



SAINT FAUSTINA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 28-29, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus, I Trust in You

Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas

Daily Mass / Misa Diaria

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses / Misas de fin de semana

Saturdays @ 4:00 p.m.

**Sundays @ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
5:00 p.m. en Español**

Wednesday Holy Hour / Miércoles Hora Santa

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*First Friday Adoration /
Adoración del Primer Viernes*

8:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m.

Confessions / Confesiones

**Saturday / Sábado 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
or appointment / o con cita previa**

*The Church is Open for Personal Prayer
Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to
4:00 p.m., and on Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

*La Iglesia está abierta para la oración personal
De lunes a jueves, de 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
y los viernes, de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.*



Jesús les dijo:
"No hay ninguno que haga
milagros en mi nombre,
que luego sea capaz
de hablar mal de mí."

Todo aquel
que no está
contra nosotros,
está a nuestro favor".

Marcos 9:39-40

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Parish Office Hours / Horario de Oficina Parroquial

Monday thru Thursday / Lunes a Jueves 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday / Viernes 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Pastoral Team / Equipo pastoral

Pastor	Father Carlos Caban	Ext. 101	ccaban@stfaustina.org
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A Message From Father Carlos / Un Mensaje de Padre Carlos

My dear St. Faustina family,

This week, we see Jesus, the Master, continuing to work with his group of followers. He does so with an open attitude because the Spirit of God blows where he wills and has no boundaries. He chooses people, gives his gifts, and acts freely, always working for good and building the Kingdom of God. This is the direction of the message of the Word of God for this Sunday.

The first reading from the Book of Numbers refers to the constitution of the seventy elders who will assist Moses in leading the people. They must be animated by the same Spirit, avoiding jealousy or rivalry. In the second reading of the letter of the Apostle James, we find one of the strongest and hardest passages of the Bible against the rich of this world. He is against the abuse of power and wealth. Riches, if kept or accumulated for selfish purposes, corrupt the life of the Spirit. On the other hand, in today's Gospel passage, Jesus teaches that any act of kindness, even giving a cup of water to his followers, will be rewarded, emphasizing that those who are not against Him are for Him. He also warns of the grave consequences of causing sin to the innocent.

Brothers and sisters, we are preparing to celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint Faustina. This will be celebrated next weekend. Let us take advantage of this celebration to grow as a parish community and thus grow in the Faith. Let's come ready to participate in the proposals that we have for next weekend after each mass. Courage!

Saint Faustina... Pray for us.
St. Faustina... Pray for us.

In Crist,
Fr. Carlos



Mi querida familia de Santa Faustina,

Esta semana vemos a Jesús, el Maestro, que sigue trabajando a su grupo de seguidores y, además, lo hace manteniendo una actitud abierta, porque el Espíritu de Dios sopla donde quiere y no tiene fronteras. El elige a las personas, otorga sus dones y actúa libremente, siempre obrando el bien y para construir el Reino de Dios. Por aquí nos encamina el mensaje de la palabra de Dios de este domingo.

La primera lectura del libro de los números nos refiere a la constitución de los setenta ancianos que ayudarán a Moisés en la conducción del pueblo. Ellos han de estar animados por un mismo Espíritu, evitando celos o rivalidades. En la segunda lectura de la carta del Apóstol Santiago, encontramos uno de los más fuertes y duros pasajes de toda la Biblia contra los ricos de este mundo. Él está contra el abuso del poder y de la riqueza. Las riquezas, si se guardan o se acumulan por propósitos egoístas corrompen la vida del Espíritu. Por otro lado, en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús enseña que cualquier acto de bondad, incluso dar un vaso de agua a sus seguidores, será recompensado, y enfatiza que quienes no están en contra de Él están a favor. También advierte sobre las graves consecuencias de causar pecado a los inocentes.

Hermanos y hermanas nos preparamos para celebrar la fiesta de nuestra Patrona Santa Faustina. Esta la celebraremos el próximo fin de semana. Aprovechemos pues esta celebración para crecer como comunidad parroquial y de esa forma crecer en la Fe. Vengamos listos a participar de las propuestas que tenemos para el próximo fin de semana luego de cada misa. ¡Animo!

Santa Faustina... Ruega por nosotros.

En Cristo,
Padre Carlos

Welcome to
St. Faustina Catholic Church!

Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de
Santa Faustina

Mass Intentions Intenciones de Misa

Saturday, September 28, 2024

*St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday*

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

For the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. SI Fr. David Gilles

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. SI Yolanda Inumerable, Birthday

9:30 a.m. + Diane Hynes

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Faustina

5:00 p.m. + Teresa Santiago

Monday, September 30, 2024

St. Jerome

8:00 a.m. + Josephine Borges

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8:00 a.m. + Terry Gagnon Sampiere

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 a.m. + Jacqueline Myers

Thursday, October 3, 2024

8:00 a.m. + Pilar G. Rivero

Friday, October 4, 2024

St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 a.m. + Juan R. Fuentes

Saturday, October 5, 2024

*St. Faustina Kowalska; St. Francis Xavier Seelos;
Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday*

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass Association

For the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. + Marian Jeannette Jones Tyree

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. + John Rand

9:30 a.m. + Rose Tislaine Charles

11:30 a.m. + Kevin Madsen

5:00 p.m. + Aquiel Jesus Dilone

Prepare for Masses Prepararse para la Misa

Readings for the Week / Lecturas de la semana

Monday / Lunes: Jb 1:6-22; Ps (Sal) 17:1-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday / Martes: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps (Sal) 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday / Miércoles: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps (Sal) 88:10b-15; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday / Jueves: Jb 19:21-27; Ps (Sal) 27:7-9, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday / Viernes: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps (Sal) 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday / Sabado: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps (Sal) 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia del sábado and Sunday y Domingo: Gn 2:18-24; Ps (Sal) 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

Next Weekend's Readings / Lecturas del próximo fin de semana

First Reading / Primera lectura:

Genesis / Génesis 2:18-24— “With figurative language, Genesis conveys the potential closeness that God fashions into the bond between men and women.” / “Con lenguaje figurado, el Génesis transmite la cercanía potencial que Dios plasma en el vínculo entre el hombre y la mujer”.

Psalm / Salmo: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (5) — “May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.” / “Que el Señor nos bendiga todos los días de nuestra vida.”

Second Reading / Segunda lectura:

Hebrews / Hebreos 2:9-11— “...through Christ’s death for us - which we enter into through baptism— God incorporates us into the divine family.” “...a través de la muerte de Cristo por nosotros -en la que entramos por el bautismo- Dios nos incorpora a la familia divina”.

Gospel / Evangelio: Mark / Marcos 10:2-16— Jesus tells us that “...Genesis conveys the full meaning and depth of the bond of marriage: the two become one flesh...” / Jesús nos dice que “...el Génesis transmite todo el significado y la profundidad del vínculo del matrimonio: los dos se convierten en una sola carne...”

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers / En Nuestros Pensamientos y Oraciones

"The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful."

James 5:16

"La oración ferviente de una persona justa es muy poderosa".

Santiago 5:16



David Bache
David Bartkus
Katie y Bebe sin nacer
Dolores Beltrani
Zachary Birkholz
Michael Daniel Boglino
Angela & Exevior Bojda
Anita Boyd
Brenda Brubaker
Larry Brunke Sr.
Kay Bucci
Jeannie Burns
Mary O. Callaghan
Helen Capozzi
Jean Conn
Carlos Corrales
Baby Jimmy Costello
Judith Crogman
Mary Ann Cunningham
Daniel Cuttita
Patrick J Cyr
Tina Cyr
Frances Cavone, Sr.
George Dana
Roger Darnell

Sandy Darnell
Ed David
Bill Dean
Patricia Dick
David Egan
Hadley Epps
Jim Flanagan
Joseph Foster
Christine Gallagher
Carmine Gallo
Mary Garl
Elsa Gomez
Dcn. Raphael Gonzalez
Julie Haley
Nancy Harrigan
Lilian Hawkinson
Ron Henefer
Jessica Hiles
Jeff Hollingsworth
Roberta Hyland
Robert Kasper
Phillip Kilinski
Robert Kolenc
Joseph Krajc
Gabriela Lantigua-Pazmino

Timothy Leonard
Joseph Loughrey
John Magnotti
Pasquale Maiellano
Jack Marchewka
Paul Mayo
Susan Mayo
Mike McGee
Jeremiah Meadows
Frank T. Montiagnino
Megan Naughton
Barb Nelson
Kristey Nelson
Jan Nilsen
Marlene Nordby
Al Novak
Patty Odell
Becky Oosterveen
Anthony Parker
David Parker
Felisa Parker-Gibson
Lee Patrick
Linda Patrick
Michael Patrick
Lorgia Pazmino

Pablo Pazmino
Sue Plante
Gene Plante
Denise Pruneski
John Pruneski
Michelle Rigney
Antonia Sanchez
Adeline Serignese
Lenise Shope
Adam Sparacio
Paulette Sparlik
Steven Syrkin
Marge Tagler
Mark Thomas
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Amendment 4 Legalizes Abortion on Demand From Conception Up To Birth Does Anyone Want That? Vote No on 4!

