

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

August 13, 2023

Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas

Daily Mass

Monday to Saturday at 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 4:00 PM

Sunday @ 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

5:00 PM en Espanol

Wednesday Holy Hour

3:00-4:00 PM

First Friday Adoration

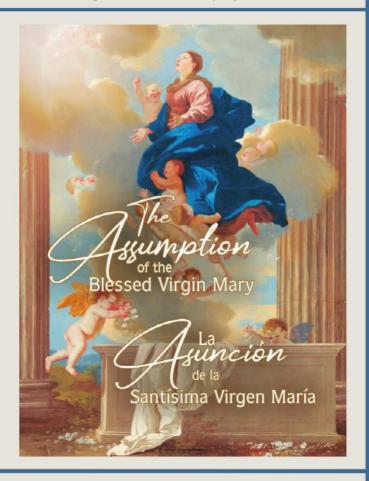
8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:00—3:45 PM

or by appointment

The Church is Open for Personal Prayer Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm



Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM Parish Phone Number: 352-515-9297

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Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:29-31)

When we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we can weather any storm. The cross is our anchor in the stormy seas of life. Jesus continues to speak those same words of comfort to us when we are experiencing the storms of life: *Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.* It is Jesus who will carry us across the stormy seas to the safe harbors of heaven.

The immense and intense God of all the universe chose to speak words of comfort to Elijah in the tiniest whisper, one that can only be heard if the listener has blocked out every other distraction. So often, God's people pray for signs and wonders, and we forget to listen for the tiny whisper or to see the miracles happening all around us. God encourages us not to be distracted by the storms of this world, but to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, and through him, our salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. (Ps. 85:9-10)

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Pedro salió de la barca y comenzó a caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús. Pero cuando vio cuán fuerte era el viento, se asustó; y, comenzando a hundirse, gritó: "¡Señor, sálvame!" Inmediatamente Jesús extendió su mano y agarró a Pedro, y le dijo: "Oh tú de poca fe, ¿por qué dudaste?" (Mateo 14:29-31)

Cuando mantenemos nuestros ojos fijos en Jesús, podemos capear cualquier tormenta. La cruz es nuestra ancla en los mares tormentosos de la vida. Jesús continúa diciéndonos esas mismas palabras de consuelo cuando estamos experimentando las tormentas de la vida: Ánimo, soy yo; no tengas miedo. Es Jesús quien nos llevará a través de los mares tormentosos a los puertos seguros del cielo.

El inmenso e intenso Dios de todo el universo eligió hablar palabras de consuelo a Elías en el más mínimo susurro, uno que solo se puede escuchar si el oyente ha bloqueado cualquier otra distracción. Muy a menudo, el pueblo de Dios ora por señales y maravillas, y nos olvidamos de escuchar el pequeño susurro o de ver los milagros que suceden a nuestro alrededor. Dios nos anima a no distraernos con las tormentas de este mundo, sino a mantener nuestros ojos fijos en Jesús y, a través de él, en nuestra salvación.

Escucharé lo que Dios proclama; el Señor, porque proclama la paz. De hecho, está cerca su salvación para aquellos que le temen, gloria que habita en nuestra tierra. (Sal. 85:9-10)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of July 30, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$7,363.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$3.366.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of July 30, 2023: 1,521



It is with utmost respect that we share this friendly reminder with you. Our Church is a Holy place. While in the building, both before, during and after Mass, please be reverent and keep conversations soft and at a minimum, as others are in prayer.

Thank you for your consideration to others and our Lord.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 12, 2023

4:00 pm + Christie La Vota

Requested by: Julie, Todd & Dawn Edmonds

Sunday, August 13, 2023

7:30 am + Sotera Victoria

Requested by: Gie Victoria

9:30 am+ Christine Boguszewski

Requested by: Rose Keane

11:30 am + Mary Ellen Doherty

Requested by: Thomas Doherty

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

Monday, August 14, 2023

8:00 am + Irene Fisher

Requested by: Eileen & Joe Broderick

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

8:00 am + Angeline Gutowski

Requested by: Friends & Family

7:00 pm Prayers for: Michael Cuccoso

Requested by: Dcn. Harold & Donna Goodhue

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

8:00 am + Agnes Johnson

Requested by: Julie Edmonds

Thursday, August 17, 2023

8:00 am + Deborah Johnson

Requested by: Family

Friday, August 18, 2023

8:00 am + Harold Clarke

Requested by: Family

Saturday, August 19, 2023

8:00 am Intention for: Joseph Do

Requested by: Family

4:00 pm + Maria Gomez

Requested by: Elsa & Mel Gomez

Sunday, August 20, 2023

7:30 am Renewal (Marriage vows) Henry & Aydilh

Requested by: Aydilh Guillen/Padilla

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Faustina

11:30 am + Luis Ramos

Requested by: Miriam Ramos

5:00 pm + Columba Salas/Perez

Requested by: Norka Gomez & Daihilly

Prayer Requests

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

in order to properly update our parish "Prayer Request" section of the bulletin, we are asking you to <u>resubmit names</u> that you would like on our list by emailing: office@stfaustina.org.



