WITHOUT AN OVEN, THERE IS NO BAKING OF BREAD

When we speak of within and without in relation to the Church, it is the position of the heart that we must consider, not that of the body since all who are within in heart are saved in the unity of the ark (Augustine, *On Baptism: Against the Donatists*, Bk. 5, Ch. 28).

Instituted by Christ, the Catholic Church is the font of grace and the Ark of Salvation, without which no one can be saved. Over time, this truth has been abbreviated into the Latin phrase, *extra ecclesiam nulla salus*. Many translate this into English as, *Outside the Church there is no salvation*. This is not entirely faithful to the Latin meaning and contributes to a fundamental misunderstanding of its message. Because of this misunderstanding, some reject the saying itself as incorrect and arrogant. In their misunderstanding, many interpret it as a condemnation of all who are not visibly united to the Catholic Church. In reality, this phrase was not formulated to express who would go to heaven and who would go to hell, for only God can judge that. Rather, it expresses the Church's role as the vessel through which all graces of salvation flow.

Depending on its use, the Latin word "*extra*" has different meanings. When describing the spatial relations between objects, it is translated as "beyond" or "outside of" (e.g., Beyond the creek is a tree; or, James is outside the room). When used to describe abstract relations between concepts or intangible things, the word is commonly translated as "without" (e.g., Without a method, it is difficult to teach). Within the phrase, *extra ecclesiam nulla salus,* the word *extra* describes the abstract relationship of the Church to salvation. Considering the Latin nuances of the word, a proper English translation would be, ***Without*** *the Church there is no salvation*. This provides for the doctrinal truth that the Church is the vessel of grace through which God offers salvation to all men (Catechism, nos. 774-776).

The will of God is for "*all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*" (1 Tim. 2:4). All salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one Savior of the world (cf. Acts 4:12). His Holy Spirit dispenses those graces through His body, the Church. The Church applies these graces to all men of every place and condition. Hence, *extra ecclesiam nulla salus* actually means that the Church is the temporal means used by God to provide the grace of salvation to all who cooperate with that grace in any way.

Raw dough cannot become bread without an oven to bake it. In the same way, no one can attain salvation without the graces of Christ being "cooked" by the apostolic Mission of the Church working in the world.

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

Ask about our FAITH FACTS:

- ✠ Without the Church There is No Salvation
- ✠ Chosen in Him: The Catholic Teaching on Predestination
- ✠ It Works for Me: The Church's Teaching on Justification

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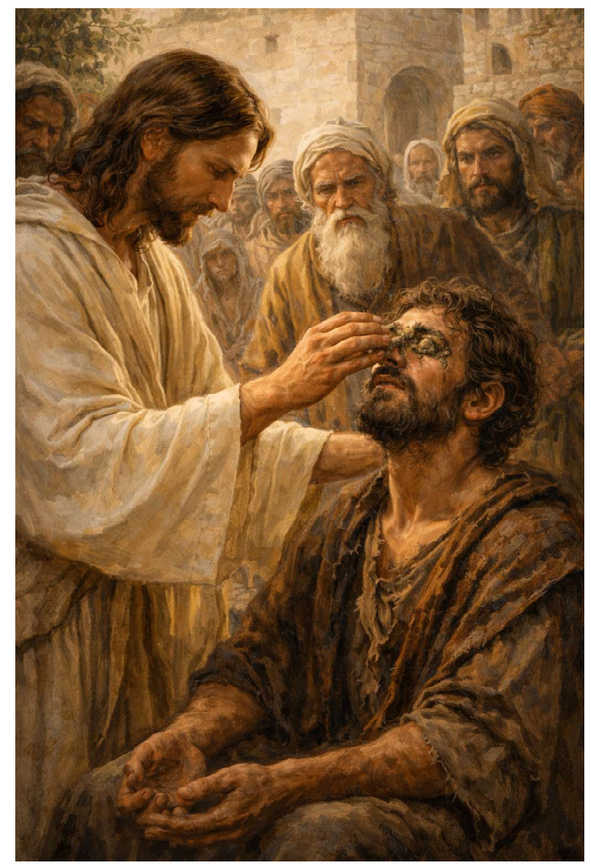
MARCH 15, 2026
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 - 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a, Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6, Ephesians 5:8–14, John 9:1–41
MON - Isaiah 65:17-21, Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b, John 4:43-54
TUE - Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12, Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, John 5:1-16
WED - Isaiah 49:8-15, Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18, John 5:17-30
THU - 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16, Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29, Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22, Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a
FRI - Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22, Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23, John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
SAT - Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12, John 7:40-53

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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

03/14/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Louis Martin, III (Clifford & Nancy Elliott) - 4666
03/14/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	Jack Hamilton (Ron & Jean Prince) - 5608
03/15/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	People of Our Parishes
03/15/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	David Zeiler & Family (Mike Zeiler) - 4840
\03/16/2026	MON		**NO MASS**	
03/17/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	Teresa Luther (Family) - 7032
03/18/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	Rego Peter Darios (Joseph W. Darios) - 5623
03/19/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	Betty Vargo (Tom & Tressa Vargo) - 5607
03/20/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	Intentions of the St. Joseph Foundation - 4994
03/21/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Anna Lee Mizer (Wendy Lawlis) - 4941
03/21/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	People of Our Parishes
03/22/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Brett Zantene (Cathy Skubovius) - 5682
03/22/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Doris Risnear (Harry & Pauline Wells) - 5695

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASS: will be held Sunday, March 15th at 8:30 AM- before the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. We will meet in St. Teresa's Activities Center. (Next class: April 12th.)

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: on Sunday, March 15th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, at St. Teresa's 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.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING: for March has been canceled. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 21st, 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. Mark your calendar.

COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY
March 15th
This Sunday at St. Teresa
Come join the Fellowship!

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 hlep 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.

SIXTH STATION OF THE CROSS: VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS
The 6th Station should inspire us to offer comfort and compassion to those in need. May we see Jesus' face in every suffering soul and offer them love and support to make a difference in their lives. Have you changed any lives this Lent?

2026 DPSC: Contribution materials have already been sent out by the diocese. I, Fr. Fred, kindly ask that you be as generous to this year's campaign as you were last year. May the Lord bless you all for your generosity!

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.
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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 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.

K OF C 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: $657.00
Building Fund: $539.00

SACRED HEART
Regular: $386.00
Building Fund: $1,107.00

ST. MATTHIAS
Regular: $115.00

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