

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

“With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible” (Mt. 19:26).

Beginning in the mid-14th Century, the Ottoman Turks began their conquest of Christian Europe. Two-hundred years later, as the Arab Muslims were driven from Spain in Western Europe, the Turks advanced deeper into Eastern Europe. The Protestant Reformation had split Christianity into factions that often declared war on each other. Europe was unable to unite under a single banner. Within this political chaos, the Muslim Turks appeared invincible.

Despite the chaos in Europe, Catholics stood firm in their faith. In Mexico, the Blessed Mother had just appeared to Juan Diego, and millions of Aztec Indians were converting to the Catholic Faith. A replica of her image had been taken to Rome and presented to the Pope.

With Faith in God’s Providence, Pope Pius V formed a coalition between the Papal States, Spain, Austria, Portugal, the Republic of Venice, and other Italian territories. They called themselves “The Holy League,” and agreed to fight in defense of Europe. Don John of Austria served as the commander of the Holy League.

The Catholic forces realized they did not have the numbers to defeat the Turks on land, so they took to the sea. They placed their hope on a naval confrontation in the Gulf of Corinth near Lepanto, Greece.

Knowing the importance of this battle, the Pope asked all Catholics of Europe to pray for victory. Specifically, he told the people to pray the

Rosary. For his part, Don John placed a painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe on his flagship and asked Our Blessed Mother for protection and victory.

On October 7, 1571, the battle began. The fighting was fierce with many casualties on both sides. In the end, the Holy League won a decisive victory. According to tradition, the moment the Turks surrendered, Pope Pius V was inspired to declare that the Christian fleet had won. Hours later, messengers arrived and confirmed the news. Historians agree that had the Turks prevailed, Europe and western Christianity likely would have fallen.

In commemoration of the Christian victory won by her intercession, Pope Pius V declared October 7th the Feast of Our Lady of Victory. In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII renamed it as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. He wished to emphasize the role played by the Faithful praying the Rosary to win the victory.

Since that time, Catholics have recognized the power of praying the Rosary, and have called on the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in times of dire need. We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary each year on October 7th. Our Lady interceded for a young couple on their wedding day to bring about the first miracle of Jesus (Jn. 2:1-11), and she interceded for Don John and his Holy League to bring about a military victory for Europe. No cause is too great or small for her care. Entrust yourself to her. Jesus did.

Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us!

Catholics United for the Faith: 1-800-MY FAITH [693-2484], Cuf.org.

Ask about our FAITH FACTS:

- ✠ Not In Vain: The Rosary and Repetition
- ✠ Muslims and the One God
- ✠ What’s a Mother To Do? Mary’s Role In Our Salvation

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**St. Matthias
Freeport**



**St. Teresa of Avila
Cadiz**

* HARRISON COUNTY * CATHOLIC CHURCHES

**OCTOBER 18, 2026
29TH 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 45:1, 4-6, Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b, Matthew 22:15-21

MON - Ephesians 2:1-10, Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5, Luke 12:13-21

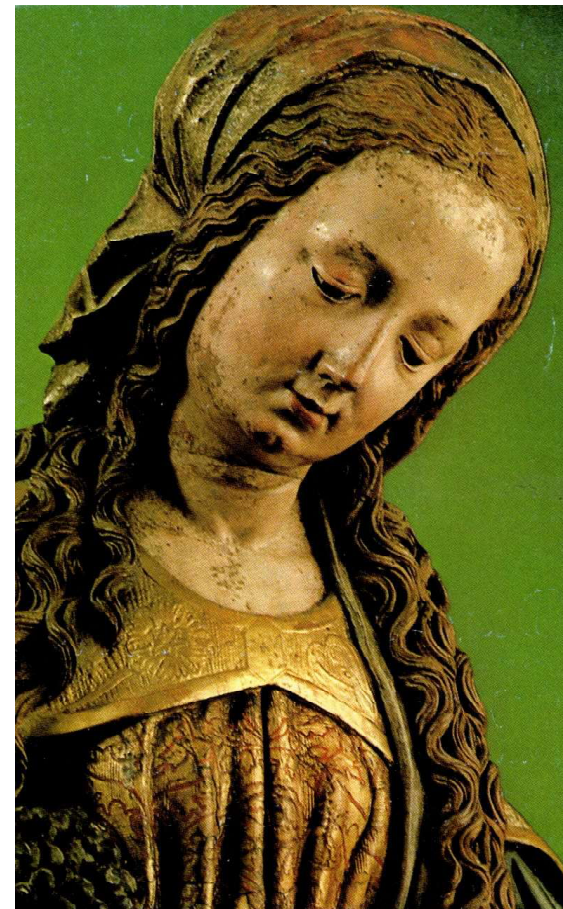
TUE - Ephesians 2:12-22, Psalm 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14, Luke 12:35-38

