

ST. FAUSTINA Catholic Church

15551 N. Boggy Marsh Road, Clermont, FL 34714

February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent 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, 5:45 PM

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

5:00 PM en Espanol

Wednesday Holy Hour

3:00-4:00 PM

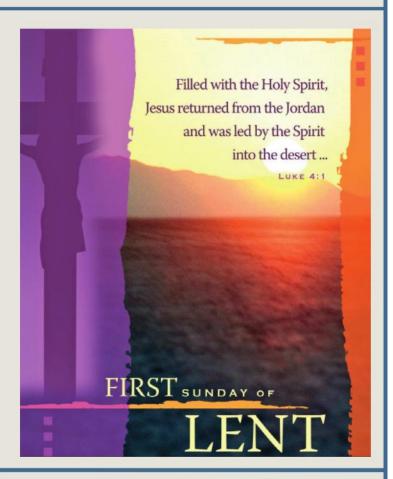
First Friday Adoration

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:00—3:45 PM

or by appointment



Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM

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Pastor's Message / Mensaje del Pastor

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...(Matthew 5:43-44)

Today's Scriptures contain several challenges that deserve our attention as we grow in our identity as faithful disciples. Key among them must be the call to love our neighbor and to be perfect and holy as God is perfect and holy. As Christians, we glimpse the very nature of God in Christ. He brings us the gifts of perfection, mercy, and holiness.



To share in his life is to share in those gifts and to make a public statement that God's standards are our standards; his goals are our goals. Therefore, if he comes with these divine attributes, they should be part of our lives too. If we truly believe in the kingdom of God, then all that Jesus teaches should be visible in our lives.

As we move into Lent this week, our common task is to see if we really do reflect Christ's Gospel. Remember that holiness and mercy are not simply pious words that fade like incense or that come and go like a summer breeze. True holiness and mercy are witnessed in serving those in need - those who suffer or who need that extra help through the obstacles of life, having a true heart for all who find life burdensome, and seeing the potential in others rather than their past.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. (1Cor. 3:16)

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"Has oído que se dijo: Amarás a tu prójimo y odiarás a tu enemigo. Pero yo os digo, amad a vuestros enemigos y rezad por los que os persiguen... (Mateo 5:43-44)

Las Escrituras de hoy contienen varios desafíos que merecen nuestra atención a medida que crecemos en nuestra identidad como discípulos fieles. La clave entre ellos debe ser el llamado a amar a nuestro prójimo y a ser perfectos y santos como Dios es perfecto y santo. Como cristianos, vislumbramos la naturaleza misma de Dios en Cristo. Él nos trae los dones de perfección, misericordia y santidad.

Compartir en su vida es compartir esos dones y hacer una declaración pública de que las normas de Dios son nuestras normas; Sus metas son nuestras metas. Por lo tanto, si él viene con estos atributos divinos, también deberían ser parte de nuestras vidas. Si realmente creemos en el reino de Dios, entonces todo lo que Jesús enseña debe ser visible en nuestras vidas.

A medida que avanzamos hacia la Cuaresma esta semana, nuestra tarea común es ver si realmente reflejamos el Evangelio de Cristo. Recuerda que la santidad y la misericordia no son simplemente palabras piadosas que se desvanecen como incienso o que van y vienen como una brisa de verano. La verdadera santidad y misericordia se atestiguan al servir a los necesitados, aquellos que sufren o que necesitan esa ayuda adicional a través de los obstáculos de la vida, tener un corazón verdadero para todos los que encuentran la vida pesada y ver el potencial en los demás en lugar de su pasado.

¿No sabéis que sois el templo de Dios, y que el Espíritu de Dios mora en vosotros? Si alguien destruye el templo de Dios, Dios destruirá a esa persona; porque el templo de Dios, que tú eres, es santo. (1 Corintios 3:16)

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Collection Weekend of February 12, 2023

Offertory / Ofertorio: \$15,266.00 Mortgage Debt Reduction / Reducción de la deuda hipotecaria: \$10,207.00

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 25, 2023

4:00 pm + Michael Babwah-Singh

Requested by: Son, Shawn Dozier, Sr.

5:45 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

Sunday, February 26, 2023

7:30 am + Chona Esquival

Requested by: Lina & Wil Green

9:30 am + Thomas Foster

Requested by: Ida Vieto

11:30 am Parishioners of St Faustina

5:00 pm + Juan Duran

Requested by: Regina Duran

Monday, February 27, 2023

8:00 am + Normand Campeau, Jr.

Requested by: Normand Campeau, Sr.

