



# *Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church*

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## **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 17, 2025**

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### **Mass Times**

Daily: Monday-Saturday, 8:00 am  
Saturday: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

### **Confessions**

Wednesdays	Noon
Saturdays	2:45 - 3:45 pm
1st Saturdays	7:00 - 7:45 am

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Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

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## <sup>2025-2026</sup> **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** **Grades 1st - 8th & CGS**

## **RE REGISTRATION** **SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH**

**following the 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 Masses**

**CLASSES BEGIN Wednesday, September 10th**

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## Religious Ed Volunteers Needed

*Prayerfully consider sharing your time & love of Jesus with our youth*

- catechists
- classroom aides
- substitute catechists
- party/reception help
- office aide

**CLASSES BEGIN**  
**Wednesday, September 10th**

Contact Katie Tappan  
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# OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Formerly known as RCIA, this process provides an opportunity for questions, learning, spiritual growth, and preparation for the sacraments

Come journey with us  
Tuesday evenings starting  
September 9th

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**Join other “Widowed Women of FaiTh”,** Tuesday, August 19, 11 am-1 pm, and every 3rd Tuesday of the month, for lunch and companionship in the back room at Perkins, 1720 SW Wanamaker Rd. No RSVP needed. Questions? Call Julie, 913-558-0191 or email WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com.

**Daughters of Isabella Little Flower Circle Meeting,** August 24, in Yadrich Hall, at Christ the King, 5973 SW 25th St. Rosary, 12:40 pm, followed by a business meeting, including election of Officers. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella in need of the Circle's prayers call Shirley Gustafson, 785-554-3028 or Chancellor Gen Orozco. 785-230-2473.

**Christian Widow and Widowers Organization** (open to all faiths) **Potluck Dinner**, Thursday, August 28, 5 pm in the Culhane Room at MPH. Bring a covered dish or dessert and your friends. Quarter Bingo will be played after dinner. For more information, text Gen Orozco, 785-230-2473.

## ENCOUNTER The Encounter School of Ministry meets Mondays,

6:15-9:15 pm, September through May, at Holy Spirit, Overland Park. This program is designed to teach, equip, and activate you to live fearlessly open to the Holy Spirit, walk with God in intimacy, and demonstrate His love, presence, and power to the world around you. To learn more and apply go to: [EncounterSchool.org/Kansas-City](https://EncounterSchool.org/Kansas-City).

**Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch**, Sunday, September 21, 9 am-5 pm. Come and step away from the hustle for a Spirit-filled day of fun, adventure, and prayer with one another. Enjoy those closest to you as you make memories on kayaks, the climbing wall, and our many other activities. All ages are welcome to this come-and-go-as-you-please event! Visit our website today to learn more and Register: <https://archkck.org/psr>; 785-746-5693; [psrministry@archkck.org](mailto:psrministry@archkck.org)



## HOPE RESTORE REBUILD REDISCOVER

*“We looked like the perfect couple...  
But the reality of our marriage was very different”*

Do YOU want a better marriage?

**KANSAS CITY**  
**Weekend**  
**Sept. 26-28**

[HelpOurMarriage.org](https://HelpOurMarriage.org)  
**800.470.2230**

**RETROUVAILLE**  
A LITURGICAL FOR MARITAL RECOVERY



## Baptism

**Please welcome these children recently baptized at Most Pure Heart of Mary:**

**Cyprian Joseph Collart**  
child of Peter & Bridget (Newport) Collart

**Wrenley June Delka**  
Andrew & Kali (Newell) Delka

**May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them all the days of their lives.**



**Stewardship of Treasure Update  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026**

**Weekly Total August 10, 2025**

Envelopes	\$39,408
Electronic Giving	\$23,479
Plate/Loose checks	\$ 2,659
Total	\$65,546

Maintenance and Improvement Fund	\$ 2,284
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*Thank you from the  
Funeral Dinner Committee*



A funeral lunch was held for the family & friends of Clem Crawford on August 8. 37 parishioners donated food and 6 parishioners served the lunch for 37 guests. **We appreciate all those that volunteered!**

*Thanks and God Bless: Judy, Pam, Janice, Jan, Lise.*



**Attention School & Parish Volunteers:**

If you are Virtus trained, please check your account monthly for notifications. If your email has changed be sure to update it as needed. Contact Luanne Webb, MPHM Virtus Coordinator, [lwebb@mphm.com](mailto:lwebb@mphm.com), if you have questions.

