 14 to November 22

Sat. 11/14

Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-18 Mark 13:24-32

4 PM -- Deceased members of Dollard Family + (Joseph & Marie)

Sun. 11/15

9:00 AM -- Isabel Stack + 7th Ann (Fr. Dave)
11:00 AM -- William Gleason + (Jean Gleason)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)

Mon. 11/16

NO MASS

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-63 Luke 18:35-43

Tues. 11/17 -- 8 am -- Rose Gillis + 28th Ann (Fr. Dave)

2 Macabees 6: 18-31 Luke 19:1-10

Wed. 11/18 -- 8 am -- Esther Gleason + (Jean Gleason)

2 Macabees 7:1, 20-31 Luke 19:11-18

Thurs. 11/19 -- 8 am -- Walter Scott + (R. Satterlee)

1 Macabees 2:15-29 Luke 19:41-48

Fri. 11/20 -- 8 am -- Joseph Schilling + (Veronica Schilling)

1 Macabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Luke 19:45-48

Sat. 11/21

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33-37

4 PM -- George Daignault + (Wife, Annette)

Sun. 11/22

9:00 AM -- John Cashel + (Jean Gleason)
11:00 AM -- Mary Ellen Doherty + (husband, Thomas)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Jose Ignacio Zuniga + (Zuniga Family)



November 1st Offertory:

\$7,419

Propagation of the Faith: \$862

As of 11/6 we have **223** families pledging **\$47,249.25** and paying **\$41,894.35** toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is **43.9%** of our 508 families.



Stewardship



There is something fascinating about stars. Even though science explains them to us, identifies them, and makes us realize they can each be very different, our perception of them is the thousands of "points of light" in our night sky. Our readings today deal with Christ's Second Coming, the end time.

Part of the message in these readings has to do with our preparedness. If the Lord would come today, are we ready? Are our lives in order that we might be counted among those united with the Lord in Heaven?

The First Reading from the Book of Daniel speaks of the stars; comparing the night sky to wise and good people: "...the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament." Daniel reminds us that to be truly prepared, we must seek and find righteousness. "Righteousness" is defined as "behavior that is morally justifiable or right." Nevertheless, the Greek word in the Bible that we translate as "righteousness," as is often the case, means more than that. It deals with our conduct in relation to others also.

To be righteous we must aspire to goodness, but we also must follow the admonitions of Christ to love one another. When we look at the night sky, are we one of the stars, one who leads others to justice? Practicing stewardship helps us in that regard.