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

8:00 am Healing for Lenise Shope

Requested by: Tuesday morning Bible Study

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

8:00 am + Virginia Martz

Requested by: Marilyn Moseley

Thursday, March 2, 2023

8:00 am + Ron Anderson

Requested by: Sobol Family

Friday, March 3, 2023

8:00 am + Charles Hannisch

Requested by: Judy & Nels Warren

Saturday, March 4, 2023

8:00 am + Lucille Giardino

Requested by: Pat & Dan Metz

4:00 pm + Tony Borges

Requested by: Jo Borges

5:45 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

Sunday, March 5, 2023

7:30 am + Christine Boguszewski

Requested by: Bill, Cathy & Brian

9:30 am + Donald Gillis

Requested by: Family

11:30 am + Luis Ramos

Requested by: Miriam Ramos

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Faustina

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.



Lisa Hurley, Julie Haley, Larry Brunke, Sr., Ron Henefer, Joe Arnello, Hadley Epps, Ken Hellman, Ray Conn, Frank Nardone, Dolores Bojda, Mary Lou Maiellano, Lee Patrick, Carol Walker, Allen Bishop, Matthew Thompson, Lilah Smith, Dakota Smith, Becky Oosterveen, Deacon Dennis Gillan, Brown Stegall, Tommy White, Angel Pagan, Yolanda Inumerable, Robert Kasper, Arturo Alejandro, Marie Flom, Marilyn Moseley, The Langan Family, Dick Schondel, Colby Feazell, Mike McGee, Sandra Mueller, Manuel Bazon, Michele Middleton, Tina Audino, Jo Ellen Foti,

Frank Montagnino, Bill Consiglio, Debbie Consiglio, Joan Banahan, Kim Banks, Karen Clark, Judith Crogman, Daniel Cuttita, Patricia Dick, Linda Dugan, Don Logan, Brydon Neary, Cynthia Santulli, Lenise Shope, Amanda Solmonoff, Marge Tagler, Nicole Urbon, Theresa Wentling, Eric Whittingham, Mary Garl, Sue & Gene Plante, Donald & Trish Villeneuve, the people of the Ukraine and their people, and all those in need.



OUR MISSION — St. Faustina is a Community inspired by the Holy Spirit and called to reflect God's Divine Mercy, to foster spiritual growth, and to attend the temporal and social needs of all.

NUESTRA MISION — Santa Faustina es una comunidad inspirada por el Espiritu Santo, y llamada a reflejar la Divina Misericordia de Dios, a formentar el crecimiento espiritual, y atender las necesidades temporales y sociales de todos.

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Parish Ministries & Upcoming Events

To learn more about this very special event, and about your St. Faustina Knights of Columbus, Council 14217, please go to their web page on ourAfter a couple of unexpected delays, THE MONUMENT IS HERE!! The Knights of Colum-



bus Memorial Monument commemorating the Unborn was installed last week on the south side (parking lot side) of our new church building, as were many of the bricks that have been ordered.

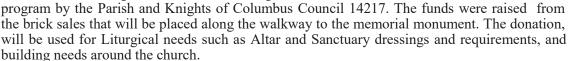
To date we have received orders for 165 bricks and 27 replicas. If you do not see your brick don't worry as once

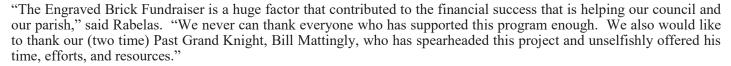
an order is placed, it takes 5 to 7 weeks for production. If you ordered a replica brick, please contact Bill Mattingly to receive it. If you have not yet ordered your brick and would like to be part of this historic



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.

The highlight of the Knights' February meeting was when Father Ramon received a \$4,000 check from Grand Knight, Ed Rabelas, for the Joint Engraved Brick Fundraising





For more information regarding this very special fundraiser, please go to our secure parish website at:

Memorial to the Unborn Fundraiser - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)

Knights of Columbus: "Family of the Month" Dating from around the world, the Knights of Columbus has a longstanding program called Family of the Month. Its purpose is to recognize Parish Families whose daily lives exhibit the



Spirit of Columbianism. Now that we are in our new church, our St. Faustina Coun-**KNIGHTS** cil 14271 is bringing this program to our parish. Each month, the council *Family of the Month* committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values OF COLUMBUS and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, the council also will select one of the previous twelve Family of the Month awardee to represent the council/parish as the

potential international Family of the Year.