David Venditti, Ed David, Alan Matthews, Michelle McCreary, Terri Stanley, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, Fr. Jean Desir and Mariette Mondelus, mother, Kelly, Jim Exnicios, Elisa Walush, Elsa Gomez, Nancy Harrigan, Judith Crogman, Jean Conn. Carlos Corrales, Theresa Wentling, Kara, Jennifer Brinson, Deidre Cantwell, Paulette Sparlik, Frank Montagnino, Lilian Hawkinson, Tina Cyr, Patrick J. Cyr, Barb Nelson, Mark Thomas, David Bache, Zachary Birkholz, Jim Exnicios, Angela & Exevior Bojda, David Bartkus, Mary Ann Cunningham, Jeannie Burns, Linda Patrick, Michael Patrick, Sue Puffs, David Valerian, Josefina Bacosa, Daniel Tomberg, Anita Boyd, Julie Haley, Larry Brunke, Sr., Ron Henefer, Hadley Epps, Tina Audino, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Linda Dugan, Lenise Shope, Marge Tagler, Mary Garl, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve, and all those who need our prayers.



If you are a visitor to St. Faustina Catholic Church, 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...WELCOME!



OUR MISSION — St. Faustina is a parish family inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's Divine Mercy through a responsible stewardship of time, talent and treasure in the context of ministry.

NUESTRA MISION — Santa Faustina es una familia parroquial inspirada por el Espíritu Santo y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios a través de una administración responsable del tiempo, el talento y el tesoro en el contexto de ministerio.

This Week's Schedule of Events



Daily Mass, Monday thru Saturday at 8:00 am followed by the Holy Rosary

Saturday, August 12 Divine Will Ministry, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

in church

Sunday, August 13 Inform

Monday, August 14

Informational Meeting on 2024

Trip to Poland, after 9:30 and 11:30 Masses

Rosary Makers, 9:00 am to 11:00 in classroom

Spanish Bible Study, 7:00 pm in classroom

Tuesday, August 15

FEAST OF THE ASSMUMPTION of MOTHER MARY

Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm (Bilingual)

Bible Study, 8:30 am to 10:00 am in classroom Children's Choir Practice, 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 16 Faith Formation Registration, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in office

Holy Hour, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Thursday, August 17 Divine Will Study, 9:00 am to 10:15 am in classroom

Faith Formation Registration, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in office

Friday, August 18 El Santo Rosario, 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 19 Faith Formation Registration, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in office

Our Lady of Fatima Prayers, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in church

Bake Sale Weekend after 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 20 Bake Sale Weekend after all morning Masses

There are currently 52 parish-related activities on our Events Calendar for the month of August. To see them all in one place, please go to: https://stfaustina.org/calendar/events-at-st-faustina/

Ministry leaders, if you would like to be included on the calendar and in the bulletin, please email **bulletin@stfaustina.org**

Registration for the Upcoming Faith Formation school year will be held on:

Wednesday, August 16, 11:00 to 4:00 PM Thursday, August 17, 11:00 to 4:00 PM Saturday, August 19, 10:00 to 3:00 PM Wednesday, August 23, 11:00 to 4:00 PM Thursday, August 24, 11:00 to 4:00 PM



Thursday, August 24, 11:00 to 4:00 PM and Saturday, August 26, 10:00 to 3:00 PM

For new students, please bring the Baptismal certificate and health insurance card.

For the 2023-24 Class Schedules, please go to:

https://stfaustina.org/faith-formation/religious-education-classes/



ARE YOU READY FOR OUR BAKE SALE?? The next parish bake sale weekend is <u>NEXT WEEKEND</u>, August 19 after the 4 pm Saturday Mass, and on Sunday, August 20 following the Sunday 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 morning Masses.

If you are a baker and would like to participate, simply bring your tasty treat to Mass with you. And, of course, we need buyers as all proceeds benefit the parish.

For more information on this ministry, please go to their secure web page on our parish website at: https://stfaustina.org/ministries/bake-sale/

Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 15 is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.
It is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!

Masses will be at 8:00 am and at 7:00 pm, which will be a Bilingual celebration.



