

“A Bride Adorned for Her Husband”

“Be you also as living stones built up, a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ” (1 Pet. 2:5).

“By the term church is meant a sacred building designated for divine worship to which the faithful have the right of entry for the exercise, especially the public exercise, of divine worship” (Canon 1214). Each word in that definition has a specific meaning that identifies a Catholic church as one of the most special places on Earth. Every Catholic church represents the life of each Catholic that has or ever will be.



remind us that, just as we enter the nave after blessing ourselves with holy water, so we entered the Catholic Church through Baptism.

The nave is the central part of the church where the people gather for prayer and worship of God. It represents our life in Christ. Because our life in Christ is all about a Community of Faith in which we take our place in the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27), so the

nave is open and large to accommodate all the baptized who worship there.

The sanctuary represents Heaven. It is traditionally separated from the nave by an altar rail or iconostas, but visible from the nave. This represents how Heaven is separated from us here on Earth, but visible through the sacraments and our life of Faith.

Sacraments are received at the crossing of the nave and sanctuary. We process up to receive and the priest comes down from the altar to distribute. Our procession represents our choice to live a life of Faith. The priest descending to us represents Jesus’ coming to Earth to give us His grace.

In the Books of Ezekiel (chapters 40-44) and Revelation (chapter 21), the Church is described as a temple, a city, and as a bride adorned for her husband. These descriptions are not about buildings; they are about us—the Body of Christ. And every Catholic church is about you, a member of the Body of Christ making your way to Heaven. Next time you enter a church and dip your hand in the Holy Water, remember your Faith and the Baptism you share in Christ. Take your place of worship in the Body of Christ. Let the grace of the sacraments and prayer transform your heart into a Temple of the Holy Spirit to prepare you for your wedding with Christ!

Until it is dedicated, a church is just another building. Once it is dedicated by a solemn rite, it becomes a church (c.f. Canon 1217). In the same way, each of us become Catholic by our dedication to Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Outside the church are temptations and sins. Inside the church, Jesus provides His saving grace through the celebrations of the sacraments and prayer. In the same way, each of us must keep our hearts pure and make them Temples of the Holy Spirit, a dwelling place for God (1 Cor. 6:19).

We enter the church through its doors. They represent Faith. By Faith we come to know Jesus as the Son of God and as our Saviour.

Most churches have three distinct parts: the narthex, nave, and sanctuary. When we enter the doors of Faith, we enter into the narthex of the church. This first space represents the catechumenate—the period of time in one’s life between the awakening of Faith and when we are baptized. In older Catholic churches, the baptismal font will be found there. Traditionally, the holy water fonts are located on one or other side of the doors leading from the narthex to the nave. This area represents the formation of Faith in our lives that lead to one’s baptism. The holy water fonts are to

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CATHOLIC CHURCHES**



**Sacred Heart Church
Hopedale**



**St. Matthias
Freeport**



**St. Teresa of Avila
Cadiz**

**MAY 10, 2026
SIXTH 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 8:5–8, 14–17, Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20, 1 Peter 3:15–18, John 14:15–21

MON - Acts 16:11-15, Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, John 15:26-16:4a