La Enmienda 4 legaliza el aborto bajo demanda desde la concepción hasta el nacimiento. Alguien quiere eso? Vota no en 4!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Daily Mass Monday thru Saturday at 8:00 a.m. followed the Holy Rosary
Misa diaria de lunes a sábado a las 8:00 a.m. seguida del Santo Rosario*

Saturday, September 28	Grief Support, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Classroom 1 Fully Engaged, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Classroom 1
Sunday, September 29	Parish Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Church Parking Lot
Monday, September 30	Rosary Makers, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., classroom
Tuesday, October 1	Bible Study, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Classroom 2 Prayer and Life, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Classroom 1 Choir Practice, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Church Emmaus, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Aula 2
Wednesday, October 2	Caring Crafters Lead Meeting, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Classroom 1 Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Church Handbell Choir, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Church Young Adult Group, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Classroom 2 Fully Engaged, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Classroom 1
Thursday, October 3	No scheduled events
Friday, October 4	Rosario en Español, 7:00 p.m., la Iglesia
Saturday, October 5	St. Faustina Weekend Fully Engaged, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Classroom 1
Sunday, October 6	St. Faustina Weekend Blessing of Pets, 1:00 p.m., Church Parking Lot Misa en Espanol, 2:00 p.m., Church

See Page Seven for more information on the St. Faustina Feast Day Celebration
Para más información sobre la fiesta de Santa Faustina, véase la página 7.

No lo olviden, la misa en español del próximo domingo es a las 2:00 p.m. y no a las 5:00 p.m.
¡Gracias!

St. Faustina All Souls Day Mass —The St. Faustina Bereavement and Consolation Ministry cordially invites you to join us for our All Souls Day Bilingual Mass on Monday, November 4, at 7:00 pm. During the Mass, we will honor your loved one and other members of our parish community who have entered Eternal Life during the past year. Kindly send the name of your loved one to Wanda Pelletier at wpelletier5@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, October 29. Thank you.

Santa Faustina Misa del Día de los Difuntos — El Ministerio de Duelo y Consolación de Santa Faustina le invita cordialmente a unirse a nosotros para nuestra Misa Bilingüe del Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos el lunes 4 de noviembre a las 7:00 pm. Durante la Misa, honraremos a su ser querido y a otros miembros de nuestra comunidad parroquial que han entrado a la Vida Eterna durante el año pasado. Por favor, envíe el nombre de su ser querido a Wanda Pelletier en wpelletier5@gmail.com a más tardar el martes, 29 de octubre. Muchas gracias.



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STEWARDSHIP / ADMINISTRACIÓN

Offertory / Ofertorio	\$10,231.60
Poor Box / Caja pobre	\$57.00
Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa	\$225.00
Religious Education / Educación religiosa	\$4,285.00
Votive Candles / Velas votivas	\$145.00
Gift Shop / Tienda de regalos	\$260.00
Diocesan Collections / Colectas diocesanas	\$694.00
Baptism Donations / Donaciones para Bautizos	\$310.00
Wedding Donation / Donación de boda	\$500.00
St. Faustina Statue Raffle / Rifa de la estatua de Santa Faustina	\$85.00
Total	\$16,792.60

**Financial Stewardship
Administración
Financiera
September 21-22
21-22 de Septiembre**

**Mass Attendance
Asistencia a misa**

1,583

Construction / Construcción	\$3,994.68
Fund Raising Food Sales / Venta de alimentos	\$133.00
Total	\$4,127.68

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Faustina Parish!

¡Gracias por su continua generosidad con la parroquia de Santa Faustina!

Save A Life This Weekend Salvar una vida este fin de semana

Parish Blood Drive Set for September 29 — This Sunday, September 29, we will host our bi-monthly blood drive from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Big Red Bus will be parked right outside our front entrance.

Our July drive saw this five-year ministry surpass the 600-donation plateau as 23 donors entered the bus, giving us 606 total pints donated, thus saving up to 1,818 lives as each donation can help save up to three patients. Besides the ability to help someone, you will receive a Wellness Check from the highly trained OneBlood staff members on board and a gift from OneBlood. While 90% of our donors are walk-ups, you can reserve your space by making an appointment at <https://bit.ly/3XBMSol>; as always, thank you for considering donating, and THANK YOU to all those who have participated in this important outreach ministry.