Jose and Odila Cordeiro Are Named Knights "Family of the Month"



Odila and Jose Cordeiro were recognized as the Knights of Columbus June *Family of the Month* prior to the 5 pm Mass on July 30.

The couple has been at St. Faustina since 2006 and attended the parish's first Mass with Father Steve at Westgate. They helped with the first Mass in Spanish, which was celebrated by Father Fernando Gil.

The Cordeiros were involved in several talent shows as well as the Walkathon with Fr. Jean. Every Sunday, for 13 years they had sales of empanadas, Rosarios and many raffles.

Jose and Odila helped with our four moves, in 2006, 2010, 2015 as well as the one this year. Odila coordinated the 2015 Christmas Party with Fr. Dave, and in Febru-

ary 2023, she coordinated the Valentine's Day dance. She is a member of the Legion of Mary and is a Eucharistic Minister of the sick.

Odila spent eight years on the parish council with Fr. Jean, Fr. Dave, and with Fr. Ramon. She is a Catechism teacher of Confirmation for adults and youth. Founder of the youth group and of Friday's Adoration and praise.

Jose has been the coordinator of the Mass in Spanish for 11 years and is also a Eucharistic Minister, an usher, a Sacristan, a reader, and a Mass Captain. He has been in charge of the 50/50 Raffle and is a member of the St. Faustina Knights of Columbus, Council 14217. (photo—left to right—Jose, Odila, Father David, Ed Rabelas (Grand Knight)



PLANNING AHEAD!! Please mark your calendars for our annual St. Faustina Christmas party, which will be held on Saturday, December 9th, from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Vista Del Lago Clubhouse on Highway, Route 192.

Dinner will be catered by Carrabbas and DJ Chris will provide the entertainment. Don't forget to wear your dancing shoes!!

We have another new ministry!!! The Rosary Makers Ministry will hold its first meeting Monday, August 14, from 9:00 am until 11:00 am in the classroom. If you like working with your hands and being around people, please join us as everyone is welcome.

Rosary Maker's Ministry





THE WINNER OF OUR 50-50 RAFFLE is *Barbara Lou*, a long-time parishioner. Her ticket was drawn last Sunday and is the winner of \$553. The other half will go towards the purchase of Altar linens.

The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank all those who participated.

News from St. Vincent de Paul Orlando — Does your parish have students needing volunteer hours this summer? St. Vincent de Paul Orlando provides volunteer opportunities through our network of Stores and Food Pantries. Apply today: <u>Donation Pick-Up, Charity Resell Thrift Store - Apopka, Florida (sydporlando.org)</u>



Weekly Reflections Ninteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

By Tom Schmidt — Diocesan Publications Writer

Why did Jesus walk on water to the disciples in the boat? Did he want to scare them? No, his first words to them were "Do not be afraid." While they were being tossed by wind and waves, he showed them that he was not affected by

the storm. If they had had faith, they might have realized that if Jesus was safe, they would be, too. We too must make that leap of faith, especially when we are afraid. Our growth in faith is not a steady progression. For every two steps forward, we may take one step back. For example, we become ill or wreck the car, and think that God has abandoned us. But isn't that a natural reaction?

It is natural to doubt God in times of trouble, but we are choosing to live in the supernatural when we become followers of Christ. Like Peter, we can lose our focus on the

Lord. We see someone we love who is gravely sick. We make a serious mistake that gets us in trouble. Faith tells us that though apparently invisible, God is more real than anything we can see. Remember Jesus on the cross saying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Father never abandoned his Son and God will never abandon us.

Hearing and Observing

By Kathryn Muldrink — Diocesan Publications Writer

In today's Gospel, a woman from the crowd gives a shout out to Jesus' mother; because mothers surely deserve some acknowledgment for the virtue of their children! And Jesus says that actually, those who hear and observe the word of

God should be praised. At first, Jesus' words may seem dismissive of his mother, as if he is saying that she is not blessed. But we can hear his words as, "Yes, because she heard the word of God and observed it perfectly. And so, blessed are all those who do the same!"

Mary is certainly privileged in many ways, but her true beauty and virtue is that she received all that came from God and every thought, word, action, and desire of hers was in alignment with His will. Today, as we celebrate one of the Marian dogmas of the Church, her Assumption into Heaven, we praise the true blessedness of the Mother of God. Blessed is she who heard the word of God, received it, assented to it, observed it, and never drew back, through all the vicissitudes and confusions and heartache and uncertainty and sorrow that she faced in this life! She remained faithful to her *fiat* at the Annunciation through the misunderstandings of Joseph and her neighbors, through the threats of the Pharisees against her son, through the lack of understanding of the disciples and the crowds who followed Jesus, all the way to the Cross and beyond. She never wavered.



