

**Predestination:
God's Will or Man's Choice?**



What is one thing God cannot do? He cannot deny Himself. As written in 2 Timothy 2:13, *“If we are unfaithful, He will remain faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”* This passage helps us understand what God's predestination of Man means.

Many Protestant denominations wrongly believe predestination to be God's predetermination of who will be saved and who will not. This is completely false, and there is no basis in Sacred Scripture for this belief. And predestination is not the same thing as God's foreknowledge. God's foreknowledge simply means that because He is eternal, *“all moments of time are present in their immediacy”* (Catechism, no. 600). He knows the outcome of all things because that outcome has already happened in His foreknowledge.

“God our Saviour...desires all men to be saved and come to full knowledge of the Truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). That is God's predestination for man: His desire that all be saved through Jesus Christ and be united with Him in Heaven. Another way of phrasing this is that God made man to know, love, and serve Him in this life and be happy with Him forever in the next (Baltimore Catechism, no. 6). This eternal plan is what Saint Paul refers to as God's “predestination” of man (C.f. Rom. 8:29). It is why we were all made in the image and likeness of God. And it is why Jesus died for all.

Although God predestined each of us for heavenly glory, Jesus clearly states that some will go to eternal punishment (Mt. 25:46). This happens contrary to God's predestination because God gave each of us a free will. That's part of being in His image and likeness. Without free will we could not love. To predestine us for His glory, God had to give us a free will so we could choose Him. That also means we could reject Him. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Fall of Adam and Eve, when they chose to reject God's will in favor of their own (Gen. 3). And it will be evident on Judgment Day when God remains faithful to Himself by respecting Man's free will. When God is faithful to your free will, He lets you accept or reject Him. He wants us to accept Him.

God's predestination of man is His gracious initiative in calling each of us to salvation and giving us the means to accept His plan. Through this initiative, each of us is offered the necessary graces to achieve eternal salvation. We, in turn, must choose to cooperate with this grace for it to be effective. This is not a simple one-time decision. Following God's plan requires a daily effort and constant renewal of will to reject sin and follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How are you responding to the graces God offers you? Will you accept His plan of predestination?



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*** HARRISON COUNTY *
CATHOLIC CHURCHES**



**Sacred Heart Church
Hopedale**



**St. Matthias
Freeport**



**St. Teresa of Avila
Cadiz**

**JUNE 21, 2026
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

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 - Jeremiah 20:10-13, Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35, Romans 5:12-15, Matthew 10:26-33

MON - 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18, Psalm 60:3, 4-5, 12-13, Matthew 7:1-5

TUE - 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36, Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11, Matthew 7:6, 12-14

WED - Isaiah 49:1-6, Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15, Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80

THU - 2 Kings 24:8-17, Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9, Matthew 7:21-29

FRI - 2 Kings 25:1-12, Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6, Matthew 8:1-4

SAT - Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19, Psalm 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21, Matthew 8:5-17

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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*

06/20/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	John Kaczmarek (Christine Ornouski) - 5598
06/20/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	People of Our Parishes
06/21/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Louis Filippi (Irma Filippi & Family) - 5825
06/21/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	For All Fathers Living & Deceased (HC CWC) - 5728

06/22/2026	MON			NO MASS
06/23/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	Betty Fledderus (Mary Jane Wood) - 5635
06/24/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	Louis Martin, III (Fred & Marsha Hindman) - 4677
06/25/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	Steve & Helen Vargo (Diana R. Vargo) - 5843
06/26/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	Intentions of the St. Joseph Foundation - 5740

06/27/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Dorothy Luther (Wendy Lawlis) - 5648
06/27/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	Jack Hamilton (Jeanette Hamilton) - 5708
06/28/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	People of Our Parishes
06/28/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Don Jochims (Karen Jochims) - 4512

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4590: will meet on Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. If you are interested in attending or joining the K of C, contact Barry Momyer, 412-965-3522.

81 YEARS AGO: One of the first important actions of the first bishop of the Diocese of Steubenville, John King Mussio, was his institution of the Catholic Woman's Club in 1945. On June 18, 1945, the first diocesan convention was held at the Steubenville Country Club. On June 3rd the 81st diocesan convention was held at Holy Family Parish in Steubenville. Over the years, through the devotion and dedication of the officers and the work of all of the members, the CWC has been a very strong force in the Diocese of Steubenville and remains one of the most resourceful organizations in accomplishing many worthwhile projects while growing in spirituality. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

FATHER'S DAY: is celebrated in many countries around the world. It originated in the United States, and credit for the holiday is generally given to Sonora Smart Dodd. Dodd's father, a Civil War veteran, raised her and her five siblings after their mother died in childbirth. The first Father's Day was held on June 19, 1910, the month of the birthday of Dodd's father. It became a U.S. national holiday in 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed legislation designating the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

VACATION: School is out and summer is around the corner; you and your family will most likely go on vacation. Remember - your parish's bills will still be coming in even if you are gone. So when you get back, please try to make up for those weeks that you missed. It will be greatly appreciated.

D/PSC: Thank you to everyone who has already given to the 2026 *DIPSC* so far. If you have not yet contributed, please consider making a donation. There are pledge cards in the church's vestibule if you need one. Do not mail your pledge card to the Diocese; drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory office.

NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST: There are only three birthdays celebrated on the Church's liturgical calendar, the Nativity of our Lord, (December 25), the Nativity of His Mother, (September 8), and the Nativity of John the Baptist, (June 24). St. John the Baptist was set apart in the womb to prepare the way of the Lord and was a significant figure connected to the Incarnation and the Redemption. Our Church honors him because of his role in preparing the way of Christ and proclaiming that "the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand." This Wednesday, June 24th, the Church celebrates the Nativity of John the Baptist.

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, Sharon Leck, Lisa and Baylor Barger, Joyce Antol, Celeste Coelho, Irma Filippi, Jerry Jackson, Cherilynn Morgan, Dolly Ferraro, Joanne Raha, Ann (Fledderus) Crouse, Walter Carman, Holly & Niko Kirsch, Lauren Griffin.



PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH CHURCH IN YOUR WILL!

POPE LEO'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION: For the values of sports - Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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 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". God bless you for helping the needy of Harison County.

ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE CHANGES: It is important that you let the rectory office know of any changes with your address and/or telephone number so that our records are up to date. You never know when we may need to contact you. We have landline phone numbers for a number of parishioners who no longer have a landline phone.

MASS REQUESTS: Since we are sending our bulletin out to be printed, we have been given certain time constraints as to when the printer expects us to send the bulletin. Fr. Fred is now having to work on several bulletins at once to make these time constraints more doable. If you want to request masses, please make your requests are submitted at least 1 month in advance of the date(s) you are requesting.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father: support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message exhorting us to take care of the poor, and it expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need. The weekend of June 27th - 28th you have the opportunity to support the works of the Holy Father through the PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION - Be a sign of mercy.

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ST. TERESA
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Regular: \$443.00
Building Fund: \$1,280.00

ST. MATTHIAS
Regular: \$315.00

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