Colecta de Sangre Para el Domingo, 29 de Septiembre — Este domingo, 29 de septiembre, tendremos nuestra colecta de sangre bimensual de 7:30 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. El Gran Autobús Rojo estará estacionado justo afuera de nuestra entrada principal.

En nuestra campaña de julio, este ministerio quinquenal superó la barrera de las 600 donaciones cuando 23 donantes entraron en el autobús, lo que nos dio un total de 606 pintas donadas, salvando así hasta 1.818 vidas, ya que cada donación puede ayudar a salvar hasta tres pacientes. Además de la posibilidad de ayudar a alguien, recibirás un chequeo de bienestar por parte del personal altamente cualificado de OneBlood que se encuentra a bordo y un regalo de OneBlood. Aunque el 90% de nuestros donantes son personas sin cita previa, puede reservar su plaza concertando una cita en <https://bit.ly/3XBMSol>; como siempre, gracias por considerar la posibilidad de donar, y GRACIAS a todos los que han participado en este importante ministerio de divulgación.

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska Celebration
Celebración de Santa María Faustina Kowalska

October / Octubre 5-6, 2024

St. Faustina Catholic Church



Welcome!

¡Bienvenidos!

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Saturday/Sabado, October / Octubre 5

Solemn Procession
Procesión solemne
3:45 p.m.

Mass/Misa
4:00 p.m.

Food/Comida and
Games / Juegos
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Sunday/Domingo, October / Octubre 6

Misas / Masses /
7:30 am., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m.
(en Español)

Blessing of Pets
1:00 p.m.

Procesión solemne / Solemn Procession
1:45 p.m.

Comida / Food Games / Juegos
St. Faustina Caring Crafters Sale
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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PARISH MINISTRIES & UPCOMING EVENTS



Caring Crafters Will Participate in Our St. Faustina Feast Day Celebration on October 6 —The Caring Crafters Ministry will participate in the St. Faustina Feast Day Celebration on October 6 only.

We will be outside the church entrance all day, starting after 7:30 a.m. Mass and ending at 5:00 p.m. However, we will not be selling any items between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. (solemnity).

Want to get your Christmas shopping done early? We have numerous homemade gifts that you could purchase for that special someone (or even for yourself). We have lots of the same items you have requested in the past, but we will also have Halloween, Thanksgiving/fall, and Christmas items. The Christmas tree is back with lots of beautiful Christmas ornaments, including the embroidered angels you all loved. Stop by to browse our many tables and setups and chat with our members, who will help you find the perfect gift.

Remember, we can only accept cash or checks (no credit cards), and all proceeds will go to the debt reduction fund.

Caring Crafters Participará en la Celebración de la Fiesta de Santa Faustina el 6 de octubre — El Ministerio Caring Crafters participará en la Celebración de la Fiesta de Santa Faustina sólo el 6 de octubre. Estaremos fuera de la entrada de la iglesia todo el día, comenzando después de la misa de las 7:30 a.m. y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. Sin embargo, no venderemos ningún artículo entre la 1:30 y las 3:30 p.m. (solemnidad).

¿Quiere adelantar sus compras navideñas? Tenemos numerosos regalos caseros que puedes comprar para esa persona especial (o incluso para ti mismo). Tenemos muchos de los mismos artículos que han solicitado en el pasado, pero también tendremos artículos de Halloween, Acción de Gracias/otoño y Navidad. El árbol de Navidad está de vuelta con un montón de hermosos adornos de Navidad, incluyendo los ángeles bordados que todos amaban.

Pásate por nuestras numerosas mesas y montajes y charla con nuestros socios, que te ayudarán a encontrar el regalo perfecto.

Recuerde que sólo aceptamos efectivo o cheques (no tarjetas de crédito) y que todos los beneficios se destinarán al fondo de reducción de la deuda.

Blessing of the Animals

— Do you have a pet? If so, bring them to be blessed at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6, in the Church parking lot. All pets are welcome, but please make sure any alligators, caimans, cassowaries, pythons, etc., are well-fed beforehand and kept on a leash. Thank you!



Bendición de los Animales - ¿Tiene una mascota? Si es así, tráigala para ser bendecida a la 1:00 pm el domingo 6 de octubre en el estacionamiento de la Iglesia. Todas las mascotas son bienvenidas, pero por favor asegúrese de que cualquier caimanes, casuarios, pitones, etc, están bien alimentados de antemano y se mantienen en una correa. Muchas gracias.



