



# Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS ~ SEPTEMBER 14, 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: Nm 21: 4B-9; Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3:13-17

One of the aspects of our stewardship should be a desire to understand and appreciate the significance of many of the celebrations, feasts, and solemnities we as Catholics observe and experience. Today's Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena; the construction and dedication of churches by Helena's son the Emperor Constantine on the site of Mt. Calvary where Christ was crucified; and the return of the Cross to Jerusalem by the Emperor Heraclius II.

As Catholics, we need to remember the Cross every time we make the Sign of the Cross. We make that sign often and almost always at the beginning and the end of our prayers. However, that sign in itself is a prayer. Sometimes we do it automatically without really considering its meaning and importance. Rather than a hurried sign, we should make the Sign of the Cross with reverence, respect, and the constant reflection of how vital the Cross is to our salvation. Stewardship invites us to practice our faith with this deference and appreciation to the Lord, truly in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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Please welcome **Fr. Balachandra Miriyala** to Most Pure Heart of Mary this weekend. 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.

### Most Pure Heart of Mary Adoration Chapel

Open Hour, beginning in October  
Thursdays, 7-8 pm

Hours in need of a 2<sup>nd</sup> adorer  
(to name only a few)

Sundays: 1-2 pm & 5-6 pm

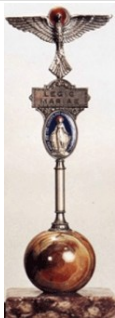
Thursdays: 5-6 pm

Saturdays: 6-7 am, 7-8 pm, 8-9 pm

Use the QR code or

Go to [adorationpro.org/mphm](http://adorationpro.org/mphm)  
click "Weekly Commitment"

click "sign-up" next to the hour you prefer.



### MPHM Legion of Mary Membership Drive, after all Masses this weekend.

Please stop by either the west or south entrance of the church to find out more about the Legion of Mary, a lay apostolic association that serves the Church on a voluntary basis by performing various Works of Mercy.

If you are unable to stop by after Mass but would like more information, contact Gus Torrez: 785-224-5460 / [gjtorrez@cox.net](mailto:gjtorrez@cox.net)

**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.



*God* : THE MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY IN THE BIBLE  
Join us this Fall in a 9 week series as we explore misconceptions about God & grow in our relationship with Him.  
**Starts Thursday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30AM**  
Cost: \$20 Register by Friday Sept. 26th sholthaus@mphm.com

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Starts this Saturday, September 20, 6:15 am in the Culhane Room. To register use the QR code or go to [programs.paradisusdei.org/join/CA739B](https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/CA739B)



**JOIN CUB SCOUTS PACK 246**  
**FUN, ADVENTURE & CREATING LIFELONG MEMORIES**  
Pinewood Derby racing, camping, archery, wrist rockets, BB guns, STEM, service projects, field trips, fishing, hiking and so much more! Scouts learn family values, personal safety, first aid, citizenship, confidence, leadership, teamwork, faith and friendship. All boys and girls in kindergarten through 5th grade can join Cub Scouts.  
**RECRUITMENT NIGHT - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**  
Ready to join the adventure of a lifetime? Learn about joining Pack 246! Launch air and water rockets at the MPHm Field at 6:00pm.  
**CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS**  
Joe Dom, Scouts Cubmaster  
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**Holton Knights of Columbus Chicken Fry**, Sunday, September 14, 11 am-1 pm, St. Dominic's Hall, 416 Ohio Ave, Holton. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, dinner roll, dessert. Free will offering. Proceeds support Holton area special needs.

**The Breakfast Club-Hayden Basketball**  
Coach Anthony is hosting Saturday sessions September and October for boys and girls interested in developing their basketball skills and learning more about the game. A great way to build fundamentals, improve fitness and grow in confidence. Use the QR code for more information.



**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](mailto:WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com).

**Christian Widow and Widowers Organization** (*open to all faiths*) Potluck Dinner, Thursday, September 25, 5 pm in the Culhane Room. Bring a covered dish or dessert and your friends. Quarter Bingo played after dinner. For more information, text Gen Orozco, 785-230-2473.

**Cor Christi 2025**  
**Evening of Hope**  
**October 18th**  
MATER DEI CATHOLIC CHURCH &  
MATER DEI EVENT CENTER  
1114 SW 10<sup>TH</sup> AVE  
TOPEKA, KS 66604

- 5:00 pm Mass with Archbishop McKnight
- 6:00 pm Social Time
- 6:40 pm Experience Cor Christi
- 7:00 pm Dinner & Program

**Join Cor Christi in celebrating our 55th Anniversary as a campus center**, keeping Washburn students connected to Christ and building community. Learn about our Hope for the future. Tickets \$75. RSVP by September 26, 785-233-2204 or use the QR code.



