

Worship in Spirit and Truth!

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Mass

“[T]he hour is...already here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth. Indeed it is worshipers like these that the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth.” (John 4:23-24).

The liturgy of the Mass expresses spiritual mysteries. During Mass, symbols and signs represent the mysteries. If you do not understand the symbols and signs, you will go through Mass with meaningless gestures, boredom, and even disbelief. To get the most out of every Mass, we must recognize the signs and symbols with the knowledge of Faith.

There is always an altar and a crucifix. They go together to represent the table where the Last Supper—the First Mass—was celebrated, and the Cross on which Christ died. The Last Supper is a living sacrifice uniting Jesus in the flesh with all believers. Then He was sacrificed on the Cross in death to free us from sin. Every Mass is the Last Supper and Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross (1 Cor. 11:17-32).

There are candles. The flame reminds us of the Holy Spirit descending on the Apostles at Pentecost as tongues of fire. In the same way, He descended on us at our Baptism and Confirmation. So, the burning candles remind us of the Light of Christ we carry because we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. As the candles light the altar, we must light the world.

There are common gestures used to draw us into the worship of God and give meaning to the mysteries we encounter during Mass. They include the Sign of the Cross, our sign of salvation, used anytime the Holy Trinity is invoked. A solemn bow (bowing until your hands can touch your knees) reserved only for worship of God, like before you receive Communion. A simple bow, given when you hear the name of Jesus or during the Creed when we profess that Jesus took flesh in the womb of Mary. We kneel to show humility before God. We genuflect on the right knee to show reverence and

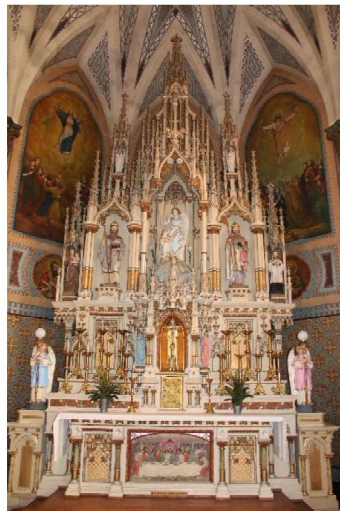
respect for God when we enter and leave the church, or before receiving Communion. We strike our breasts, usually three times, to show sorrow for sins whenever we pray, *“Lord have mercy.”*

Words are symbols. The words of prayer give meaning to what we do. Pay attention to what the priests pray and gain understanding. Add your own prayers during quiet moments. During Penitential Rites, consider your sins, but also forgive others and pray. *“Lord, I forgive all who have sinned against me, and I beg you to have mercy on them, have mercy on me, and heal those hurt by my sins.”* Remember, God forgives us only as we forgive others (Mt. 6:14-15).

At the introduction of the Gospel, make the Sign of the Cross on your forehead, lips and breast with your thumb and pray, *“May Your Word be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.”* Remember, we must bear the Word of God to the world (Mt. 5:14-16).

As the priest prepares the gifts at the Offertory, give yourself to God with the prayer, *“As You accept these gifts, accept me. As You consecrate these gifts, consecrate me. As You change these gifts into Your Body and Blood, change me too, that I might take my place in Your Mystical Body.”* Remember, we are God’s image and by living in His grace we become His Body (1 Cor. 12:27).

During the silence after communion, use the moment to thank Jesus for His tender mercy and all the gifts He has given you. Make it personal. Let your prayer of thanksgiving continue after Mass. Take this moment to reflect on the mysteries of God that you just encountered. Let the Love you just received change how you think, what you say and what you do.



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- ✠ Who Art in Heaven: The Dwelling Place of God
- ✠ Assumption of Mary into Heaven
- ✠ The Immaculate Conception

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* HARRISON COUNTY * CATHOLIC CHURCHES



Sacred Heart Church
Hopedale



St. Matthias
Freeport



St. Teresa of Avila
Cadiz

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR OUR VISITORS



RESTROOM FACILITIES

FREEPORT ST. MATTHIAS - The restrooms in St. Matthias are located off of the gathering room behind the worship area.

CADIZ - ST. TERESA - There are no restrooms in the church itself. Restrooms are located in the Activity Center which is the building right next to the church at the back of the parking lot.

