

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

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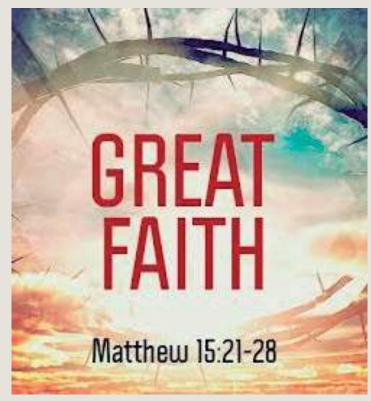
August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus, I Trust in You

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: N	Monday thru Thursday,	9 AM to 4 PM	Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM
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Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. (Matthew 15:27-28)

All are welcome, as we all sing and pray at church, into the Kingdom of God. The first reading from Isaiah 56 envisions foreigners approaching the mountain of the Lord, in worship and awe, *for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples*. Today's gospel story about the healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter springs from a converted heart, now full of faith, from the mother herself. Jesus recognizes that faith and extends his healing love to the daughter.



In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul addresses the unbelief of the gentile Romans and philosophically encourages them to incorporate themselves into the Body of Christ, the church - for

God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all. We all know how Paul's journey of conversion and faith began from his being a persecutor and killer of Christians into being a champion and martyr for the Kingdom.

All are welcome indeed, and we at St. Faustina's continue our vision of gathering as many faithful into our faith family and compel them to participate actively in our mission as responsible stewards of God's gifts to the world in need of God's mercy, healing and love. So again, we welcome one another and everyone else into our faith family and her ministries!

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! (Ps. 67:6)

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Entonces Jesús le respondió: "¡Oh mujer, grande es tu fe! Deja que se haga por ti como quieras". Y la hija de la mujer fue sanada a partir de esa hora. (Mateo 15:27-28)

Todos son bienvenidos, como todos cantamos y oramos en la iglesia, en el Reino de Dios. La primera lectura de Isaías 56 prevé a extranjeros acercándose al monte del Señor, en adoración y asombro, *porque mi casa será llamada casa de oración para todos los pueblos.* La historia del evangelio de hoy sobre la curación de la hija de la mujer cananea brota de un corazón convertido, ahora lleno de fe, de la madre misma. Jesús reconoce esa fe y extiende su amor sanador a la hija.

En su carta a los Romanos, San Pablo aborda la incredulidad de los romanos gentiles y los alienta filosóficamente a incorporarse al Cuerpo de Cristo, la iglesia, porque Dios entregó a todos a la desobediencia, para que pudiera tener misericordia de todos. Todos sabemos cómo el camino de conversión y fe de Pablo comenzó de ser un perseguidor y asesino de cristianos a ser un campeón y mártir del Reino.

Todos son bienvenidos, y nosotros en Santa Faustina continuamos nuestra visión de reunir a tantos fieles en nuestra familia de fe y obligarlos a participar activamente en nuestra misión como administradores responsables de los dones de Dios al mundo que necesita la misericordia, la curación y el amor de Dios. Así que de nuevo, ¡nos damos la bienvenida unos a otros y a todos los demás a nuestra familia de fe y sus ministerios!

Que los pueblos te alaben, oh Dios; ¡Que todos los pueblos te alaben! (Sal. 67:6)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of August 6, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$10,140.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$5,234.00

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of August 6, 2023: 1,521



Opportunities to Pray Together

There are several opportunities for us to pray together as a parish family during the course of the day, the week, and the month. To see what is available to meet your schedule, please go to our website home page at: <u>https://stfaustina.org/</u> and scroll down the right side of the page.