St. Faustina Spiritual Enrichment to Prayer Life Presents its Annual Retreat Praying 2,000 Hail Mary's of the Rosary
Languages: English, Spanish, and Italian

“Send Forth Your Spirit and Renew Me Oh Lord”
October 12

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Followed by the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(Refreshments will be served.)

For More Information, contact Dr. Eulalia Sentino at 347-339-7558

Santa Faustina Enriquecimiento Espiritual a la Vida de Oración

Presenta su Retiro Anual Rezar 2.000 Avemarias del Rosario
Idiomas: Inglés, Español e Italiano

“Envía Tu Espíritu y Renuévame Oh Señor”
12 de octubre

De 8:00 a 17:30 horas

Seguido de la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento
(Se servirán refrescos).

Para más información, póngase en contacto con la Dra. Eulalia Sentino al 347-339-7558



Faith Formation / Formación de la Fe



Dear Parents of Children in Religious Education Classes,

Please note our department's office hours:

Monday and Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If I am not in the office, please leave a message at 352-702-4735 or send an email to mmariniello@stfaustina.org.

If you need to arrange for a child's baptism, and I am not here, please fill out the pre-registration forms at the front desk for baptism scheduling. When I receive them, I will contact you to make further arrangements.

Regarding classes, we are stressing attendance and punctuality. Family issues or health matters are understandable, but activities which occur at the same time of classes need to be addressed. If there is an issue, please come see me and we can figure it out.

Finally, please attend Mass with your children. We teach them about Mass, but going to church and participating is so important for the children to experience.

This year, there are more students, teachers and classes. God bless all of them.

Thanks,
Marylu

Estimados padres de niños en clases de educación religiosa, Por favor, tengan en cuenta el horario de oficina de nuestro departamento:

Lunes y miércoles, de 13:00 a 19:00 horas.

Jueves, de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.

Sábado, de 9.30 a 16.00 h.

Domingo, de 12.30 a 16.30 h.

Si no estoy en la oficina, por favor deje un mensaje al 352-702-4735 o envíe un correo electrónico a mmariniello@stfaustina.org.

Si usted necesita hacer arreglos para el bautismo de un niño, y yo no estoy aquí, por favor llene los formularios de pre-registro en la recepción para la programación de bautismo. Cuando los reciba, me pondré en contacto con usted para hacer los arreglos necesarios.

En cuanto a las clases, hacemos hincapié en la asistencia y la puntualidad. Asuntos familiares o de salud son comprensibles, pero las actividades que ocurren al mismo tiempo que las clases necesitan ser atendidas. Si hay algún problema, por favor vengan a verme y podremos resolverlo.

Finalmente, por favor asistan a Misa con sus hijos. Les enseñamos sobre la Misa, pero ir a la iglesia y participar es tan importante para que los niños experimenten.

Este año, hay mas estudiantes, maestros y clases. Dios los bendiga a todos.

Gracias,
Marylu

Saint Theodore Guérin

By Marylu Mariniello

Anne-Thérèse Guérin was born on October 2, 1798, in Étables-sur-Mer in Brittany, France, to Laurent Guérin, an officer in the French Navy under Napoleon Bonaparte and Isabelle Lefèvre. They had four children: two sons, Jean-Laurent and Laurent-Marie, and two daughters, but only Anne-Thérèse and her younger sister, Marie-Jeanne, survived. The Guérin sisters were mostly educated at home by their mother and later by a relative who lived with the family. She was born near the end of the French Revolution, which then led to the Reign of Terror and the establishment of the French First Republic. This period was disastrous for French Catholics. Schools and churches were closed. Many Catholic clergy escaped to avoid death from the guillotine.

She knew from an early age that she would devote her life to serving God. When Anne-Thérèse was ten, she was allowed to take her First Communion two years earlier than the custom of the time. She told the priest in Étables that she wished to enter a religious community when she was older. At age fifteen, tragedy struck the family. Thieves robbed and killed her father as he was traveling home. Her mother fell into a deep depression. Anne now accepted the responsibility of caring for her mother and sister, as well as the family's home and garden. When she was twenty, Anne asked permission from her mother to join a religious order, but Isabelle refused. Five years later, Isabelle recognized

Anne-Thérèse's devotion to God and allowed her to leave home to join a convent.

