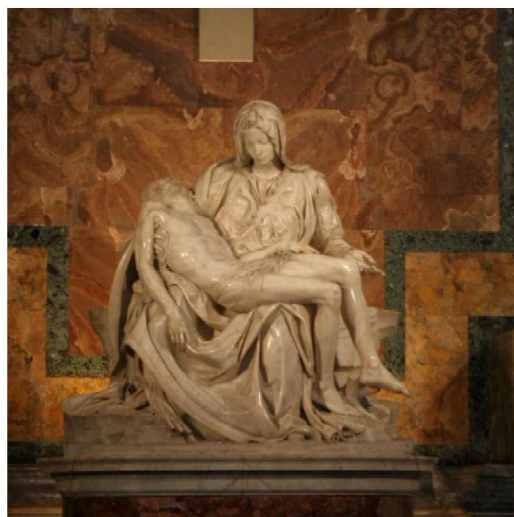


The Seven Sorrows of Mary

“A sword will pierce your own soul also...” (Luke 2:35)

The Seven Sorrows of Mary are an important part of Marian devotion. They call to mind the torment and pain that the Blessed Virgin Mary suffered in her life. The Sorrows are commemorated on September 14th, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. On that day, we remember seven events in the life of Mary uniting her to the suffering of her Son Jesus Christ.



- *Fourth Sorrow: Jesus meets His Mother on the road to Calvary:* Mary becomes a witness to the torture her Son was put through. Her presence comforts Him.

- *Fifth Sorrow: The Crucifixion:* Mary witnesses the redemptive suffering of her Son and stays by His side until the end (Jn 19:25-27). Through this suffering, she becomes the Mother of the New Israel, the Church. Just as Rachel suffered and died in giving birth to Benjamin and was Mother of all Israel.

- *Sixth Sorrow: Mary Receives the Body of Jesus from the Cross:* “Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled, She beheld her tender Child, All with bloody scourges rent” (Stabat Mater).

- *Seventh Sorrow: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb:* Simeon’s prophecy and Mary’s suffering is complete. Unlike Mary Magdalene and the other women with them, Mary does not return to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning. Traditionally, it is believed that she knew and had complete faith that the tomb would be empty (Jn. 19:38-42).

The Seven Sorrows of Mary are useful for meditating on what the Blessed Virgin Mary endured during her life of holiness. Her sufferings, united to those of Jesus, were spiritual labor pains that helped bring forth the Church. In the same way, if we united our sufferings to Jesus, they become labor pains to bring conversion to sinners and repair temporal punishment for sin. Consider beginning a devotion meditating on the Seven Sorrows and let Our Lady instruct you on the way to holiness.

- *First Sorrow: The Prophecy of Simeon:* “Behold, this Child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against, and a sword will pierce through your own soul also...” (Lk. 2:34-35). This prophecy outlines Mary’s future. Having been spared from the physical suffering of childbirth, she will have to endure the spiritual suffering of birthing the new Church at the Crucifixion, when Christ tells her, “Behold your son” (Jn. 19:26).
- *Second Sorrow: The Flight into Egypt:* Joseph is warned in a dream to take Mary and Jesus and flee into Egypt because King Herod wished to kill Jesus. As the Holy Family flees, the murder of the Holy Innocents occurs (Mt. 2:13-18). Mary mourns for the first people to shed their blood for the Messiah.
- *Third Sorrow: The Finding of Jesus in the Temple:* For three days, Mary and Joseph search for 12-year-old Jesus before finding Him in the temple. Mary and Joseph make clear their anxiety for their Son while He was lost (Lk. 2:41-51).



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- ✠ What’s a Mother to Do? Mary’s Role in our Salvation
- ✠ Mary, Mother of the Church

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**Sacred Heart Church
Hopedale**



**St. Matthias
Freeport**



**St. Teresa of Avila
Cadiz**

**OCTOBER 4, 2026
27TH 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 5:1–7, Psalm 80:9, 12, 13–14, 15–16, 19–20, Philippians 4:6–9, Matthew 21:33–43

MON - Galatians 1:6-12, Psalm 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c, Luke 10:25-37

TUE - Galatians 1:13-24, Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15, Luke 10:38-42

WED - Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14, Psalm 117:1bc, 2, Luke 11:1-4

THU - Galatians 3:1-5, Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75, Luke 11:5-13

FRI - Galatians 3:7-14, Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6, Luke 11:15-26

SAT - Galatians 3:22-29, Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Luke 11:27-28

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Pastor: Rev. Frederick Kihm

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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*

10/03/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Chuck George - 70th Birthday (Sara & Sons) - 5891
10/03/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	Don Robinson (Diana R. Vargo) - 5619
10/04/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Angie Zantene (Family) - 5679
10/04/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	People of Our Parishes
10/05/2026	MON		NO MASS	
10/06/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	Fr. Virgil Reischman (Ron & Jean Prince) - 5719
10/07/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	Sharon Leck (Julie Leck - Meyer Family) - 5860
10/08/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	Donnie Sigler (John & Claire Bertucci) - 4015
10/09/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	Intentions of the St. Joseph Foundation - 5754
10/10/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Chuck Pincola (Sis Pincola) - 5892
10/10/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	David Bober (Janice Snyder) - 5658
10/11/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	People of Our Parishes
10/11/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Brothers & Sisters (Jerry Jackson) - 5817

2026 D/PSC: Thank you to our parishioners of our three parishes for making their 2026 goals. Therefore, the 2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign is done for this year.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASS: will be held Sunday, October 18th at 8:30 AM— 9:20 AM before the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. We will meet in St. Teresa’s Activities Center.

MOMS PRAYING FOR THEIR CHILDREN: was formed by women who would like to pray for their children. They will begin with a rosary with intercessory prayers and then private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of the hour. They will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Hope you can join them on October 12th, 3:30 PM at Sacred Heart Church. (Also: October 26th.) Contact: Emily Gray at 740-491-0526, if you have questions.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Sunday, October 18th, 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.

OUR ADOPTED SEMINARIAN: Our Catholic Woman’s Club has adopted another seminarian since our last one was ordained to the priesthood on May of this year. Our adopted seminarian is Samuel Ivkovich. His home parish is Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, and he is attending St. Vincent Seminary, 300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA. 15650. Pray for Samuel in his discernment.

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, 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 OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION:
For mental health ministry -- Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.

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.

ITALIAN DINNER: On October 11th, 1:00 - 5:00 PM at St. Frances Cabrini, Colerain. Cost: \$15 per person or \$25.00 for two. For tickets call: 740-296-3490. (Pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, desserts and beverage.) Sponsored by their CWC.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month in October with the first Sunday designated as Respect Life Sunday. The theme for this year is “Mary, Mother of Life, Pray for us!” Our Lady’s distinguished role as mother of all the living. As Catholics, we are called to welcome, care for, and protect God’s gift of human life, with special concern for those who are most vulnerable. we are called to be set apart for the work of the Kingdom of God, proclaiming in word and deed the sanctity of every human life, from conception to natural death.

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ST. TERESA
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GOD BLESS EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCHES!