

St. Faustina Catholic Church



Week of Nov. 28 to Dec. 6

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm

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

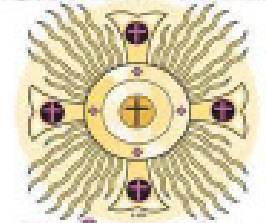
Friday, 10 am to 1 pm

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Clermont, FL 34714

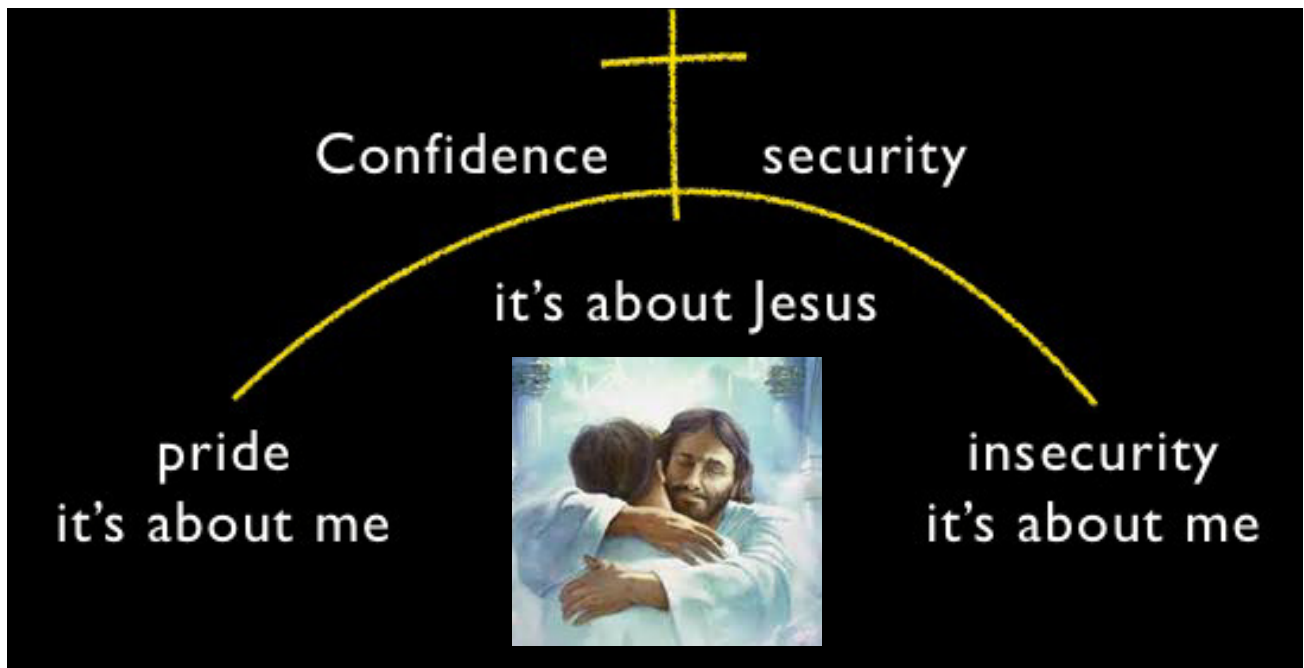
Web Site: www.stfaustina.org

Eucharistic



Adoration

First Friday Adoration
December 4
8 am to 5:30 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.

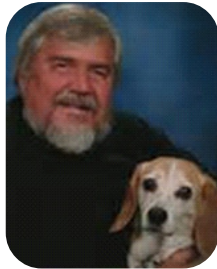
Marriage Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



We spend enormous amounts of resources, time and energy on things that give us a sense of security. We buy expensive insurance policies and have high-tech alarm systems in our businesses, homes and automobiles. And still we are NOT secure. No amount of money or high-tech protection system can keep us from the ultimate confrontation we each will face. One day, you and I will stand

face to face before Christ at the end of our earthly existence. Jesus gives us fair warning at the end of today's Gospel account: *Be on guard lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence and drunkenness and worldly care. The great day will suddenly close in on you like a trap. Pray constantly for the strength to escape whatever is in prospect, and to stand secure before the Son of Man.*

How can we stand secure before Him without our bank accounts and security fences? All you and I will have at that moment, when we face the Son of God, will be our memories. It is from them that we will draw up our accounts, that we will find the record of our lives. Now, I will share what I would LIKE to have in my own account when I die (but, I know I fall short on so much of this):

First, I would like to have love for people, particularly the hurting, the rejected, the refugee—those without privilege and those who have experienced pain and loss. I'd like the record to show that I wasn't angry or haughty toward others.

Second, I'd like the record of my life to show sensitivity, respect, tender loving care and humility in my relationships.

Third, reliance on the power of God would be an important part of my portfolio as I face Christ. I hope there will be many entries revealing times when I let God be God, when I relinquished my desire to control outcomes, to control other people's decisions, to control the events of my life.

Finally, I would stand a whole lot more secure before the Son of Man if I could simply continue the conversation we had already been having for a good portion of my life on earth. Wouldn't it be lovely to meet Christ face to face and discover that He was always near to me, and was my dear friend all along throughout my entire life here on earth?

Thanksgiving and Christmas are seasons of reflection, when we look ahead with HOPE for the Son of God coming to us. When we meet Him at the end of our lives, we will be filled with awe...that's for sure! But, will we be filled with terror? Or will we be filled with love and the sense of security that undergirds love? The answer, of course, depends upon the fabric of our lives. If we are to be judged worthy, it means we have cooperated with God's grace in our time on earth, and have humbly offered the gift of our life back to God. (Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, MI)

As I look back on what's written here, I realize I DO FALL SHORT on so much of what I would like to be able to show in my life's record...luckily, there is still time to change and be better. May His grace help me overcome my shortcomings and weaknesses!