Fr. Ramon Bolatete and Fr. John McNalis, as worthy chaplains and members of the St. Faustina Council, respectively, are members of the Family of the Month committee. The selected Family of the Month is drawn from the list of nominees and not chosen in a particular order. Anyone from our parish can nominate the Family of the Month candidate and will be vetted by the committee. For more information, contact Grand Knight Ed Rabelas at jerabelas@gmail.com

Join us in praying the "First Saturday Rosary", (Saturday, March 4, after the 8:00 am Mass, until 8:30) to pray for peace, understanding, comfort, and the healing of all people. Reparation to the Immac-

ulate Heart of Mary on First Saturday is for peace in the world, and peace in the Church. The promise attached to the First Saturday of five consecutive months is for the individual. Our Lady promised to Sister Lucia to assist with the graces necessary for salvation, those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep her company for fifteen minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to her. The fifteen minutes meditation is done individually on your private time with Our Lady.



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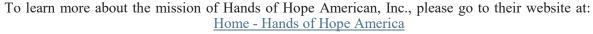
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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—As is the custom here at St. Faustina, the First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, March 3, following the 8 a.m. Mass (from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.). The Holy Rosary is prayed during the Exposition followed by quiet personal time with Our Lord. Please join us.

LOOK FOR THE FOOD WAGONS!! "Thank You" for your continued support of our Food for All Ministry. To participate, simply bring non-perishable food items and place them in one of the two wagons that will be located in the narthex near the warming kitchen. Your donations will go directly to Hands of Hope America, which supports our local Four Corners families in their time of need.

If you would like to provide financial support, you can do so by visiting our parish office during regular business hours.



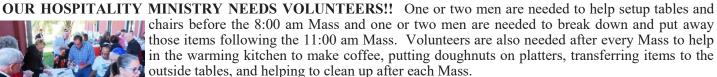


WELCOME TO OUR ST. FAUSTINA PARISH FAMILY Whether you are a new parishioner, a constant visitor, or a Snowbird, we invite you to register with our parish. Registration forms can be downloaded from our

> website at: New Parishioner Registration - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)). Registration forms are also available in the back of the church and at the parish office during regular business hours...Monday thru Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm and on Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

If you are new to our parish and would like to learn about the history of our patron saint and our own history, please go to:

St. Faustina History - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)



If you are interested, please email: office@stfaustina.org and include what your availability is and what you would like to do to help.

OUR GIFT SHOP IS OPEN AFTER MASS Stop by and visit our new and exciting gift shop, which is open after the weekend Masses. Looking for something "special" for that "special someone (s)", our gift shop has everything from a selection of Rosaries to custom St. Faustina Catholic Parish t-shirts and mugs to beautiful statues of our patron saint, our Blessed Mother, Jesus, St. Joseph, books, and much, much more.



Lo invitamos cordialmente a unirse a nosotros en la Iglesia Católica Santa Faustina el primer jueves de cada mes, a nuestro ministerio Maria Rosa Mistica, de 1:00 PM a 2:00 PM. Rezaremos por el Papa, los sacerdotes, los diáconos, los religiosos y por el aumento de las vocaciones religiosas. ¡Esperamos verte y que te unas a nosotros!

We cordially invite you to join us at St. Faustina Catholic Church on the first Thursday of each month, to our Maria Rosa Mystica ministry, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. We pray for the Pope, priests, deacons, the religious, and for the increase of religious vocations. We look forward to seeing you and having you join us! Our next meeting is Thursday. March 2



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STILL LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE LENT? consider

Decade of the Day Rosary — Are you willing **to** spend five minutes of your day saying

ONE DECADE of the ROSARY?

In each of her appearances Mary has asked that we *PRAY THE ROSARY!*

In this program you and your Decade are combined with 19 others saying their Decade each day.

A full 20 Decade Rosary is offered up every day and you are a part of it.

As a member of this program you and your intentions, which are your own, are remembered in several churches and shrines around the country.

If you are interested please email: office@stfaustina.org

God Bless you for considering this.

For more information, please go to our St. Faustina web page at:

Decade A Day - St. Faustina Catholic Church - Clermont (stfaustina.org)

(NOTE: Even though we are a few days into Lent, you can say several Decades in order to catch-up).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

TO ATTEND OUR FIRST PARISH MISSION IN OUR NEW CHURCH BUILDING!

Join us on Sunday March 19th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and Monday, March 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for a *TWO DAY* Mission on The Eucharist presented by Dr. Mary Amore.

Title: Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist: Becoming the Very Mystery We Receive

Throughout the gospels, Jesus dined with saints and sinners alike. In all of these meal stories, there is a common thread; everyone who dined with Jesus walked away transformed, healed of their sin, and eager to share their story with others. Is this your experience of the Eucharist?

Join us as Dr. Mary Amore plumbs the depths of the greatest mystery of our Catholic Faith and the ways in which our lives can be spiritually transformed by our Encounter of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Time will be given for discussions.

Come and be refreshed and renewed this Lent as we reflect on our GREATEST GIFT, Christ in the Eucharist.