HOPEDALE - SACRED HEART - The restrooms are located in the basement of the church but you have to go outside and down to the front of the church to access the basement and restroom facilities.

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

SUN - Isaiah 55:6–9, Psalm 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18, Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a, Matthew 20:1–16a

MON - Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13, Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5, Matthew 9:9-13

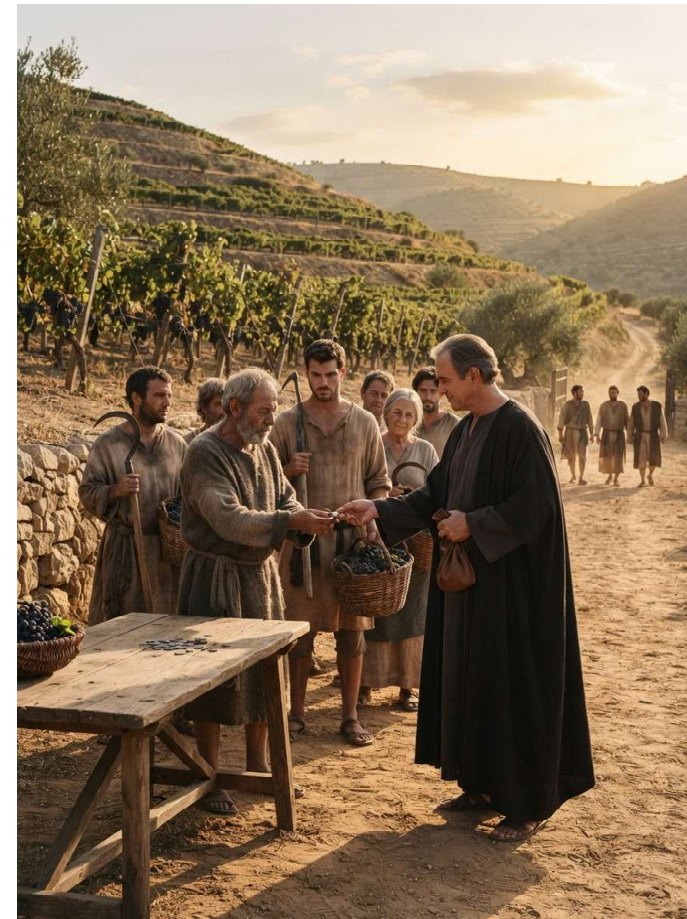
TUE - Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13, Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44, Luke 8:19-21

WED - Proverbs 30:5-9, Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163, Luke 9:1-6

THU - Ecclesiastes 1:2-11, Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc, Luke 9:7-9

FRI - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, Psalm 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4, Luke 9:18-22

SAT - Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8, Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17, Luke 9:43b-45



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St. Teresa of Avila (Cadiz) - Sacred Heart (Hopedale) - St. Matthias (Freeport)

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*ST = at St. Teresa, SH = at Sacred Heart, SM = at St. Matthias
The Rosary is recited one half hour before all weekend Masses.
Confessions will be heard after Mass at Sacred Heart and St. Matthias and
Tuesdays after 4:30 PM Mass at St. Teresa*

09/19/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Edward Chini, Sr. (Curt & Judy Crawshaw) - 5668
09/19/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	William Soos (Ron & Jean Prince) - 5829
09/20/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Sharon Leck (Julie Leck - Meyer Family) - 5860
09/20/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	People of Our Parishes
09/21/2026	MON			NO MASS
09/22/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	Albert Zambon & Family - 5320
09/23/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	Jack Hamilton (Nancy Wisvari) - 5837
09/24/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	Connie Gardner (health) Diana R. Vargo - 5895
09/25/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	Intentions of the St. Joseph Foundation - 5752
09/26/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	50th Wedding Anniv. (Rick & Paula Celestino) - 5847
09/26/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	People of Our Parishes
09/27/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Louis Filippi (Irma Filippi & Sons) - 5844
09/27/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Don Jochims (Karen Jochims) - 4514

	GOAL	PAID	REMAINDER
ST. TERESA	\$10,107	\$12,075	+ \$1,968
SACRED HEART	\$5,654	\$5,654	\$0.00
ST. MATTHIAS	\$4,502	\$3,650	- \$702

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4590: will meet on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. If you are interested in attending or joining the K of C, contact Barry Momyer, 412-965-3522.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASS: will be held Sunday, September 20th at 8:30 AM— 9:20 AM before the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. We will meet in St. Teresa’s Activities Center. (Next class: October 4th)

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Sunday, September 20th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM at St. Teresa Activity Center. A movie will be shown for the children and adults may bring games to play. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided, please bring snacks to share.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The 2026 Eucharistic Rosary Congress will be held October 3 - 9 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Wintersville. . For more information call Peggy Downs at 410-596-1936.