Mass Intentions

4:00 pm + Maria Gomez Requested by: Mel & Elsa Gomez Sunday, August 20, 2023 7:30 am Vow Renewal Henry & Aydilh Requested by: Aydilh Guillen/Padilla Parishioners of St. Faustina 9:30 am 11:30 am + Luis Ramos Requested by: Miriam Ramos 5:00 pm + Columba Salas/Perez Requested by: Norka Gomez & Daihilly Monday, August 21, 2023 8:00 am + Romeo Flores

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Requested by: Carmelita Flores

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Saturday, August 19, 2023

8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory		
	Requested by:	A Parishioner	

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

8:00 am + Jeannie Gutowski Requested by: David Gutowski

Thursday, August 24, 2023

8:00 am + Flavia & + Maria Barreto Requested by: Barreto Family

Friday, August 25, 2023

8:00 am + Normand Campeau, Jr. Requested by: Dad

Saturday, August 26, 2023

8:00 am + Luisa & + Rafael Co
 Requested by: Francisco & Rosalina Bulfango
 4:00 pm + Jeanne Rogers
 Requested by: Tony Jean & Reynold Franco

Sunday, August 27, 2023

7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Faustina
9:30 am	SI Blessings For: Mario Savino
	Requested by: Cecelia & Al Novak
11:30 am	Blessings for: Fr. Dave Gillis
	Requested by: Donna & George Cuttita
5:00 pm	Blessings For: Fr. David Vargas
	Requested by: Adrey Goez

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: <u>office@stfaustina.org.</u>



David Venditti, Ed David, Mike McGee, Alan Matthews, Michelle McCreary, Jorge L. Martinez, Judith Bottari, Terri Stanley, Larry Wilson, Joseph Foster, Carmine Gallo, Fr. Jean Desir and his mother. Mariette Mondelus. Michael 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



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 19 Sunday, August 20 Monday, August 21	Bake Sale after the 4:00 Mass in Narthex Bake Sale after the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 AM Masses in Narthex Rosary Makers, 9:00 am to 11:00 in classroom
Tuesday, August 22	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 23	Faith Formation Registration, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in office Holy Hour, 3:00 to 4:00 pm
Thursday, August 24	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 25	El Santo Rosario, 7:00 pm in church
Saturday, August 26 Sunday, August 27	Faith Formation Registration, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in office no events scheduled

There are currently 18 parish-related activities remaining on our Events Calendar for the month of August. To see them all in one place, please go to: <u>https://stfaustina.org/calendar/events-at-st-faustina/</u>

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



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

 Wednesday, August 23
 11:00 to 4:00 PM

 Thursday, August 24
 11:00 to 4:00 PM

 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/

OPPORTUNITES TO PRAY TOGETHER—There are several opportunities for us to pray together as a parish family during the course of the day, the week, and the month. To see what is available to meet your schedule, please go to our website home page at: <u>www.stfaustina.org</u> and scroll down the right side of the page.



Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

Rosary Maker's Ministry



We have another new ministry!!! The *Rosary Makers Ministry* will hold its second meeting Monday, August 21, 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.

ST. FAUSTINA'S GOT TALENT.... calling all Event Coordinators, Planners, and anyone willing to help plan St. Faustina Ministry and Social Events.

We need your expertise, involvement, and leadership as we look to move forward with the many ideas and requests of our growing parish community that have been received for more parish social events and ministries.



Please share your ideas by emailing the parish at: jseddio@stfaustina.org



WEEKEND MASS PRAISE & TRIBUTE — If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar as a Weekend Mass and Praise Tribute, please contact Joe Seddio in the parish office at: *at jseddio@stfaustina.org*. This is a stunning way to honor loved ones and occasions.

MEMORIAL MONUMENT TO THE UNBORN — Our Knights of Columbus have purchased a Memorial Monument commemorating the Unborn, which is located at the south end of the church near the parking lot. You can participate in this fundraiser by purchasing a brick commemorating your loved ones and or yourself. The cost of the brick is \$100.00. A total of 282 bricks have been sold.



If you have not yet ordered your brick and would like to be part of this historic event, don't worry, there is still plenty of room for you to remember a loved one with your participation. Order forms are by the gift shop.

For more information, please got to their secure web page on our parish website at:

https://stfaustina.org/ministries/knights-of-columbus/memorial-to-the-unborn-fundraiser/



HONORING OUR ST. FAUSTINA HEROES — We would like to honor our St. Faustina Heroes, those individuals who serve...or served...in the military and/or those who are...or were...First Responders. If you, or a family member, would like to be recognized in our bulletin and on our parish web site, please email names to: <u>office@stfaustina.org</u> in the following of activity of a service of the individual was killed in action or diad as a result of combat

lowing format: Name, rank, branch of service ... if the individual was killed in action or died as a result of combat, please indicated with a *. If the individual is deceased, please indicate with a +.