Dr. Mary Amore, Executive Director holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Liturgy and Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union. Dr. Amore is the author of three books: *Primary Symbols of Worship and the Call to Participation, Every day with Mary, and Every Day with Joseph,* as well as the creator of two DVD Series: Eucharist: Pathway of Transformation, Healing and Discipleship, and From Mary's Heart to Yours, published by Pauline Media. A Cardinal Bernardin Scholar and distinguished member of the North American Academy of Liturgy, Mary has been a presenter at the LA Congress, University of Dallas Ministry Conference, Diocese of New Hampshire Ministry Conference, as well as conducting parish missions, retreats, and adult faith formation programs. Dr. Amore is also the creator and host of two cable television shows, Soul Snackin with Dr. Mary Amore and A Willing Spirit, and has hosted a radio show on Radio Maria. Dr. Amore serves as the full time Executive Director of Mayslake Ministries.

Dr. Mary Amore is a proud member of the Catholic speakers bureau, CMG Booking.



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St. Casimir

By Marylu Mariniello

Casimir Jagiellon Kazimierz was born on October 3, 1458 in Kraków, Poland. He was a member of the Jagiellon dynasty, the third child and the second son of the King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania Casimir IV and Queen Elisabeth Hamsburg of Austria. Elisabeth was a pious woman and the loving mother of thirteen who took an active interest in her children's upbringing, often bring them to accompany the King on his many trips to the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.

From the age of nine, Casimir and his brother Vladislaus were educated by the Polish priest Father Jan Długosz. They were taught Latin and German, law, history, rhetoric and classical literature, with an emphasis on ethics, morality,

oratory skills and religious devotion. They were also subject to corporal punishment if they were out of line. Casimir became the heir apparent after his elder brother Vladislaus was elected as King of Bohemia in 1471.

When he was thirteen, Casimir participated in the failed military campaign to install him as King of Hungary. He felt that the expedition was wrong but was convinced to go out of obedience his father. Yet when soldiers started deserting, he was only too glad to listen to the advice of his officers and return home. Casimir's feelings were confirmed when he discovered that Pope Sixtus IV had also opposed the battle. However his father was furious at this situation and banished Casimir to a castle in Dobzki, hoping that the imprisonment would change his son's mind. This caused Casimir to further commit to what he believed was right, causing him to grow stronger in his exile. He refused to cooperate with his father's plans despite the pressure to give in and rejected a marriage alliance which his father tried to form. He now wholeheartedly prayed, studied and helped the poor.

Soon, Casimir became known for his piety, devotion to God and generosity towards the sick and poor, being religiously affected by Father Dlugosz. He knew that his life was not his own because as a prince of Poland he was supposed to cement his father's authority and increase Poland's power, but he also knew that his life really belonged to the Lord. Despite pressure, humiliation and rejection, he stood by his loyalty to God throughout his whole life.



The riches that surrounded him were temptations to forget his true loyalties, but he rebelled against them. He rejected ordinary comforts, wearing plain clothes, sleeping little and spending nights in prayer. When he did sleep, he slept on the floor and not on a royal bed. Many of those who were around him laughed and joked at his choices, but Casimir was always friendly and calm. He was known for his exceptional intellect, education, humility and politeness, one who strove for justice and fairness.

Casimir died on March 4, 1484 and was buried with his favorite song, a Latin hymn to the Blessed Mother called "Omni die die Mariae" which is known as "Daily, Daily Sing to Mary." Because of his love for the song, it is known as the Hymn of St. Casimir even though he didn't write it. Soon many were in awe of Casimir. His canonization was initiated by his brother King Sigismund I the Old in 1514 and he was canonized in 1521. St. Casimir is patron saint of Lithuania and Lithuanian youth and is buried at the Chapel of St. Casimir in the Vilnius Cathedral.

The veneration of St. Casimir saw a resurgence in the seventeenth century when his feast day was confirmed by the Pope in 1602 who the dedicated the Chapel of St. Casimir. In Vilnius, his feast day is celebrated annually with Kaziuko mugė, a trade fair held on the Sunday nearest to March 4, the anniversary of his death. There are more than fifty churches named after St. Casimir in Lithuania and Poland, including the Church of St. Casimir in Vilnius and St. Kazimierz Church in Warsaw. There are also many churches in the Lithuanian and Polish communities in the US named after St. Casimir. The congregation of the Sisters of St. Casimir was established in 1908 and remains active in the United States.

This is his Prayer: Saint Casimir, help us to remember that our true King is Jesus Christ and always serve him with joy and love. Help us to turn to our true Father for guidance and protection. Amen.

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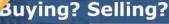
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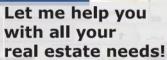


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