

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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NEW Location: 1714 U.S. Highway 27

Clermont, FL 34714

Web Site: www.stfaustina.org

Week of Jan. 23 to Jan. 31

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

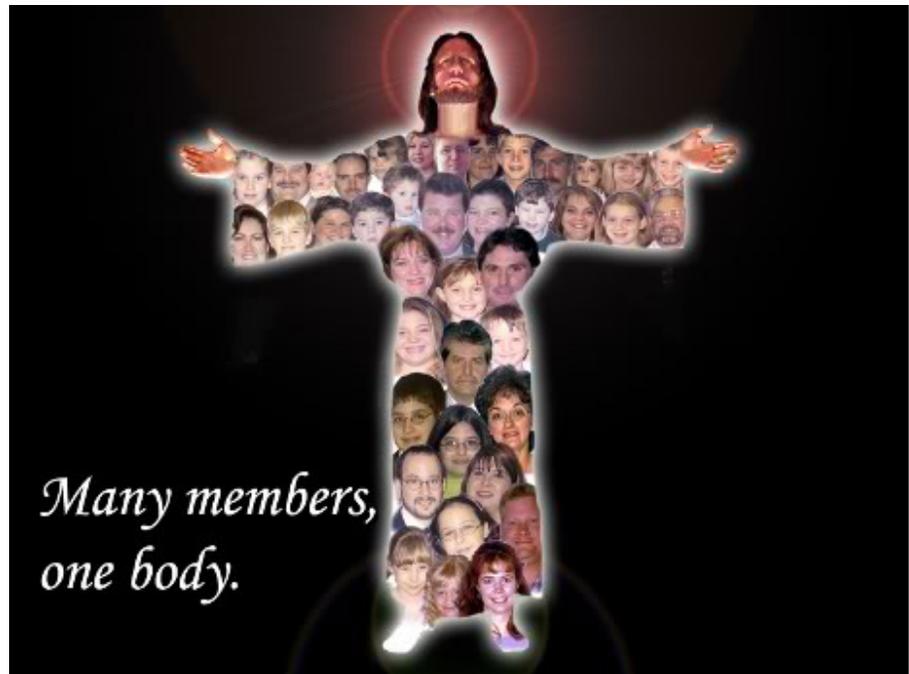
Wednesdays @ 3 pm

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. If you wish to become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form in the church or office or download it at www.stfaustina.org and return it to the office.

Father Dave's Corner



"We are one body, one body in Christ: And we do not stand alone. We are one body, one body in Christ; and He came that we might have life." That refrain from the song written and sung by the Irish Catholic singer Dana echoes and reflects our 2nd Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. In 1993 Pope St. John Paul II selected it as the theme of the World Youth Day in Colorado. It is in effect, the message in our readings for today.

Our 1st reading from the book of Nehemiah presents us with Ezra, Prophet, Priest and Scribe. There are many things that unite us as a Catholic and Christian Community. One of those is **THE WORD!**

That is the gist of this first reading. We are presented with the image of Ezra standing before the multitude of Israelites and reading the WORD OF GOD. A prophet not only predicted the future but interpreted current events with authority. We, as one body in Christ, the body of the Church, need to recognize in the Word both prophecy and interpretation.

It is in the context of St. Paul's remarkable letter to the Corinthians that we find the comparison of the Church to a human body. Paul lays out for us the complete concept of what it means to be a steward of the Church and of everything we have and are. The apostle Paul was the ultimate teacher, perhaps second only to our Lord and Savior Himself. As Paul explains it, the Body of Christ, the Body of the Church, is NOT A GOAL; it is a FACT, a fact that we must completely grasp, appreciate, and practice.

Through Baptism we are called to be a part of the Body, and that calling includes our willingness and preparation to play our role, our vocation, in relation to the entire Body. St. Paul, by using the comparison to a body, points out that there is a great diversity in the Body of Christ, the Church. However, each part of the Body, each of us as a member, has a function within our common goal. For Paul diversity is not JUST acceptable; it is ESSENTIAL. Each of us has different gifts, but working together the Body itself is strong. Every part is necessary. Each of us is necessary for the Body, the Church, to function completely.

This liturgical year (Year C), the principal Gospel that will be read at liturgies is from Luke. His was written after Matthew and Mark, and, since he, himself was a Gentile (non-Jew), he writes from a Gentile perspective. A companion of St. Paul, Luke presents himself differently to his readers. Twice in the first sentence of today's Gospel reading, Luke uses the pronoun "us," with a clear indication that he considered himself ONE WITH ALL OF US, a part of the Body of Christ! We need to keep this perspective in mind throughout this year to know how Luke embraced the idea of ONE BODY IN CHRIST.

Being willing to do our part is important to stewardship. Dana's song closes in this way, "For you are my body, you're my hands and feet. Speak my word of life to everyone you meet." We are called...and chosen...and expected to do this for Christ! (Stewardship reflection on Lectionary Readings: Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc.)

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

Father Dave



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 is an example from our Daily Devotions:

"Only in Christ can men and women find answers to the ultimate questions that trouble them. Only in Christ can they fully understand their dignity as persons created and loved by God."— Pope St. John Paul II



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: \$1,141,367.00
(as of January 11, 2016)

DINE TO DONATE OPPORTUNITY: this week on Tuesday, Jan. 26th at BRUNO'S on RTE 192 near the Flea Market from 11:30 AM until closing. Be sure to pick up a flyer and present it to your server before you place your order. We will receive 10% for our building fund. **Dine to Donate results:** We received a check from SONNY'S on 12/31 in the amount of \$134.31 for our December 22nd event. Many thanks to all who participated. We, also received \$130.00 from I LOVE NY PIZZA for our Jan. 12th event. Many thanks to all who participated. **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%.