Unfortunately, *in order to make sure that the information printed / posted is 100 % correct, we are unable to accept any phone calls.* The information contained in your email will be copied and pasted in both our bulletin and our website. To see the current list of the women and men who are being honored, please go to our parish web page at:

https://stfaustina.org/ministries/honoring-our-st-faustina-heroes/

STREAM OUR ST. FAUSTINA MASSES...LIVE!!! If you can't come to Mass...weekday or weekend...our parish offers you the opportunity to "Live Stream" our St. Faustina Masses simply by going to our secure parish web page at:

https://stfaustina.org/livestream-of-mass/



Parish Outreach Opportunities

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

St. Faustina's parishioners, visitors, and friends, are famous for their generosity, not only to the needs of the church, but to those in the community who would be suffering even more without our help.

Donations to the South Lake Pregnancy Center, to the Hands of Hope food pantry, and participation in the bi-monthly Blood Drive have given hope, support, life, and much-needed material goods to those less fortunate.

Coming soon is another opportunity to help. *St. Faustina Catholic Church has partnered with St. Pauly Textile, Inc., to provide clothes for families in need.* You will soon see a shed, much like the one pictured on the right, in our parking lot that will give us, as well as surrounding communities, a clean, convenient, and well-cared for option to donate used, clean, and functional clothing items such as: shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, stuffed animals...and of course...clothes.



This new outreach ministry enables our parish to join the St. Pauly Textile, Inc. family that has already collected and donated over 150,000 pounds of clothing <u>every day</u>, not only in the United States, but in 44 countries around the world. In 2022, the company was able to keep over 68 million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 8.3 million people worldwide.

John (the Baptist) answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11)

If you would like to learn more about St. Pauly Textile, Inc., please go to their website at: <u>About St. Pauly Clothing Donations (stpaulytextile.com)</u>



South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center — St. Faustina's support for the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center dates back to the founding of the parish in 2006. Your gifts of diapers (especially Sizes 4 & 5), wipes and sanitary supplies are greatly appreciated. Lightly used baby clothing, strollers and other small items can also be accepted. To participate, please drop your donation into the red wagon located at the entrance way to the church or by our gift shop. For more information, contact Tom and Nancy

Madden at tomnancy94@msn.com

To learn more about the South Lake Pregancy and Family Care Center, please go to their website at: South Lake Pregnancy and Family Care Center (slpfcc.com)

Look for the Food Wagons!! Since this ministry began in June of 2019, St. Faustina's parishioners have donated more than 1,000 pounds of food items to support the Hands of Hope, Inc. pantry's efforts to help families in need in *our Four Corners community*. To participate, simply bring non-perishable food items and place them in one of the two wagons that are located in the entrance way to the church or in the narthex near the warming kitchen.



Shopping bags, other than plastic, are also needed. If you would like to provide financial support, you can do so by visiting our parish office during regular business hours.

To learn more about the mission of Hands of Hope American, Inc., please go to their website at:



Home - Hands of Hope America

Giving Blood Saves Lives!! Our parish began this bi-monthly ministry on June 19, 2019, and so far our parishioners and visitors have contributed 446 pints of blood while saving over 1,338 lives, as each donation has the ability to help up to three patients. Following our recent July drive, which had 26 people donate, OneBlood presented our parish a certificate of appreciation (photo on left). To learn more, please go to our parish web page at:

https://stfaustina.org/ministries/bi-monthly-blood-drive/

Our Lady of Czestochowa

By Marylu Mariniello

In northeast Krakow, Poland, there is a small town called Częstochowa where the sanctuary of Mary is situated. On the Bright Hill stands a monastery of the Monks of St. Paul the Hermit, also known as the Jasna Góra Monastery. Located at this monastery is the famous painting of the Blessed Mother, holding her Son. For the Polish people, she is the Patroness and Protectory of the in Patrones of the Crew in Paland. The history of Pa

and Protectress of their people and the Queen of the Crown in Poland. The history of Poland includes the history of Our Lady of Częstochowa, also known as the Black Madonna of Częstochowa.