Throughout her life, we see the strength that she draws from her deep faith and unwavering hope. Even at the Cross, she stood. She did not look away from the worst cruelty and the deepest heartache of a mother we can imagine. She stood, suffering FOR her son, and WITH her son, offering him and herself to the Father. Co-suffering. Co-redeeming.

"She conceived, brought forth and nourished Christ. She presented Him to the Father in the temple, and was united with Him by compassion as He died on the Cross. In this singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the work of the Saviour in giving back supernatural life to souls. Wherefore she is our mother in the order of grace.

This maternity of Mary in the order of grace began with the consent which she gave in faith at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, and lasts until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this salvific duty, but by her constant intercession continued to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation." (Lumen Gentium, #61, 62)

Let's ponder these words from Vatican II today and remember that when her life on earth was finished, her body was not left in a tomb to decay. Rather, she was lifted body and soul into Heavenly glory, to continue her motherhood of the whole Body of Christ! Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

Blessed Michael McGivney

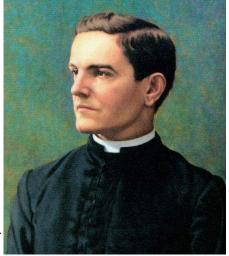
By Marylu Mariniello

Michael Joseph McGivney was born on August 12, 1852 in Waterbury CT, the eldest son of thirteen children of an immigrant trick family. His father was Patrick McGivney and his

dren of an immigrant Irish family. His father was Patrick McGivney and his mother was Mary Lynch. Six of his siblings died in infancy or childhood. His father worked in a brass mill as a molder in Waterbury.

Michael attended the local public school but left at thirteen to work in one of the brass mills in the spoon-making department. He entered the Séminaire de Saint-Hyacinthe in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada in 1868 when he was sixteen. Michael continued his studies at Our Lady of Angels Seminary, near Niagara Falls, New York from 1871 to 1872 and then at the Jesuits' St. Mary's College in Montreal, Quebec. He was a talented ballplayer, joining the other seminarians to form a baseball team, but in 1873 he had to leave the seminary to help raise his siblings when his father died. Michael later resumed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD, where he was ordained a priest on December 22, 1877 by Archbishop James Gibbons at the Baltimore Cathedral of the Assumption.

Father McGivney was very active in parish and local affairs, serving as director of public plays and fairs. He volunteered to become the guardian of Alfred Downes, a young boy whose father had died leaving a large family in



poverty. He knew his own situation of losing his father and understood the position of this family, so he saw the need for lay Catholic men to establish a society to provide financial assistance for families if the primary wage earner died. Father McGivney was also famous for his tireless work among his parishioners.

On March 29, 1882, Father McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus with a small group of St. Mary's parishioners to promote charity, unity and fraternity, assisting widows and orphans. The organization grew and did not remain strictly parish-based because of the Knights' strong position on serving Church, community and family. In 1900, patriotism was added as a founding principle. The Knights of Columbus were among the first groups to recruit blood donors, dating back to 1937 during the Great Depression. Now there are more than two million members and 16,000 councils, including over three hundred on college campuses. Women participate through the Columbiettes and boys can join the Columbian Squires.

Michael McGivney died in 1890 from pneumonia at the age of thirty eight on August 14, 1884 and was buried in Thomaston, CT. His body was moved back to St. Mary's in New Haven where it remains today.

The path to his canonization began in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1996. He was named a Servant of God in September of 1997. On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI, declared Father McGivney to be Venerable in recognition of his "heroic virtue." On May 27, 2020, Pope Francis announced that Father McGivney had been approved for beatification, which was performed on October 31, 2020. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney is required for his canonization as a saint. At the beatification Mass, Pope Francis praised Father McGivney's "zeal and the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for his brothers and sisters." These "made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance." Blessed Michael McGivney's feast day is August 13. He is the patron saint of the Knights of Columbus and the third US born man to become "Blessed."

Michael Joseph McGivney was a genuine pastor. Pope Francis said that Father McGivney was unafraid to share "the smell of his sheep." Father encouraged families who were strong in their faith to express generous corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

In 1989, the York Catholic District School Board in Ontario, Canada created a school named Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy in his honor, located in Markham with over one thousand students. A biography of Father McGivney was written by Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster called *Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism*, which was published in 2006.

The Catholic University of America renamed a prominent building on their campus as McGivney Hall. On September 12, 2009, a stained-glass window depicting Father McGivney was dedicated at St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford, CT by Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport. Father McGivney Catholic High School is located in Glen Carbon, IL

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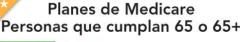
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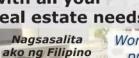
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