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

Father Dave

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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: \$1,084.54
(as of Monday, November 16, 2015)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday Dec. 1 at I LOVE NY PIZZA in Cagan's Crossing. All day. From 11 AM til closing. Please give flyer to your server before ordering. Parish will receive 10% of what you eat and drink. Please help us if you can. **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 Result:** We received a check in the amount of \$100.00 from Devenney's Irish Pub & Restaurant for our event on Tuesday, Oct. 27th. Thanks to all who participated and please consider patronizing these folks at other times as well.

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 The parish will receive 10% of your receipt.

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 Nigreli, parishioners and Real Estate Agents, are offering a portion of their commision to St. Faustina's Construction Fund. Pick up a flyer at the bookcase in the front lobby.

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.

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 will run until 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.

Friday, DEC. 4TH First Friday of the month. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8 AM Mass until 5 PM for Adoration. Please sign the sheet in the front office to spend some time with the Lord. **We invite you to join us to pray the Rosary at 1 pm.**

DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY Fr. Dave...the Advent Penance Service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17th at 7:00 PM **AT THE ZAK CENTER (our present location).** We will have a number of visiting priests available for your Pre-Christmas Reconciliation.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION Tuesday, Dec. 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass somewhere. Due to the fact that we have Faith Formation Classes HERE, we will offer a Vigil Mass on Monday, Dec. 7th at 6:00 PM and a morning Mass on Tuesday, at 8:00 AM. If you can't make it here, please find a church where you can fulfill your obligation.

CLASS FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION parents and children will be held on Monday, Dec. 7th at 7:00 PM in the Church. At least one parent and the children are expected to attend.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION: The Church ceiling grid was installed on 11/19...the painting of the Church walls was begun on 11/20...Rug has been laid in the office area (11/19)...All door frames have been installed in both areas...Doors have been stained (11/19) and were ready for installation...Security system was installed in both areas (11/18). We were waiting for a permit from Lake County Fire dept. on Wed. 11/25. **As already mentioned-** **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! **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

Starting Nov. 29 — the first Sunday of Advent — the Florida Catholic Advent calendar will be available. Each day of Advent, cyber visitors can click on the box marking that day's date and view content that offers spiritual inspiration for the season. The dates include videos, music, Scripture readings and poetry. There are also activities on dates that include downloadable content. The activities — which could be used in religious education classrooms and during youth group meetings — could benefit people of all ages as reminders of the true reason for the season. Look for the interactive link for the calendar at www.thefloridacatholic.org

APOLOGIES AHEAD OF TIME: Due to the uncertainty of location and the move to our new spot, there will NOT be a Christmas Pageant for our young Faith Formation children this year. We do apologize and promise to make it up to the youngsters.

The Tuesday morning Bible Study Class is studying Exodus from 8:30 until 10:00 in the conference room. Everyone is invited to attend the 8 am mass before heading for the study.

BAKE SALES are the second weekend of the month.



Mass Intentions

November 28 to December 6

Sat. 11/28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-36
4 PM -- David Sousa + (William Sousa)

Sun. 11/29
9:00 AM -- Ellen Gleason + (Jean Gleason)
11:00 AM -- Anthony Borges + (Nestel Family)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Enemencia Santana + (Carmen and Angel Garcia)

Mon. 11/30 NO MASS
Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22

Tues. 12/1 -- 8 am -- Richard Davis + (Jean Gleason)
Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24

Wed. 12/2 -- 8 am -- Departed Souls of the Legion of Mary
(St. Faustina Parish Legion of Mary)
Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37

Thurs. 12/3 -- 8 am -- Donald L. Crowe + (wife Kathleen M.)
Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21-27

Fri. 12/4 -- FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, 8:30 am to 5 PM
Join us for the Rosary at 1:00 pm

8 am -- Deceased members of Koslorowski family (Carol Arroyo)
Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31

Sat. 12/5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Baruch 5:1-9 Phillipians 1:4-11 Luke 3:1-6
4 PM -- Intentions of Ines Goncalves (Ines)

Sun. 12/6
9:00 AM -- Flora Goncalves + (Ines Goncalves)
11:00 AM -- Fr. Michael Danek + (Carol Arroyo)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Living and Deceased members of St. Faustina Parish



November 15th Offertory:
\$7,168
Catholic Charities: \$2,054

As of 11/13 we have 223 families pledging \$47,249.25 and paying \$41,965.95 toward our goal of \$51,120.00. Participation is 43.9% of our 508 families.



Stewardship



Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for us, a time to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. (The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming.") Although Advent refers to Christ's birth at Christmas, it also refers to the coming of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Finally, it reminds us of the need to prepare for His Second Coming.

Everything we do during this holy period should be aimed at preparing our minds and hearts for Christ's arrival. Our readings today, from our First Reading in which the prophet Jeremiah predicts the coming of Christ ("The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise.") to our Gospel from Luke ("And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.") anticipates Christ's arrival, both as an infant and in His return.

As individuals and families and households we need to develop or continue Advent traditions. Whether it is setting time aside for special prayer or carefully filling a manger or lighting an Advent wreath or singing Christmas carols or reading Christmas poems and stories, we need to do some different things and do them consistently throughout Advent. This will help us have the both the right focus and the right attitude.