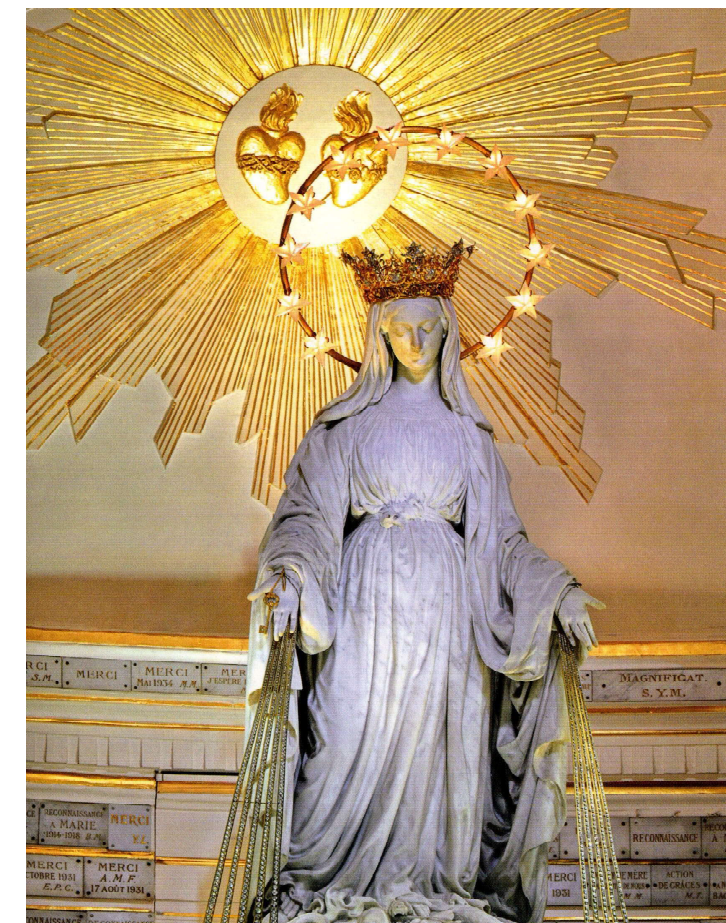
TUE - Acts 16:22-34, Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, John 16:5-11

WED - Acts 17:15, 22-18:1, Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14, John 16:12-15

THU - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, John 15:9-17

FRI - Acts 18:9-18, Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, John 16:20-23

SAT - Acts 18:23-28, Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10, John 16:23b-28



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- ✠ Who Art in Heaven: The Dwelling Place of God
- ✠ I Believe in One God: The Nicene Creed and the Mass
- ✠ Holy Things to the Holy: Sacred Things, Places and Times

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★ **HARRISON COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES** ★

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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*

05/09/2026	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

05/11/2026	MON		NO MASS	
05/12/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	Roberta A. Darios (Joseph W. Darios) - 5528
05/13/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	Edward Chini, Sr. (Curt & Judy Crawshaw) - 5667
05/14/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	Louis Martin, III (Clifford & Nancy Elliott) - 4667
05/15/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	Intentions of the St. Joseph Foundation - 5731

05/16/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	People of Our Parishes
05/16/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	David Bober (Mary Lou Hoblick) - 5704
05/17/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Myron Fledderus (Mary Jane Wood) - 5557
05/17/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Don Jochims (Joe & Donna Ball) - 5700

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASS: will be held Sunday, May 10th, at 8:30 AM- before the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. We will meet in St. Teresa's Activities Center. (Next class: May 17th).

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH MASS TIME CHANGE

9:30 AM - Sacred Heart

11:00 AM - St. Teresa of Avila

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. May the Lord bless you for your thoughtfulness, cards, prayers, gifts and great birthday party!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: on Sunday, May 17th, 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: Ladies, you are invited to the CWC meeting on Tuesday, May 19th, 6:00 PM in church at Sacred Heart for recitation of the Rosary. Following the Rosary we will have our meeting, dinner and fellowship. Bring a covered dish and a friend.

Happy Mother's Day

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.

D/PSC: Thank you to everyone who gave to the 2026 D/PSC so far. Parishioner participation at St. Teresa's is 31%, at St. Matthias's is 18% and Sacred Heart's is 23%. If you have not yet contributed, please consider making a donation. If you write a check, please make it payable to: Diocese of Steubenville, D/PSC. Drop your pledge card in the collection basket; **DO NOT SEND TO THE DIOCESE.**

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.

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: Students who will be graduating from high school this year are asked to call Karen Jochims at 740-937-2062. Please call by May 24th.



Contributions & Donations

ST. TERESA
Regular: \$1,405.00
Building Fund: \$859.00

SACRED HEART
Regular: \$313.00
Building Fund: \$523.00

ST. MATTHIAS
Regular: \$180.00

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