PRAY AND TAKE ACTION — to Protect Women and Babies from the Abortion Pill: The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills by invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life. Join us in prayer from now until the end of October! For facts and resources about abortion pills visit: respectlife.org/abortion-pills. (From the office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life of the Diocese of Steubenville).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The 2026 Life Chain will be held nationwide on October 4, 2026. The schedule will be listed in the September 18th issue of the Steubenville Register.

CWC RAFFLE WINNERS: The Catholic Woman’s Club Annual Raffle winners are: \$200.00 - Barbara Momyer, SH; \$150.00 - Judy Kelly, ST; \$100.00 - Michael Nunner, ST; \$50.00 - Sandy O’Bradovich, ST. \$1,366. 00 total profit. Thank you for your support.

If everyone, everywhere,
at all times and under all circumstances
followed the teachings of Jesus Christ
and His Church, the world would be
so much more like heaven, and
so much less like hell!

Fr. Fred Kihm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tammy Belon, Michael Beckler, Ginger Russell, Julie Meyer, Richard Kidd, Lisa and Baylor Barger, Joyce Antol, Celeste Coelho, Irma Filippi, Jerry Jackson, Cherilynn Morgan, Dolly Ferraro, Joanne Raha, Ann (Fledderus) Crouse, Walter Carman, Holly & Niko Kirsch, Laura Griffin, Sandi Garrett, Kaden and Suzy Cable, Melody Beckler, Jennifer Wright, Mike & Marilyn Belon, Pamela Kutcher, Michael Folio, Connie & Sam Gardner, Sue Bollman.



PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH CHURCH IN YOUR WILL!

POPE LEO’S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:

For the care of water —Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

YOUTH ENVELOPES: There are youth envelopes in the back of the church for children to use. It goes without saying that generosity is a virtue that needs to be learned at an early age.

K OF C ACCEPTING DONATIONS: The Knights of Columbus Council #4590 is accepting donations of nonperishable food items as well as laundry detergent, cleaning supplies and new or gently used clothing for the Cadiz Food Pantry. Please leave the items in the church basement (Hopedale) or in the Activity Center lobby (Cadiz). Mometary donations will also be accepted and may be dropped in the collection basket. Make your check out to the Knights of Columbus Council #4590 and on the memo line write: “Cadiz Food Pantry”. God bless you for helping the needy of Harison County.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY CAMPAIGN TICKETS:

were handed out on August 30th asking for your help in either buying or selling the tickets. You were asked to return all ticket stubs and money or the unsold tickets to Barry Momyer or Bernie Stetson by September 13th. That date is incorrect. THE RETURN DATE IS SEPTEMBER 27TH. Thank you for buying or selling your tickets to help the K of C to meet our goal.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY:

The U.S. bishops have approved the celebraqtion of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in the U.S. to the first weekend after Labor Day, September 12 and 13, 2026 to coincide with National Grandparents and the Elderly Day in the United States as many local communities, schools, and parishes have celebrated for some time. The theme for the 2026 celebration selected by the pope is “I will never forget you” (Isaiah 49:5). Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, pray for us.

JUBILEE of MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES:

On Sunday, November 8th, 5:30 PM, at Holy Family Church, Steubenville, Rev. Drake McCalister will offer a special Mass to recognize significant marriage anniversaries of the faithful in the Diocese of Steubenville. This year’s celebration will be offered for couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th and 60th plus (every year thereafter). anniversary of marriage during 2025 or 2026. If you are one of the special couples celebrating a significant marriage anniversary and want to attend the Mass on November 8th, call the rectory office, 740-942-2211 by October 4th.



Contributions & Donations

ST. TERESA
Regular: \$1,425.00
Building Fund: \$1,265.00

SACRED HEART
Regular: \$298.00
Building Fund: \$1,256.00

ST. MATTHIAS
Regular: \$180.00

**GOD BLESS EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED
TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCHES!**

