ALL SOULS DAY: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

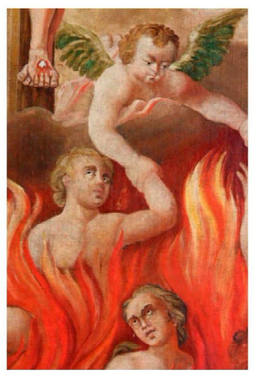
***The hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the Voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live* (Jn. 5:25).**

In the Old Testament, we read the story of how Judas Maccabeas found idolatrous pendants on all his soldiers who had died in battle. He "*exhorted the people to keep themselves free from sin…. He also took up a collection…and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering….Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin*" (2 Macc. 12:40-46).

In the same way, the Church has always exhorted the Faithful to pray for the dead.

Because of sin, we must purify our bodies and souls, or we cannot enter the presence of God. Confessing our sins and receiving forgiveness from God assures us that we will go to Heaven, but it does not purify us. Penance purifies us. If we die before we are fully purified, we will not go to Hell, but we cannot go to Heaven. We go to Purgatory, where we suffer purifying fires that prepare our souls to enter the presence of God (Catechism 1030). That purifying fire can be quenched by the prayers and penances that people on Earth offer for those in Purgatory. As the Church teaches:

From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead (Catechism 1032).



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (*All Souls' Day*) is an opportunity for the Church to pray for those who have died in God's friendship but are still undergoing purification in Purgatory. The Mass celebrated uses prayers very similar to a funeral Mass, and it is offered for all the souls in Purgatory. On this day, many Catholics visit a cemetery and pray for those buried there, especially those whose graves look forgotten or neglected.

Different Catholic Churches have different traditions for this day. The Latin Church celebrates this feast on November 2nd. It is one of only two days in which the Faithful traditionally attended Mass three times in a single day. Attending at least one Mass is praiseworthy on this day. The Byzantine tradition dedicates five *All Souls Saturdays* to this intention. These begin just before Lent and end on the Saturday before Pentecost. People of the Slavic Churches visit the graves of their departed family on the second Tuesday after Easter. The name for this day translates, "*Day of Rejoicing*," because they are bringing the Joy of the Resurrection to their departed loved ones. The East Syriac tradition commemorates the dead on the Friday before Lent.

Regardless of one's liturgical tradition, every Christian should dedicate some time to pray for the dead. This holy practice expresses our unity within the Communion of Saints. And praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy.

As you remembered the dead, those who attain Heaven through your intercession will remember you before the Face of God. Teach your children to pray for the souls in Purgatory. One day, you too may need prayers, and suffer with the hope that someone remembers you.

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Ask about our FAITH FACTS:

✠ Purgatory

✠ All Hallows' Eve

✠ All In The Family: The Communion Of Saints

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St. Matthias
Freeport



St. Teresa of Avila
Cadiz

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
31ST 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 - Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14, Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12a
MON - Wisdom 3:1-9, Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Romans 5:5-11Matthew 5:1-12a
TUE - Philippians 2:5-11, Psalm 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32, Luke 14:15-24
WED - Philippians 2:12-18, Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14, Luke 14:25-33
THU - Philippians 3:3-8a, Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Luke 15:1-10
FRI - Philippians 3:17—4:1, Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, Luke 16:1-8
SAT - Philippians 4:10-19, Psalm 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9, Luke 16:9-15

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

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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

10/31/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Sharon Leck (Julie Leck - Meyer Family) - 5861
10/31/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	George Luch, Jr. (Ron & Jean Prince) - 5716
11/01/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Abigail Anderson (Allison Anderson) - **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**
11/01/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	People of Our Parishes
11/02/2026	MON	4:30 PM	ST	For the Poor Souls (Jeanette Hamilton) - 5899 - **ALL SOULS DAY**
11/03/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	NO MASS
11/04/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	NO MASS
11/05/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	NO MASS
11/06/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	NO MASS
11/07/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Elda M. Moore (Joseph Spiga) - 5824
11/07/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	Jacquelyn Meyers (Jeanette Hamilton) - 5735
11/08/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	People of Our Parishes
11/08/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Anthony Canella (Mr. & Mrs. Mark Canella) - 5856

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, November 1st 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 15th).

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 November 9th and 23rd. Contact: Emily Gray at (740) 491-0526, if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS SALE SET-UP: Volunteers are needed to help unpack and price items for our annual CWC Christmas sale held at Sacred Heart Hall. We will began working on Monday, October 26th, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM and the evenings 6:00 - 8:00 PM. We will be working the same time during the week until the sale is all set up. (We will not be setting up on the weekends.) Consider this a personal ask for your help! Questions: call Karen, 740-937-2062 or her cell 740-381-4446. We appreciate all the help that you can give. Thank you.



COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY
November 1st
This Sunday at St. Teresa's
Come join the Fellowship!

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING NEWS: The CWC/K of C Christmas Dinner will be on December 6th, 2:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Mark your calendar. Our Annual CWC Christmas Sale will be November 6th, 7th, 13th and the 14th, If you can work any time during the sale let Karen know so she can put you on the work schedule so all hours are covered.

ALL SOUL'S ENVELOPES: November 2nd is All Souls Day. Please remember that the All Souls envelopes have a place on the back to write the names of your deceased loved ones. You may turn in the envelopes at any time during November and it will be kept on the altars of our parishes throughout the month of November and will be prayed for at Mass.

VISIT A CEMETERY, A WORK OF MERCY: The month of November, especially All Souls' Day, is a traditional time for visiting graves of loved ones, as is the anniversary of their death.

CWC USED CHRISTMAS ITEMS SALE

Fri . November 6th - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat. November 7th - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fri. November 13th - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat. November 14th - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
If you can work a few hours of the sale, call Karen, 740-937-2062, and be put on the schedule. Thank you.

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, Linda Hren, Thomas Hisrich, Bill Blackburn.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH CHURCH IN YOUR WILL!

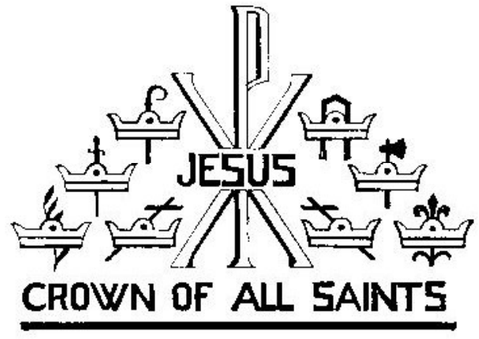
POPE LEO'S NOEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For the proper use of wealth——Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of self-ishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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.

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.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE: Due to lack of room in the Hall, we are not having a bake sale with our Christmas Sale. We are having a bakeless bake sale. You make a donation to the CWC for the cost of the baked good you would have baked. Please drop your donation in the collection basket between November 1st - 30th. Make checks payable to HC CWC and put in the memo: Bake sale. Thank you.



Contributions & Donations

ST. TERESA
Regular: $967.00
Building Fund: $1,027.00

SACRED HEART
Regular: $288.00
Building Fund: $201.00

ST. MATTHIAS
Regular: $130.00

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