On August 18, 1823, Anne-Thérèse entered the Sisters of Providence of Ruillé-sur-Loir congregation and was given the name of Sister Saint Théodore. She professed her first vows on September 8, 1825, and perpetual vows on September 5, 1831. Sister spent her early career as an educator, starting as a teacher at Preuilly-sur-Claise in central France. In 1826, she taught and was also the Superior at the Saint Aubin parish school in Rennes before her transfer to a school at Soulaines in the Diocese of Angers. Sister also cared for the area's sick and poor while also receiving a medal for her teaching from the inspector for the Academy of Angers. She then developed smallpox. Although she recovered, her digestive system was damaged, which caused her to only eat a simple, bland diet for the rest of her life.

In 1839, the Most Reverend Simon William Gabriel Bruté, the first bishop of the vast Diocese of Vincennes in Indiana, searched for a religious congregation to come to the diocese to teach, give spiritual instruction and help the sick. There were only a few priests to attend to a large influx of Catholic immigrants of French, German, and Irish descent.

The bishop died in June of 1829. His replacement was Bishop Hailandière, who asked for nuns to come to help. Sister Saint Théodore and five other nuns, Sister Olympiade Boyer, Sister Saint Vincent Ferrer Gagé, Sister Basilide Sénéchal, Sister Mary Xavier Lérée and Sister Mary Liguori Tiercin left France on July 15, 1840 to sail to the US. After a rough two-month-long journey across the Atlantic, the six women traveled by steamboat and stagecoach to reach the dense forest of Indiana. On October 22, they arrived at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, a small, remote village in Vigo County, a few miles northwest of Terre Haute. For many months, they lived in a small frontier farmhouse with the Thralls family, along with a few postulants who had also joined. Sister was now the foundress and superior of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and became Mother Théodore.

They started several schools across Indiana and eastern Illinois for the Diocese of Vincennes, as well as serving the orphans, sick, and the poor. Less than a year after they arrived, Mother Théodore and the Sisters opened Saint Mary's Academy for young women, the forerunner of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, the oldest Catholic women's liberal arts college in the US. She forged on even though she was skeptical, writing in her journals, "It is astonishing that this remote solitude has been chosen for a novitiate and especially for an academy. All appearances are against it."

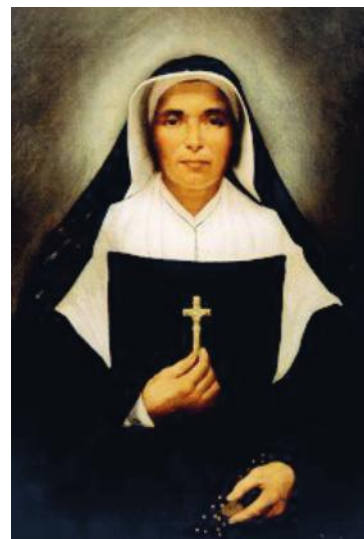
For the next nine years, Mother Théodore established parish schools at several sites within the Diocese. Mother then went to France for fundraising and returned to create other schools in Indiana, two in Evansville, one each in Fort Wayne, Lanesville, and Columbus, as well as ministering to two schools started by Bishop Hailandière. Besides establishing schools, Mother Théodore and the Sisters cooperated with the newer bishops to create two orphanages in Vincennes and free pharmacies there and at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Mother Théodore was a skilled businesswoman as well as the beloved general superior and spiritual leader of the Sisters. She purchased a local farmhouse belonging to the Thralls family to serve as the congregation's first convent at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and oversaw the construction of a new Providence convent, which was formally dedicated on August 7, 1854. She was planning to build a new chapel at the convent in honor of the Blessed Virgin but did not live to see it completed. The Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods was her last major project, completed in 1886.

Mother Théodore died on May 14, 1856. She was beatified on October 25, 1998 by Pope John Paul II and canonized on October 15, 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI, given the name of Saint Theodore Guérin.

Her shrine is located at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on the convent grounds at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. A section of Route 150 was renamed "Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Memorial Highway." She is the eighth American saint and the first saint from Indiana.

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin is the patron saint of the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and the Knights of Columbus in Indianapolis. Her feast day is October 3.

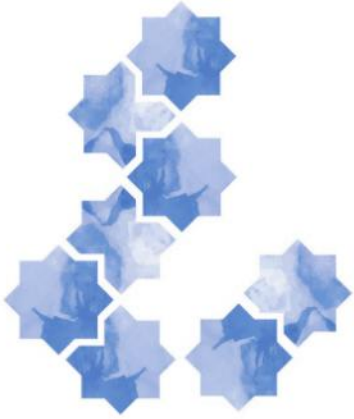


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