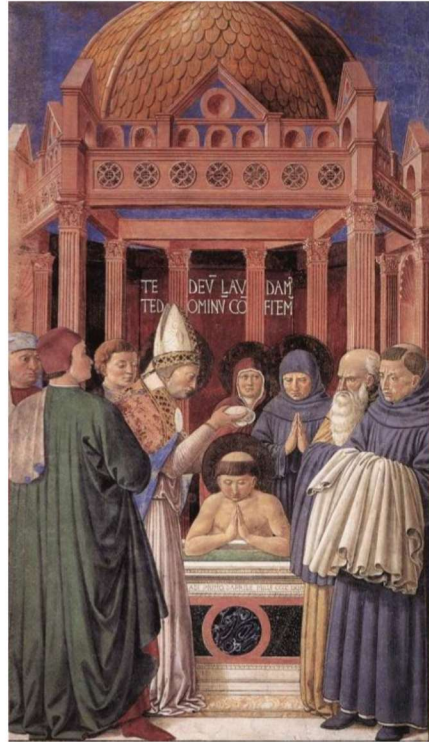


## A HEART AT REST: SAINT AUGUSTINE AND THE REAL PRESENCE

*“What your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the Body of Christ and the chalice the Blood of Christ” (Augustine, Sermon 272).*

Protestants often claim that Saint Augustine understood the Eucharist as a mere symbol, only a representation of the “Communion of Believers.” They commonly accept that we “are Christ’s Body” (1 Cor. 12:27), but they reject the Eucharist as the actual Body and Blood of Jesus. They interpret Jesus’ words in John 6 and at the Last Supper to be mere analogies. They conclude that Augustine’s statement is only an analogy for intercommunion. Their celebration of Eucharist is solely a symbolic sign of unity between believers, with no substantial difference from the sharing of normal bread and wine.



Jesus’s own words established this: “Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood remains in Me and I in him” (Jn. 6:56). If we are the Body of Christ, and if anyone who eats and drinks the Body and Blood of the Lord remains in Him, then how can the believing Christian, who has received the Eucharist, not be present in the Sacrifice of the Altar? Augustine certainly believed this was the case. He preached, “If, therefore, you are the Body of Christ and His members, your mystery has been placed on the Lord’s table, you receive your mystery. You reply “Amen” to that which you are, and by replying you consent” (Augustine, Sermon 272). He even says in another

sermon, “If you receive [the Body and Blood] well, you are yourselves what you receive” (Augustine, Sermon 227).

The Eucharist is not a mere analogy for the “Communion of Believers.” It is the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This same Presence is why the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the Body and Blood of the Lord... For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the Body, eats and drinks judgment on himself” (1 Cor. 11:27-28). Do not empty Saint Augustine’s words of this profound significance. Instead, let his faith encourage your own belief in the Real Presence, and by receiving, take your place in the Body of Christ.

This strips Augustine’s preaching of its true meaning. He took great pains to teach newly baptized Christians that the Eucharistic is the actual Body and Blood of Jesus. Following Saint Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians and other New Testament citations, he also taught that the Community of the Baptized—the Faithful—is the Body of Christ. If the Eucharist and the Faithful are both the Body of Christ, then the Eucharist is the Faithful and the Faithful are the Eucharist. In short, Augustine taught that the Eucharist is the Community of the Faithful, united to Christ through Baptism, offering themselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship” (Rom. 12:1; C.f. Sermons 227 & 272).

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Ask about our FAITH FACTS:

- ✠ This Is My Body: Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist
- ✠ An Ordinance Forever: the Biblical Origins of the Mass
- ✠ St. Augustine’s Real Faith in the Real Presence

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## \* HARRISON COUNTY \* CATHOLIC CHURCHES



**Sacred Heart Church**  
Hopedale



**St. Matthias**  
Freeport



**St. Teresa of Avila**  
Cadiz

## MAY 3, 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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 - Acts 6:1–7, Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19, 1 Peter 2:4–9, John 14:1–12  
 MON - Acts 14:5–18, Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16, John 14:21–26  
 TUE - Acts 14:19–28, Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21, John 14:27–31a  
 WED - Acts 15:1–6, Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5, John 15:1–8  
 THU - Acts 15:7–21, Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10, John 15:9–11  
 FRI - Acts 15:22–31, Psalm 57:8–9, 10 and 12, John 15:12–17  
 SAT - Acts 16:1–10, Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5, John 15:18–21