**Cor Christi Catholic Center at Washburn University** is seeking Sponsors for our **2025 Evening of Hope** event on October, 18. Please see our website where you can find more information in the sponsorship letter and the form to fill out and return if you are Interested: <https://www.wucatholic.com/2025-evening-of-hope-sponsorship-letter-and-form> Contact Jessica Hammer at [wucatholic@hotmail.com](mailto:wucatholic@hotmail.com) or 785-233-2204

**Intentions at St. John of the Cross Kronum, Kumasi, Ghana, Fr. Michael Kantanka**

**Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch families ~**

**6:00 am:** August 11, August 18, 2025

† **Edward Walsh ~ 6:00 am:** August 12, 2025;

**7:00 pm:** August 21, 2025

**Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~**

**6:00 am:** August 13, August 20, 2025

† **Eddie Stanley ~ 7:00 pm:** August 14, 2025;

**6:00 am:** August 19, 2025;

**8:00 am:** August 24, 2025

**Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern families ~ 6:00 am:** August 15, August 22, 2025

† **David Dijos~6:30 am:** August 17, August 24, 2025

† **John Daniel Kenn ~ 8:30 am:** August 17, 2025

**Meet Archdiocesan Seminarian**

**Alex Rickert**



Alex Rickert (Ascension, Overland Park, KS), a seminarian at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, MO, just served a pastoral year at St. Catherine/Didde Center in Emporia, KS.

When Alex was 7, his family converted to Catholicism. As he grew in his faith, the possibility of priesthood became increasingly more real to Alex when his grandfather was ordained a Catholic priest. Alex's advice for those contemplating the priesthood or a religious order is to remember "our Lord desires infinitely your ultimate good, your ultimate happiness, your ultimate fulfillment. He knows what He's doing if He's inviting you to more deeply consider a vocation that you haven't thought about much."

[archkck.org/vocations-seminarians/](http://archkck.org/vocations-seminarians/)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday/Sunday, August 16 / August 17**

4:00 pm\*: Special Intention-Barb Becker  
 5:30 pm\*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
 7:30 am: Special Intention-Edna Fangman  
 9:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners  
 11:30 am: † Gary Adkins

**Monday, August 18**

8:00 am: † Idella Harris

**Tuesday, August 19**

8:00 am: † Beverly Zupka

**Wednesday, August 20**

8:00 am: Special Intention-Rachel Peterson

**Thursday, August 21**

8:00 am: † Caroline Rose

**Friday, August 22**

8:00 am: † Ed Walsh

**Saturday, August 23** *Collective Mass\**

† Joseph L. Johnson; † Eli Devlin; † Emily Stueve;  
 Special Intentions-Michael L. Johnson; Eden Johnson

**Saturday/Sunday, August 23 / August 24**

4:00 pm\*: † Veronica Stafford  
 5:30 pm\*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
 7:30 am: † Mary Andersen  
 9:30 am: † Matthew Cook  
 11:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners  
*\*Saturday evening Masses 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm*

**Souls of all the faithful departed.** May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

**Most Pure Heart of Mary - Legion of Mary**, a lay apostolic association that serves the Church on a voluntary basis, meets every Wednesday, 5:30 pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Attend a meeting or two-no obligation to join. For more information call Jerry Baker, 785-383-4054.

**PRAYER CORNER**

**Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues:**

Robbie Armentrout	Don Kuckelman
Mary Jo Bergkamp	Steve LaGrone
Carolyn Brentlinger	Jan Lippincott
Owen Burns	Cynthia Markula
Dory Bushong	Margaret Masilionis
Steve Clifton	Evelyn Matalone
Beth Compton	Cathy Mies
Kelly Davis	Andrea Diane Nienhuis
Barbara Duran	Mike Nolen
Susan Engroff	Sarah O'Loughlin
Vincent Gish	Stephani Paletta
Judy Hartegan	Heather Parker
LeRoy Haug	Patricia Quinn
Michael Hogan	Bruce Reichmuth
Mary Hohman	Becky Reyer
Joe Hovorka	Jimmy Rogers
Julane Hovorka	Ford Ross
Suzi Hubb	Phyllis Shaw
Janice Johnson	Joe & Mary Tetuan
Johnny King	Marilyn Trechter
Sandy Klene	Matt Tull
Darryl Krape	Nancy Weber
Patricia Kratina	Shirley Willis
Sandra Kraus	

Please join fellow parishioners for an hour of prayer each week for our parish, our families, our community & our nation through praying the rosary and several prayers which accompany it. Based on the Flame of Love of Jesus & Mary, this is a response to their request for specific prayer which is much needed during these times, particularly for our families. The group meets each Monday at 4:45 pm in the Quinlan room.

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