



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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

Readings: Wis 9:13-18B; Phmn 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way of life allows us to count the cost, and then run after Him with all our might.

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THAT MAN IS YOU!

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

7 DYNAMIC SPEAKERS | NEWLY FILMED | MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER

LIFE-TRANSFORMING CONTENT:

Identify the four leadership roles of men and the five traits essential for authentic male leadership. Recognize Satan's ongoing attack on true leadership and how Christ models perfect leadership, extending that calling to all men. Understand the three core orientations through which we encounter God, the three main spiritual temptations, and how to overcome them. Establish a personal spiritual plan.

THAT MAN IS YOU! HAS PROVEN TO:

- Facilitate a personal encounter and relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Meet men wherever they are in their spiritual lives and help them take one step further.
- Turn the hearts of fathers to their spouse and children.
- Form authentic leaders capable of transforming their families and greater society.
- Form bonds of friendship and fellowship that strengthen the parish community.

Most Pure Heart of Mary ~ Culhane Room
Saturday Mornings, 6:15-7:50 am
Begins September 20, 2025
To register use the QR code or go to:
programs.paradisusdei.org/join/CA739B

Interested in learning more about That Man is You!
Please stop by the table located in the West entrance of the church following all Masses this weekend.



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Altar Server Training~2nd Tuesday of the Month Tuesday, September 9, 6:30-7:30 pm, in the church, altar server training for all current altar servers and any boys (parish school, public school or home school) who wish to learn to serve God at the altar. Please email Lucas Tappan, ltappan@mphm.com or simply show up to the training.

The Most Pure Heart of Mary Book Club meets in the Quinlan Room (*room change*) at Noon, Wednesday, September 10, to discuss John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath"; and October 10, to discuss Ernest Hemingway's "Farewell to Arms". All are welcome. Questions may be directed to Mary Adkins, 785-845-8566.

St. Martha Circle Meeting Thursday, September 11, 1-3 pm, Culhane Room. New, earlier time this year! Hostess Dianne O'Connor's project is gluing and decorating paper holders for nail files. Kits provided; please bring Tombow glue and a pair of scissors. RSVP by Sunday, September 7, text/phone, 785-806-0592.



Most Pure Heart of Mary Pro-Life Rosary, Thursday, September 11, 6:30 pm, in the church, and every 2nd Thursday of each month. Please join us in praying for the conversion of hearts and to save the innocent lives of the unborn.

St. Theresa Sewing Group: Wednesday, September 17, 6-8 pm, at St. Vincent's, 1800 SW Stone, to tie and finish quilts for the needy. All are welcome to join us. For more details contact Mary Ann, 785-220-2693.



MPHM Legion of Mary Membership Drive, following all Masses, September 13 & 14, inside the west entrance and outside at the south entrance. The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association that serves the Church on a voluntary basis by performing various Works of Mercy. If questions, contact Gus Torrez: 785-224-5460 / gjtorrez@cox.net

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER

Join us for this 8-week study as we uncover the story woven throughout Scripture. This series will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.

MONDAYS STARTING SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 6:30PM

Cost: \$28 Register by Friday Sept. 12th - sholthaus@mphm.com

Join other "Widowed Women of Faith", Tuesday, September 16, 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.

The Third Order of St Augustine invites you to find out more about the Augustinian Order. Please join us as we start at the beginning of the Rule of St Augustine, every Tuesday in September from 6-8:30 pm, at Our Lady of Guadalupe school classroom. This is a lay persons group, but we do have the presence of the Secular Order of Recollects nuns and priests. Please call Theresa Burghart with any questions, 785-224-0997

Spanish Classes, Tuesdays. 6-7:30 pm, beginning September 9, at Holy Family West Campus, 210 NE Chandler. Classes include: grammar, writing skills, vocabulary building, idioms, mannerisms, expressions, and verbal communication. For information contact Richard Vasquez, 785-633-1604. Free of charge.

Contenders: Making the Case for Life, September 10, 6 pm, Washburn University Memorial Union. Featuring nationally recognized pro-life speaker and trainer Dr. Marc Newman, president of Speaker for Life.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 5, 2-3:30 pm. Topeka Life Chain. More details to follow.

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

Weekly Total August 31, 2025

Envelopes	\$29,793
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,010
Plate/Loose checks	\$ 2,585
Total	\$33,388

Maintenance and Improvement Fund \$ 847

*Thank you from the
Funeral Dinner Committee*



A funeral lunch was held for the family & friends of Mary Lou Kiene on August 30. Food was donated by 15 parishioners and 4 parishioners served the lunch for 26 guests. **We appreciate all those that volunteered!**

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

Relief Collection for Gaza Funds donated will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States, for emergency and humanitarian relief, as well as medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded in Gaza and surrounding area. Use the QR code to donate or checks may be written to MPH, notate Gaza in memo.



Please welcome Fr. Balachandra Miriyala to Most Pure Heart of Mary next weekend, September 13 & 14. Fr. Bala will share the amazing work God is doing through his ministry at the orphanage, "St. Mary's India Society" in Nellore, India, including their hardships and needs. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

The St. Monica Ministry returns on the 2nd Saturday of each month, beginning September 13, at Christ the King Church. Join us in praying for the return of family members and friends to the active practice of the Catholic faith. Rosary, 7:30 am, followed by litany, and then Holy Mass at 8 am. All are welcome! Questions? Email annie.lackey@yahoo.com.

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



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

Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch families ~ 6:00 am: September 8, 2025

† **Edward B. Walsh~6:00 am:** September 9, 2025;
7:00 pm: September 11, 2025;
6:30 am: September 14, 2025

Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~ 6:00 am: September 10, 2025

Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern families ~ 6:00 am: September 12, 2025

† **Rick Strecker~8:30 am:** September 14, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/Sunday, September 6 / September 7

4:00 pm*: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners
 5:30 pm*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 7:30 am: † Howard Anderson
 9:30 am: † Jim and Ethel Lacore
 11:30 am: † Dennis and Mary Mulryan

Monday, September 8

8:00 am: Special Intention-Sarah Holthaus

Tuesday, September 9

8:00 am: Special Intention-Sheila Stueve

Wednesday, September 10

8:00 am: Special Intention-Elizabeth Dunshee

Thursday, September 11

8:00 am: † Charlie Debacker

Friday, September 12

8:00 am: Special Intention-Mary Margaret Kerr

Saturday, September 13 *Collective Mass**

† Joseph L. Johnson; † Eli Devlin; † Emily Stueve;
 Special Intentions-Michael L. Johnson; Eden Johnson;
 Kenneth and Jacqueline Breymeyer

Saturday/Sunday, September 13 / September 14

4:00 pm*: † J. T. O'Brien (12th Anniversary of Death)
 5:30 pm*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 7:30 am: † Agnes Walsh
 9:30 am: † Norman Kaufman
 11:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners
**Saturday evening Masses 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm*



Guillermo Gutierrez & Mayra Sigala
Saturday, September 13, 2025

Nate Shumate & Chelsea Puchochar
Saturday, September 27, 2025

PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues:

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

Souls of Connie Gould, mother of Grant Gould, and **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.

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