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.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE PARISH: Eiana Villarta and Kim Nigreli, 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



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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.



SAVE THE DATE!!!! -- Our parish Mission will take place this year from Monday, Feb. 15th through Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Fr. Herald J. Brock, CFR (Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal) will be our presenter, and his theme will be: "The Great River of Mercy," ("From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly"—Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus* 25). Services with Eucharistic Exposition will be held on Monday and Tuesday at 7 PM with Confessions being heard on Tuesday, and it will close with the Eucharist on Wednesday night at 7 PM. Fr. Herald will be preaching at all Masses on the weekend of 2/13-14. Come out and start Lent 2016 focusing on the Mercy of our God.

NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS... please check for your welcome packet (including box of envelopes) in the lobby of the Church.

ATTENTION ON-LINE GIVING PARTICIPANTS... Please be sure to notify your bank of our change of address to 1714 US Hwy 27, Clermont, FL 34714. Some of you had your donation mailed to the 9310 US Hwy 192 address.

During this year's Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, many questions may arise regarding the conditions for obtaining the Holy Year Indulgence. Pope Francis has outlined the particular circumstances and conditions under which he wishes to grant the indulgence and they can be found on our website: www.stfaustina.org under the heading of **Diocese Weekly News.** **If you are interested in attending the Divine Mercy Conference in Tampa,** you will find information on dates, times, and how to register see our web site under the heading of **Divine Mercy Conference.** **For information regarding an upcoming concert at St. Isaac Jogues by Steve Angrisano,** a world-renowned Catholic artist, look under the heading **Jan. 29 Concert Notice.** If you missed a bulletin you can assess all of them from the site under the heading **Bulletins.**

San Pedro will be offering "Joyful Again!" a retreat for all widowed men and women, Feb. 27th & 28th 2016, at San Pedro Retreat Center in Winter Park. "Joyful Again!" is a nationally recognized retreat. It provides the widowed with support from others who understand the loss associated with the death of a spouse. "Joyful Again!" is a two-day retreat for widows and widowers who want to resolve the grief they feel inside and begin to live again after the death of their spouse. The retreat emphasizes self-help, personal growth skills, and personal spiritual practices that will enable the participant to take the healing journey. For more information, contact Sharon Groholski at 386-717-4452.

MEMORIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE--We have about 125 or so of the wooden chairs that are now available for memorializing (but they are going fast) 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 cost us a total of \$12,728.07. We have also added some monitor speakers for musicians and singers at a cost of \$999.54. We are also contemplating purchasing a keyboard (\$1,200) to complement the organ that was donated from St. Timothy's parishioner in Lady Lake. **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**).

NEW St. Faustina MUSIC MINISTRY-- Practices are held on Thursdays in the church. For information go to: <http://www.stfaustina.org/newmusicministry.html>.

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.



Mass Intentions

January 23 to January 31, 2016

Sat. 1/23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nehemiah 8:2-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1-4, 4:14-21
4 PM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
6 PM -- David Jacquard + (Mr. & Mrs. W. Moeller)
Sun. 1/24
7:30 AM -- Stephen, Eleanor & Stephen Paul Verostko + (the Family)
9:00 AM -- Neil Waite + (Pamela Murrell-Blattner)
11:00 AM -- Kathleen Luciano + (Kimmy & Bobby Garven)

7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Jose Luis Delgadillo + (Eliana Villarta)

Mon. 1/25 NO MASS
Acts 22:3-16 Mark 16:15-18
Tues. 1/26 8 AM -- John McNeish + (Mary Casey)
2 Timothy 1:1-8 Luke 10:1-9
Wed. 1/27 8 AM -- Special intentions for Margie Gorman & Family (M Gorman)
2 Samuel 7:4-17 Mark 4:1-20
Thurs. 1/28 8 AM -- Harry A. Alcorn + (Frances Alcorn)
2 Samuel 7:18-29 Mark 4:21-25
Fri. 1/29 8 AM -- Norman Johnson + (Kathy Johnson)
2 Samuel 11:1-17 Mark 4:26-34

Sat. 1/30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 1:4-19 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 Luke 4:21-30
4 PM -- Jeffrey Pagano + (Mr. & Mrs. W. Moeller)
6 PM -- Clara M. O'Shea + (Patrick O'Shea)
Sun. 1/31
7:30 AM -- Cleon Garl + (Ann Wallace)
9:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Parishioners
11:00 AM -- Michael & Eleanore Giordano + (John & Carmela Giaimo)
7:00 PM--(espanol) -- Those memorialized on our chairs



January 10th Offertory: \$10,621

As of 1/8/16 we have 232 families pledging \$49,379.25 and paying \$46,592.77 That is 45.7% of our parish. Many thanks!



Stewardship



When most of us think of Baptism, we think about immersion in Holy Water. However, for St. Paul, the water is secondary to something else — namely the Holy Spirit.

Specifically, Paul says, "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit." It is this Spirit which makes us one, a unified body in Christ.

That is what makes us one, regardless of who we are. Paul uses the illustration of a human body to prompt us as to what it means to be part of a Catholic community of faith. We may not look the same, and we may not even function the same, but that is the key to our lives of stewardship. We are truly one, united through Baptism and united in Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis shares a story of a time he baptized the seven children of single mother. After the baptisms, she said to the Pope (to be) "Father, you make me feel so important," to which the Pope replied, "Where do I come in? It is Jesus who makes you feel important." We are one, and each of us is important, united through the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.