Tradition says that this picture of Mary was made by St. Luke the Evangelist on a piece of wood cut from the table of the Last Supper. The Christians of Jerusalem presented the picture to St. Helen, the mother of Constantine, who gave it to her son. He placed the painting in his palace at Constantinople. The Saracens tried to ravage the city, but Constantinople was saved by Our Lady's intercession. The Byzantine Emperors showed great devotion to this picture and were able to hide it during the Iconoclast persecution, saving it from destruction at the hands of the heretics who tried to destroy all statues and images. In 989, the picture of Our Lady of Czestochowa was given to Princess Anna and Prince Vladimir of Kiev as a wedding gift. Anna was the sister of the Emperor.

The painting is 122×82 centimeters in length, which displays a traditional composition well known in the icons of Orthodox Christianity. The Blessed Mother is shown as the "Hodegetria" version, meaning "One Who Shows the Way" or "Oδηγήτρια" in Greek. In

the painting, Mary directs attention away from herself, gesturing with her right hand toward Jesus as the source of salvation. The Child extends his right hand toward the viewer in blessing while holding a book of gospels in his left hand. The icon shows Mary in fleur-de-lis robes. Scholars have contested the origins of the icon and the date of its composition. One of the difficulties was that the original image was painted over after being severely damaged by thieves in 1430. The wooden panel backing of the painting was broken and the image was slashed. Medieval restorers applied paints to the damaged areas, but were unfamiliar with the encaustic method. They "simply sloughed off the image" according to the medieval chronicler Risinius. They erased the original image and repainted it on the original panel, making the features of an Orthodox icon more softened and the nose was made more aquiline.

There are many other stories of how the painting came to Belz. Art historians say that the original painting was a Byzantine icon created around the sixth or ninth century and they agree that Prince Władysław brought it to the monastery in the fourteenth century.

In August of 1382, the hilltop parish church was transferred to the Paulites, a hermitic order from Hungary. The golden fleur-de-lis painted on the Blessed Mother's blue veil was similar to the heraldic *azure, semée de lis,* or of the French royal coat of arms. This was the most likely explanation for their presence because the icon had been present in Hungary, with the fleur-de-lis on their family's coat of arms, suggesting that the image was probably originally brought to Jasna Góra by the Pauline monks.

It is said that the Black Madonna miraculously saved the monastery of Jasna Góra from a Swedish invasion in the winter of 1655 during the Second Northern War. The Swedes were attempting to capture the monastery. Seventy monks and one hundred eighty local volunteers, mostly from the Polish Nobility called the Szlachta, held off four thousand Swedes for forty days. They saved their sacred icon and turned the course of the war, leading King John II Casimir Vasa to give the Lwów Oath. On April 1, 1656, he submitted that the Polish Commonwealth was to be under the protection of Our Lady. Years later various gemstones were interchanged and repositioned around the image to preserve the icon's aesthetic. Several Popes have recognized the image. Pope Clement XI issued a Pontifical decree of a canonical coronation to the image on September 8, 1717 via the Vatican Chapter. Golden roses were also added over the years. Pope John Paul II gifted a set of crowns as a native of Poland on August 26, 2005. Three pontiffs have granted golden roses to the image - Pope John Paul II (1978), Pope Benedict XVI (2006) and Pope Francis (2016).

Our Lady of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church in Houston TX has a copy of the image hanging inside the church to the left of the altar, but their version does not have the heavily gilded gold over the image. The American National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa is located in Doylestown PA. There is another shrine of the image located in Gar-field Heights OH, erected on October 1, 1939 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. In Australia, the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy in Penrose Park, located in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, is dedicated in her honor. The title *Our Lady of Mercy* is used as a remembrance of historical times that prayers for protection have been responded to through appeals to Our Lady of Częstochowa.

The feast day for Our Lady of Częstochowa is August 26.



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