

Answers to Requirements

1. August 25, 1905 in Glogowiec, Poland. Her birth name was Helena Kowalska. She was the third of 10 children.
https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=510
2. Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Sister Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament. She became an initiate in the order on April 30, 1926.
3. To spread devotion about the mercy of God to the church and world, to help people remember that God our Father is loving and merciful and that we should also show mercy and love to our neighbors. He asked her to be an example of mercy and to imitate Christ by making sacrifices for others.
<https://www.faustyna.pl/zmbm/en/biography/>
4. St. Faustina died on October 5, 1938 in Krakow, Poland from tuberculosis.
5. St. Faustina was canonized by St. Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000. Her Feast Day is October 5.
6. The Feast of Mercy is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter, now referred to as Divine Mercy Sunday. This day became a feast day in the Krakow Archdiocese in 1985 and throughout Poland in 1995. St. Pope John Paul II expanded the feast to the entire church on the day of the canonization of St. Faustina. Jesus told Faustina that he wanted this day to be recognized as a special day when he will extend mercy and “all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.” (Diary 699)

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Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a Religious Emblem program and may a Scout receive a religious knot after completing this activity?

No. This activity is considered a Religious Activity, not a Religious Emblem program. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning this activity patch.

Will there be more Saint Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Saint patches released, from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The Order Form and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Whom do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

Modern Saint Series



Saint Faustina Kowalska Activity Patch



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Modern Saint Series Activities

The Modern Saint Series honors 20th and 21st century men and women who have had a profound impact on many people around the globe. The goal of each activity in this series is to share the lives of these great men and women so that young people might relate to what they have done and look to them as role models. Some have the rank of “saint” and are venerated by the universal Church. Some have the rank of “blessed” and are venerated by the local Church. Some have the rank of “venerable” and, while on the way to becoming a “saint”, may be venerated by Catholics.

Requirements for Saint Faustina Kowalska Activity Patch

All—Read about St. Faustina Kowalska. You can find information at www.faustyna.pl/zmbm/en, and www.americancatholic.org. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 3 activities OR visit a Divine Mercy Shrine with your family or group OR watch the link.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 4 activities OR visit a Divine Mercy Shrine with your family or group OR watch the link.

Requirements:

- 1) When and where was St. Faustina born? What was her birth name? How many children were in her family?
- 2) St. Faustina applied to several convents before being accepted. What is the name of the order she joined and what name did she receive?
- 3) Jesus appeared to St. Faustina several times from 1931 until her death in 1938. What was Jesus' message to her?
- 4) Where did St. Faustina die and in what year? What did she die from?
- 5) What year was St. Faustina canonized and what is her feast day?
- 6) What is Divine Mercy Sunday, when is it celebrated and why?

Activities:

- 1) Draw a picture, create a prayer card or make a small plaque that illustrates Jesus as the Divine Mercy.
(<https://www.faustyna.pl/zmbm/en/image/>)
- 2) St. Faustina worked as a cook, gardener and housekeeper. Volunteer to do chores at home, at school or in your parish. Have a cheerful heart while performing these duties.
- 3) St. Faustina wrote in her diary about Jesus' appearances to her and his message of the mercy of God the Father. Make your own personal diary and use it to write entries recalling difficult times, challenges, and other times of need. After each entry, write the prayer, “Jesus, I trust in you.” Include entries on how you feel after prayer and confession.
- 4) Jesus wants us to show mercy to others as proof of our love for him. We can show mercy through deed, word and prayer. Discuss these three ways of reflecting Jesus' mercy and then demonstrate mercy to someone.
- 5) Jesus taught St. Faustina how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. With your family or group, pray the Chaplet. Words and video can be found at these links:
<https://www.faustyna.pl/zmbm/en/chaplet-of-the-divine-mercy/>
http://catholicism.about.com/od/prayers/ht/Chaplet_DM.htm
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5TGfisOKMM>

Requirements for Adults:

1. Assist the youth with this Modern Saint activity.
2. Share your thoughts with the youth about this Modern Saint.
3. Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to ensure accuracy and understanding.
4. Read excerpts from St. Faustina's diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, and share several of the quotes with youth.
5. Complete the order form for this Modern Saint Activity and submit it with payment for the patch to NCCS.