WED - Ephesians 3:2-12, Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6, Luke 12:39-48

THU - Ephesians 3:14-21, Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Luke 12:49-53

FRI - Ephesians 4:1-6, Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, Luke 12:54-59

SAT - Ephesians 4:7-16, Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, Luke 13:1-9



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

Parish Offices: 143 E. South St. - Cadiz, OH 43907
Pastor: Rev. Frederick Kihm
(740) 942-2211 - email: d_vargo3@yahoo.com or fkihm@diosteub.org
<https://www.harrisoncountycatholicchurches.org>

*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*

10/17/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Tom Malicki (The Malicki Family) - 5693
10/17/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	People of Our Parishes
10/18/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Myron Fledderus (Staley & Logue Families) - 5586
10/18/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Don Jochims (Karen Jochims) - 4515
10/19/2026	MON			NO MASS
10/20/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	Albert Zambon & Family - 5321
10/21/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	Louis Martin, III (Fred & Marsha Hindman) - 4679
10/22/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	Roberta A. Darios (Joseph W. Darios) - 5538
10/23/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	Intentions of the St. Joseph Foundation - 5756
10/24/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	People of Our Parishes
10/24/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	Betty Carter (Ron & Jean Prince) - 5896
10/25/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Robert Zantene (Family) - 5680
10/25/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Robert Jackson, Sr. (Jerry Jackson & Family) - 5819

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. (Next class: November 1st).

MOMS PRAYING FOR THEIR CHILDREN: was formed by women who would like to pray for their children and the children of the world. 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 at 3:30 PM in Sacred Heart Church on October 26th, November 9th and 23rd. Contact: Emily Gray at (740) 491-0526, if you have any questions.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT: October 18th



COFFEE & DONUTS
SUNDAY
October 18th
This Sunday at St. Teresa’s
Come join the Fellowship!

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).

OUR ADOPTED SEMINARIAN: Our Catholic Woman’s Club has adopted another seminarian since Peter Stetson 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.

CATHOLIC WOMAN’S CLUB MEETING: will begin with rosary at 6:00 PM, October 20th, in Sacred Heart Church. The meeting will follow in the Church Hall. Refreshments will be provided by the Club.

DEANERY MEETING & DAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS: will be held Sunday, October 25th, 1:30 PM at St. John Fisher Church, Richmond. RSVP to Karen Jochims, 740-937-2062, by the 18th.

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, 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, Chris & Becky Wood, Darlene Powell, Douglas Forrester.



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.

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA: October 22 - 30. The annual Respect Life Month Novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join thousands of Catholics in praying for life!
respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena

THANK YOU FROM BR. PETER ELLIS: a thank you card from Peter Ellis came to the rectory. Peter wishes to thank everyone who sent him cards, gifts and their prayers. Please know that Peter is keeping you all in his prayers for remembering him so kindly.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4590: will meet on Wednesday, October 28th, 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.

FR. FRED ON VACATION: Fr. Fred will be going on a long needed vacation starting next weekend, Oct. 24th. In his absence please call Blessed Sacrament Church should you need to call a priest (740) 264-0868. Confessions at St. Teresa will be held before the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday starting at 9:00 AM.

Contributions & Donations

ST. TERESA
Regular: \$867.00
Building Fund: \$267.00

SACRED HEART
Regular: \$348.00
Building Fund: \$1,170.00

ST. MATTHIAS
Regular: \$180.00

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