

# 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.*



*January 1, 2016  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Solemnity of Mary,  
Holy Mother of God  
(please see mass schedule)*

**Parish Office Hours & Contact Information:**

Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm

Friday, 10 am to 1 pm

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**NEW LOCATION: 1714 U.S. Highway 27**

**Clermont, FL 34714**

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

**Week of Dec. 26 to Jan. 3**

## **Feast of The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

### 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**



**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.

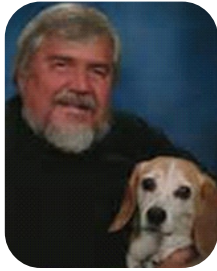
**Marriage** Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays. Engaged couples should contact the parish office for an initial interview before setting any dates. A four-month preparation program is required. At least one member of the couple must have been a registered and actively participating member of the parish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



The Scriptures tell us a lot about Jesus, especially how He came into the world and how He left it. Although Scripture doesn't say much about Jesus' childhood, today's Gospel is a notable exception. Luke gives us a glimpse of the tension in Jesus, being the son of Mary and Joseph, and at the same time recognizing He was God's Son and therefore had to be about His Father's business.

Jesus' response to Mary's expression of concern, after He was found in the Temple, might come across at first glance as cold and uncaring. That being said, the fact that there was tension in the family makes it clear that the Holy Family was **real** because our families experience tension, too.

Two days ago on Christmas, we celebrated the mystery of the Incarnation, when the Divine Word became flesh in the person of Jesus. Today, on the Feast of the Holy Family we celebrate how the Word became flesh, the same way you and I come into the world, by being born into a family. Jesus coming into the world as the son of Mary and Joseph shows that the family is an important building block both in the Church and the world. The Holy Family living in love and unity with God and one another is the model all Christian families seek to imitate.

Though the life of ANY family includes challenges and stress, the life of the Holy Family encourages us to invest ourselves in the relationships that make up family life. And each member of the Holy Family provides a model of certain values and virtues we can strive to imitate. Joseph, a man of few words but bold action, exemplifies the virtue of **fidelity**, which is so critical for family life. Mary, a woman who pondered all things in her heart, displays the **faith and trust** that are essential ingredients of authentic family relationships. Jesus, who strove always to do God's will, even when it caused tension with His mother, exhibits **obedience** to which all of us are called not only to God our Father, but to our respective parents and siblings as we work to build our lives together.

Like Jesus, each of us comes into the world as part of a family. And just as Jesus' life with Joseph and Mary helped shape the man He grew into, OUR FAMILY FORMS US. The ups and downs of family life give us opportunities to offer love and forgiveness to others.

Family life is MOST OFTEN and MOST PROFOUNDLY deepened around the table where meals are shared. May our sharing of the Eucharistic Meal nourish and deepen within each of us the desire to build good, loving families here on earth and live in perfect communion with God and the rest of those in Heaven. (Homilies, Diocese of Lansing, MI)

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

**Father Dave**



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR 31 FAMILIES TO HELP US REACH 50%**—While we will fall a little short of our goal of \$51,120.00 for the Our Catholic Appeal, we CAN STILL REACH 50% of our parish community IF we can get 31 families to donate

ANYTHING between now and December 31. Right now we have 223 of our 508 registered parishioners (43.9%) having contributed \$47,294.25 (and paying \$43,636.86). If we can get to 50% that would go a long way in showing the Diocese our commitment and at the same time thanking them for their support as we move to our next location and FINALLY to our new home. Will you help?

**December 6th Offertory: \$9,473**

**December 13th Offertory: \$7,570**  
**Immaculate Conception, \$1,482**



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: \$1,105,317**

(as of Monday, December 14, 2015)

**DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: This Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at Bruno's Italian Restaurant from 11:30 AM to Closing.**

Must present Flyer before ordering. Bruno's is at 8556 W. Irlo Bronson Hwy...RTE 192... near the Flea Market. Please join us and the parish will receive 10% of what you eat and drink. **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 RESULTS: I LOVE NY PIZZA gave us \$65.00** from our 12/1 event. **DEVENNEY'S IRISH PUB sent us a check for \$200** for our Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> event...**MANDARIN GARDEN CHINESE restaurant sent us a check for \$143.59** for dining that took place there. **We received a check in the amount of \$80.00 from IHOP** on 12/14 for our Nov. 9-13 event. **On behalf of the parish, we thank ALL** of you who participate in these events and we remind you to stop by and dine at these wonderful establishments that are so willing to help us on the special events.

**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 tohrblock.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.

## YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES, LAST CHANCE FOR 2015

As 2015 draws to a close, you may be prayerfully considering how God can lead you to support St. Faustina Parish. The following information is provided to help you manage your gifts so they can qualify as 2015 donations with the IRS.

**IN PERSON:** The Parish Office will be open until 12:00pm (noon) on Thursday, December 31 to receive contributions that will qualify as a 2015 donation.

**BY MAIL:** Any donations received via mail will be treated as a 2015 donation if the postmark on the envelope is on or before December 31, 2015.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Donations made using Online Giving must have a "Process Date" on or before December 31 in order to qualify as a 2015 donation. If you have entered a transaction that will process close to year-end, you can login in to see if you want to make any adjustments to your scheduled process date.

Any donations that are dropped into the collection basket at New Year's Eve Mass will be treated as 2016 contributions. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Goth at the Parish Office.

**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.**



**Church Weekly Announcements**  
**THE EXTENDED WINTER MASS SCHEDULE** has begun. Saturday's masses are at 4 and 6 pm with Sunday masses scheduled for 7:30, 9:00 and 11 am in English and at 7 pm in Spanish.

**By the way, the NEW ADDRESS for the Church will be 1714 U.S. Highway 27, (Glenbrook Commons) Clermont FL, 34714.** There will ALSO be a NEW phone and fax number, but, we do not have it yet. It will be a 352 area code.

**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND Jan. 2-3, 2016...** to help defray the expenses the parish will incur because of our shortfall with the Our Catholic Appeal. Those parishioners who HAVE ALREADY given to the OCA are EXEMPT from participating in THIS COLLECTION... There is NO ENVELOPE, so we will pass the baskets a second time to raise as much as we can to cover our shortfall. Our goal was \$51,120.00 and we ONLY had pledged \$47,249.25 as of 12/15 (that is a shortfall of almost \$4,000.00). The amount paid on pledges as of 12/15 was only \$43,636.86 (that is a \$7,500.00 shortfall). The parish is responsible for the entire goal amount, so whatever we can raise in this collection will help with the final shortfall. Those of you who did not participate are asked to be generous to this collection.

**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.

**THANK YOU RECEIVED FROM South Lake Pregnancy Center** of Clermont on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: "Dear Fr. Dave & St Faustina Family, Thank your for your donation of \$629.00 and for remembering us during your Thanksgiving offering. All donations support Heart House Ministries, Inc. Since opening in 2005, over 3,000 babies have been saved through our abortion intervention counseling. Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, we have celebrated the births of 64 babies. The previous 2 years, we say 337 babies born. Thank you for being partners with us. You are such a blessing!"

**WANT TO CRUISE WITH "THE DUKES?"** Listen and Dance to some Doo Wop and Oldies. A four day cruise leaving Jan. 19, 2017 from Tampa to Cozumel. Inside cabin at \$488.35, Ocean View at \$498.35, Balcony at \$658.35 per person. \$100.00 deposit due by 12/31/15. Call Debbie Bergeron (407)791-2444 for info and reservations OR pick up a flyer in the office. (800-791-8930 is phone number of Becky Strecker, Cruise Planner. (They say that the parish WILL get some donations paid back to us from each cabin that is booked through us).

**THE 2016 ENVELOPES are ready in the USHER'S ROOM. PLEASE get yours so we don't have to move it to the new site.**

**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 AS WE MOVE TO OUR NEW HOME** as we anticipate a larger parish community.

**For information on our NEW St. Faustina MUSIC MINISTRY, go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/newmusicministry.html>**



## Mass Intentions

**December 26 to January 3, 2016**

- Sat. 12/26 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
*Sirach 3:2-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52*  
4 PM -- John Cangialosi + (Celia & Jim Kelly)  
6 PM -- Carol Schanen + (Ken & Lynda Schanen)
- Sun. 12/27**  
7:30 AM -- All those Memorialized on our chairs  
9:00 AM -- Intentions of Mary Ann Verbetich (Les & Louise Johnson)  
11:00 AM -- Claire Betty Clegg + (Nicole Rueger)  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Servio Tolio Zambrano Rincon + (Marion Penso & Fransico Zambrano)
- Mon. 12/28 NO MASS**
- Tues. 12/29 8 AM -- Juanita Tambling + (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vince)**  
1 John 1:5-22 Matthew 2:13-18
- Wed. 12/30 8 AM -- Healing for John LaVia (Mary Kay Miller)**  
1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40
- Thurs. 12/31 SOLEMNITY of MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
Holy Day of Obligation Vigil  
*Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21*  
8 AM -- John Gillis + (Anniversary) (Fr. Dave)  
6 PM -- Loretta & Jack Murphy-60th Wedding Ann. (Family)
- Fri. 1/1/16 SOLEMNITY of MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
Holy Day of Obligation  
10 AM -- Those Memorialized in our Chairs
- Sat. 1/2 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY of the LORD**  
*Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12*  
4 PM -- Philip Dezotell + (Mr. & Mrs. Walter Dezotell)  
6 PM -- Thanksgiving Prayers for our new home
- Sun. 1/3**  
7:30 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Faustina  
9:00 AM -- Donald Crowe + (wife, Kathy)  
11:00 AM -- Thanksgiving Prayers for our new home  
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Pacho Rincon + (Marion Penso & Fransico Zambrano)

### 2016 Faith Formation--New Class Times

- Tuesday: 6:00 – 7:15** Wednesday:  
P/K & K, Grades 1, 2, 6 4:00 – 5:15: RCIA (Communion)  
**Sunday: 12:00 – 1:15 PM** 4:30 – 5:45: RCIA (Unbaptized)  
Grade 8, RCIA-Adult Confirmation 6:00 – 7:15: Grades 3, 4, 5, 7

### Stewardship



We celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph today. This feast was instituted a little more than 100 years ago because at that time, just as today, the concept of family was under attack. Pope Leo XIII, who served from 1878 to 1903, felt that in Europe in particular the family was in crisis.

The Gospels do not tell us much about the Holy Family in the years from Jesus' birth to the beginning of His public ministry. We are aware that they fled to Egypt, returned to Nazareth, and today's Gospel reading tells us of the twelve-year-old Jesus accompanying His parents to Jerusalem. Today we honor that Holy Family, and we understand that they are a model for us as a Christian family. However, there is also an understanding that we need to be aware that we are part of a bigger family, our faith community as a Church and as a parish.

Just as a family unit cannot function properly without each member playing a part, that is true of our local parish family as well. Each of us needs to play a role and to contribute as a member of that family. That is what stewardship is all about. We must be stewards for our personal families to function, and we must also be good stewards for our parish family to be effective