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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*

05/02/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Steve Ornouski (Linda Morgan) - 5576
05/02/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	Patricia Dunder (Jeanette Hamilton) - 5710
05/03/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Louis Martin, III (Barry & Carolyn Peterson) - 4693
05/03/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	People of Our Parishes
05/04/2026	MON		<b>NO MASS</b>	
05/05/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	Albert Zambon (John & Marguerite Phillips) - 4759
05/06/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	Teresa Luther (Family) - 7034
05/07/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	Donnie Sigler (John & Claire Bertucci) - 4010
05/08/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	Intentions of the St. Joseph Foundation - 5730
05/09/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Betty Vargo (Tom Vargo Family) - 5685
05/09/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	Mary Jo Lange (Ron & Jean Prince) - 5729
05/10/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	People of Our Parishes
05/10/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	For All Mothers Living & Deceased (HC CWC) - 5727

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASS:** will be held Sunday, May 3rd, at 8:30 AM- before the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. We will meet in St. Teresa's Activities Center. (Next class: May 10th).

**SYMPATHIES & CONDOLENCES:** Our deepest sympathy and condolences go to Jeanne Phillips of St. Teresa on the death of her husband, Tom, who died last week. May he rest in eternal light, peace and happiness. Amen.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Deacon Peter Stetson and Deacon Ryan Budd who will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 30th, at 11:00 AM at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta. Everyone is invited to attend. Deacon Peter is our adopted seminarian.

**LADIES ARE INVITED:** to the 81st Catholic Woman's Club Convention on Wednesday, June 3rd, at Holy Family Parish in Steubenville. Cost: \$25.00 per lady which includes your lunch. Registration: 8:15 - 8:50 AM and closing 3:00 - 3:30 PM. Come for a day of spirituality and fellowship. RSVP's are a must by Saturday, May 16th to Karen Jochims, 740-937-2062.

**MAY THE MONTH OF MARY:** During the month of May join us for the Rosary one half hour before weekend Masses.

**WELCOME:** to Isaiah Michael Hartzell, who was baptized Sunday, April 19th. His parents are Jodie and Kara Hartzell, parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila.

**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 whatever you can give. If you could 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.

**CHANGES:** Please notify the rectory of any changes with your address, telephone number, (if you no longer use your landline phone, please give us your cell phone number), or email address. It is your responsibility that we have accurate contact information for you and your family. You never know when we may need to contact you.

**THANK YOU FROM FR. FRED:** Special thanks go out to everyone who remembered me so kindly and generously this past Easter and on my birthday last Sunday. May the Lord bless you for your thoughtfulness, cards, prayers, gifts and great birthday party!

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, Richard Kidd, Sharon Leck, Lisa and Baylor Barger, Joyce Antol, Celeste Coelho, Irma Filippi, Jerry Jackson, Cherilynn Morgan, Dolly Ferraro, Joanne Raha, Ann (Fledderus) Crouse, Fr. Chester Pabin, Walter Carman.



## PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH CHURCH IN YOUR WILL!

**POPE LEO'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION:** That everyone might have food—Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**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.

## 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

## MADONNA PLAN & CROSS CATHOLIC OUT-REACH COLLECTIONS:

Every year the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) takes up a collection for the Madonna Plan and Cross Catholic Outreach through the parish CWC Units.

The Madonna Plan is a catholic organization that works to meet the health, nutritional and educational needs of women, as well as development projects that help women improve their economic security and the life of each family. Cross International Catholic Outreach helps the poorest of the poor and needy women around the world by delivering food, shelter and hope. NO administrative fees are retained by them; all moneys go directly toward the projects. On May 9th - 10th, Mother's Day weekend, our Catholic Woman's Club will give you the opportunity to join them in supporting these worthy causes. Your gift will help the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ. Thank you.

## K OF C ACCEPTING DONATIONS:

The Knights of Columbus Council # 4590 is accepting donations of non-perishable food items including 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). Monetary 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". Thank you for helping the needy of Harrison County.

## Contributions & Donations

**ST. TERESA**  
Regular: \$1,116.00  
Building Fund: \$801.00

**SACRED HEART**  
Regular: \$388.00  
Building Fund: \$206.00

**ST. MATTHIAS**  
Regular: \$360.00

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