

## RULERS WITHOUT THRONES: TITULAR BISHOPS

Diocesan bishops sit on a cathedral chair and rule over an ecclesiastical territory called a diocese or diocesan see. However, almost half of the world's 5,430 bishops are not diocesan; they are titular bishops (Canon 376). The Church benefits substantially from their vital ministry.

A titular bishop receives a mandate from the Pope to serve in a position other than ruling an ecclesiastical territory. The Pope assigns titular bishops either to assist in a particular territory or to assist the Pope himself. There is only one diocesan bishop ruling in a diocese at any given time, but there may be multiple titular bishops appointed to help him. They are called, auxiliary bishops. For example, in February 2026, the Archdiocese of Chicago had seven auxiliary bishops assisting the Archbishop, and four retired auxiliary bishops still living. Auxiliary bishops may celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, assist the bishop in making parish visitations (Canon 405), or be appointed as vicar general or episcopal vicar (Canon 406). The diocesan bishop will often confer with his auxiliaries in making decisions that affect the diocese (Canon 407). Titular bishops appointed to assist the Pope fill positions in the Holy See's government. Some serve as the heads or members of the various dicasteries (departments) and offices in the Holy See. Others serve around the world as papal ambassadors (apostolic nuncio) to various countries.

One might ask why a bishop must have a *titulus* at all. Can he not simply be called an auxiliary bishop? Clerics of the Catholic Church are ordained for a particular place. Whether for a diocese or a religious order, every deacon, priest and bishop is attached to some community.



This expresses unity, the First Mark of the Church (Nicene Creed). Titular bishops are given an honorary title (*titulus*) and attached to a historical see that is no longer a seat of government. Though honorary, the titular see provides a bond of unity between that bishop and the people of a particular place. Because of this bond, a titular bishop is bound by charity to offer some of his Masses for the people living in the historical territory of his titular see (1917 Code of Canon Law, c. 348).

Although he does not rule a diocese, a titular bishop is a true successor to the Apostles and possesses the fullness of the power of Holy Orders. He works to sanctify the world and the Church in whatever ministry has been entrusted to him by the Holy Father. Titular bishops give vital service to the Church, and we should pray for them. They have embraced Christ's teaching on service, "*Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave*" (Mt. 20:26-27). They rule without a throne.



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## \* HARRISON COUNTY \* CATHOLIC CHURCHES



**Sacred Heart Church  
Hopedale**



**St. Matthias  
Freeport**



**St. Teresa of Avila  
Cadiz**

## MARCH 1, 2026 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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 - Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, 2 Timothy 1:8b-10, Matthew 17:1-9

MON - Daniel 9:4b-10, Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13, Luke 6:36-38

TUE - Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23, Matthew 23:1-12

WED - Jeremiah 18:18-20, Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16, Matthew 20:17-28

THU - Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Luke 16:19-31

FRI - Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21, Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

SAT - Micah 7:14-15, 18-20, Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



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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*

02/28/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Dean Paollucci (Mardi Barnhart) - 5689
02/28/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	Fred Kidd (Nancy Wisvari) - 4930
03/01/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Joseph Kovalcik (A Friend) - 5588
03/01/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	People of Our Parishes

03/02/2026	MON		<b>NO MASS</b>	
03/03/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	Albert Zambon (John & Marguerite Phillips) - 4758
03/04/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	Myron Fledderus (A Friend) - 5559
03/05/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	Betty Vargo (Tom & Tressa Vargo) - 5607
03/06/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	Intentions of the St. Joseph Foundation - 4992

03/07/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	John Kaczmarek (Christine Ornouski) - 5597
03/07/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	People of Our Parishes
03/08/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Rose Meadows (John & Debbie Meadows) - 5671
03/08/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Don Jochims (Karen Jochims) - 4510

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASS:** will be held Sunday, March 1st at 8:30 AM- before the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. We will meet in St. Teresa's Activities Center. (Next class: March 15 th.)

**DIOCESAN MEN'S DAY of RENEWAL:** Will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at St. Stephen Catholic Church, Caldwell. The theme of the day: 2026 - Conversion. The registration forms are in the vestibule. Cost is \$25.00 plus \$3.00 surcharge. Deadline is March 1, 2026.

**RICE BOWL CONTAINERS ARE AVAILABLE:** This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and it comes with a Lenten calendar that you may use daily to pray, fast, give and encounter families from countries around the world. Your containers are to be turned back to us by March 29th. Thank you for changing lives this Lent!

**DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND:** Thank you for your donation. If you want to give and didn't, please do so by February 28th - March 1st weekend. There are extra envelopes in our church's vestibule if you need one.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** on Fridays during Lent at St. Teresa's at 6:00 PM.

**REMINDER:** The Rosary is recited one half hour before all weekend Masses. Everyone welcome.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION NEEDED:** Eucharistic Adoration is held from 1:00 - 4:00 PM, every Friday following the 12:15 PM Mass at Sacred Heart. We need volunteers for one hour per month, or every two months, or what you can give. If you would help out, please complete the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule and we will contact you so that you are on the schedule at your convenience.



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, Fr. Mark Moore, Logan Fomenko, Richard Kidd, Sharon Leck, Lisa and Baylor Barger, Joyce Antol, Celeste Coelho, Irma Filippi, Jerry Jackson, Cherilynn Morgan, Dolly Ferraro, Joanne Raha, Ashley Lanaghan, Ann (Fledderus) Crouse.



### PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH CHURCH IN YOUR WILL!

**POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION:** *For disarmament and peace* —Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**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.

**PARISH MISSION:** On March 3rd and March 17th, a Lenten reflection will held following the 4:30 pm Mass. A Soup Social will also be held following the Reflection on both of these dates. The Soup Socials will be held in the Activity Center at approximately 6 pm and are open to all. Cost is by donation only. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Church for people to sign up to make soups and desserts for the two March socials.

**KOFC 40 CANS/40 DAYS:** The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this collection of food during the 40 DAYS of LENT. You are asked to donate 40 cans of food throughout this current season of Lent. Please leave the items in the church basement (Hopedale) or in the Activity Center lobby (Cadiz). If you choose to make a monetary donation instead of cans of food, make your check payable to: Knights of Columbus Council #4590 and on the memo line write "Cadiz Food Pantry", and drop it in the collection basket. This is a great way of telling the Lord that we are serious about our desire to help those in our community who are less fortunate. Questions contact: Barry Momyer - 412-965-3522 or the rectory office - 740-942-2211. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

**LADIES DAY OF SPIRITUALITY- MARCH 21ST:** A Lenten Day of Spirituality for our ladies will be held at The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta. The program will be presented by Sister Edie Strong, Sister of Charity, from Greensburg, PA. The theme of the day is: "A Time to Journey into the Heart of God." Cost of the day is: \$25.00 per lady which includes lunch. Reservations are due by Sunday, March 15th to Karen Jochims, 740-937-2062

#### 2026 D/PSC GOALS

	Last Year	- This Year	- Difference
St. Teresa	12,536	10,106	2,433
Sacred Heart	7,918	5,663	1,545
St. Matthias	4,714	4,501	213

## Contributions & Donations

**ST. TERESA**  
Regular: \$1,345.00  
Building Fund: \$844.00

**SACRED HEART**  
Regular: \$528.00  
Building Fund: \$72.00

**ST. MATTHIAS**  
Regular: \$370.00

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