Should I attend?

"*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden*" (Mt. 5:14)

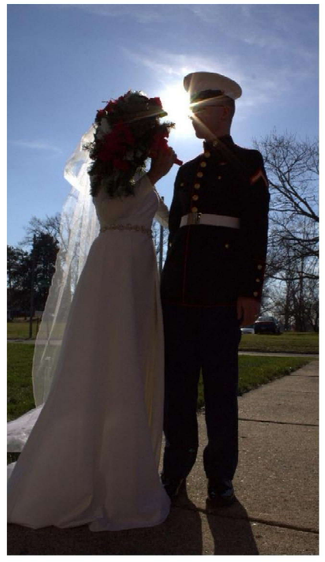
As more and more fallen away or lukewarm Catholics marry outside of the Church, many Catholics are faced with the question: whether to attend the wedding of a friend or relative who is marrying outside the Church? Before 1983, Church Law forbade Catholics from attending such a wedding. The 1983 Code of Canon Law removed that prohibition, but this does not mean the Church or her moral teaching is silent or gives consent to attending such a wedding.

Understanding that each individual situation must be viewed through a lens of charity, the Church's moral teaching offers guidance on the proper course of action. There are two principles to consider and apply.

First, scandal must be avoided. "*Scandal is an attitude or behavior which leads another to do evil.... Scandal is a grave offense if by deed or omission another is deliberately led into a grave offense*" (Catechism 2284). No matter what we do, our actions must not become a temptation to another person. This can happen if a person interprets our behavior as approving of sin.

The second principle is the Principle of Salvation. Advancing the salvation of souls should be the primary purpose of all action. That's why Jesus said that love of God and love of neighbor are the two great commandments. When our actions encourage the salvation of others, we are showing the greatest love to God and neighbor. When the Principle of Salvation is applied, scandal never occurs and vice versa.

With these moral principles in mind, each person must make a decision to attend such a wedding based on personal circumstances. To apply these principles to the wedding invitation, we must ask how our response to the invitation will be interpreted. If we attend a sinful wedding as if there is not a problem with it, we can be understood as giving silent approval and thereby



cause scandal and cooperate in the sin. However, in some cases, by not going, we lose the opportunity to witness to the truth and encourage repentance and conversion. Each case must be looked at individually, and a decision made with the intention to pursue the salvation of the most souls possible.

If a Catholic is asked to attend the wedding of a couple whose marriage is not recognized by the Catholic Church, or whose life together does not promote purity and chastity, he should ask himself: What message will I send by my attendance? Will attending the wedding encourage or hinder the salvation of others? What will not attending accomplish? If I go, will others consider my presence to be affirming of the sin? Will I lead others to scandal? How can I best witness to the truth?

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?" (Mt. 5:13).

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Sacred Heart Church
Hopedale



St. Matthias
Freeport



St. Teresa of Avila
Cadiz

NOVEMBER 8, 2026
32ND 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 - Wisdom 6:12–16, Psalm 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8, 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18, Matthew 25:1–13
MON - Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17John 2:13-22
TUE - Titus 2:1-8, 11-14, Psalm 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29, Luke 17:7-10
WED - Titus 3:1-7, Psalm 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6, Luke 17:11-19
THU - Philemon 7-20, Psalm 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10, Luke 17:20-25
FRI - 2 John 4-9, Psalm 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18, Luke 17:26-37
SAT - 3 John 5-8, Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Luke 18:1-8

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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

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
11/09/2026	MON			**NO MASS**
11/10/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	Roberta Darios (Wendy Lawlis) - 5707
11/11/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	Betty Fledderus (Diana R. Vargo) - 5629
11/12/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	Mary Russo (Paula & Rick Celestino) - 5646
11/13/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	Intentions of the St. Joseph Foundation - 5759
11/14/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Edmund Kaczmarek (Christine Ornouski) - 5603
11/14/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	People of Our Parishes
11/15/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Joseph Kovalcik (Jake) - 5870
11/15/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Don Jochims (Karen Jochims) - 5882

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 15th 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: December 6th).

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 2ND WEEK OF CHRI STMAS SET-UP & SALE:. We will began working again on Monday, November 9th, 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. Consider this a personal request 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!

GRAVE BLANKETS: If you want to order reuseable grave blankets from the CWC you must place an order with Donna (740-937-2753)——if no answer, leave your name & phone number). All orders must be placed by December 6th or until supplies run out. The cost per blankets is $40.00 for large & $30.00 for medium. To refresh your old grave blanket it will cost you $20.00.

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 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.

VETERANS' DAY: is a time to reflect on American history and those who made it. Once called Armistice Day, it was observed on November 11th to honor veterans of all wars. In 1954, a bill was signed that made Veterans Day a national holiday. Thank you and God bless all our women and men who have served or are serving our country!

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 NOVEMBER 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.

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ST. TERESA
Regular: $1,011.00
Building Fund: $492.00

SACRED HEART
Regular: $368.00
Building Fund: $348.00

ST. MATTHIAS
Regular: $215.00

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