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



Most Pure Heart of Mary

# FIVE HEARTS FESTIVAL



Saturday, October 18

Join the Most Pure Heart of Mary community for fellowship and fun!

2:00pm

Concessions, Beer Garden, Bingo, Jail & Bail  
Carnival Games, Inflatables, Face Painting, Cake Walk

2:30pm

Cornhole Tournament

4:00pm

Kids Market

3:00pm

Gaga Ball Tournament  
Field Games

6:00pm

Live Band

3:30pm

MPHM Band Performs

8:00pm

Five Hearts Festival Ends



Join the Facebook Group  
@MPHMFiveHeartsFestival



Visit [bit.ly/FiveHeartsFestival](https://bit.ly/FiveHeartsFestival)  
for details and contact info

## Volunteers Needed

We need your help to make this event a success and fun for all MPMH families! Please give your time and talent as a Festival volunteer. Help is needed throughout the day in one-hour shifts.

Sign up online - [bit.ly/2025FestivalVolunteers](https://bit.ly/2025FestivalVolunteers)

Set up	12:00-2:00pm
Cake walk	2:00-6:00pm
Bingo	2:00-6:00pm
Jail & Bail	2:00-6:00pm
Beer Garden	2:00-8:00pm
Concessions	2:00-8:00pm
Carnival	2:00-8:00pm
Clean up	8:00-9:00pm

Sign up to Volunteer



## Carnival Games

Boy oh boy, do we have fun activities planned! Splat the rat, ring toss, sack races, operation, gumball machine, plinko, and train rides, to name a few. Face painting, balloon twisting and inflatables will all be there too. Purchase a \$5 wristband to participate (\$25 cap per family).

Donations of coffee mugs and clean stuffed animals are needed for Mugged and Animal Walk games. Small trinkets/prizes are also needed. Drop off items at the church office or school office.

## Bingo, Cornhole & Gaga Ball

Bingo will be called from 2:00-6:00pm in O'Connor Hall. Each round has multiple \$5 or \$10 gift card winners.

Cornhole boards will be available to play throughout the day. If you'd like to show off your bag throwing skills, participate in our 2:30pm cornhole tournament. \$20 per team to play. Prizes awarded to first, second and third place teams. Sign up the day of the Festival.

School-age kids can participate in our 3:00pm Gaga Ball Tournament. Kids will be split up by ages and scored per each round they play. Prize will be awarded to first place in each age group.

## Event Sponsors

Sponsor the Festival and proudly share your MPMH pride! We're looking for in-kind and corporate donations. Any donation is appreciated!

All Festival money benefits improvement of the school gym.

Online sponsor packet - [bit.ly/2025FestivalSponsors](https://bit.ly/2025FestivalSponsors)

Sponsor Form



## Food, Fun & Fellowship

We've got a full day of fun planned for Most Pure Heart of Mary families! Come hungry and stay late.

Concessions - Served outside 2:00-7:30pm. Chili, chili dogs, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, popcorn, cotton candy, pies and desserts, popsicles, pop, gatorade and water.

Beer Garden - Served outside 2:00-7:30pm.

Snacks - Inside O'Connor Hall 2:00-6:00pm.

Live Band - Plays outside 6:00-8:00pm. Bring a comfy chair and your dancing shoes!

## Tail & Bail

Join in the Jail & Bail fun! From 2:00-6:00pm, you can pay \$1/minute to send someone to jail. To get out of jail, pay off the rest of your jail time or complete a silly dare. Pay to stay out of jail the rest of the day with a \$10 donation.

## Cakes & Cookies

We ask each family to provide one cake or one dozen cookies. Desserts will be used for the Cake Walk. Additional dessert donations are welcome!

Drop off items at the church office or school office on Thursday, October 16 or Friday, October 17.





**“...and what the Lord requires of you but to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8**

Topeka JUMP was formed in 2012 as a Christian response to God’s call for all his faithful to work to build Just Communities. Today, 36 faith communities, including **Most Pure Heart of Mary, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Christ the King, & Mater Dei** have united to answer that call in Topeka and Shawnee County.

JUMP gives Catholics a concrete way to act on **Catholic Social Teachings**, especially the Call to Family, Community, and Participation—which tells us, **“The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society...directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community.....people have a right and duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all.”--usccb.org**

### **What did Topeka Jump accomplish this last Action Cycle?**



#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**Topeka’s City Manager, Dr. Robert Perez, committed to:**

- ✓ Working with Topeka JUMP & the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Review Committee to develop an annual public funding proposal for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

**Council Members Marcus Miller & Spencer Duncan committed to:**

- ✓ Working with Topeka JUMP & the City Manager starting in May to develop an annual public funding proposal of \$2 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- ✓ Bringing that funding proposal that we develop together to the rest of the city council by October and voting yes.



#### **VIOLENCE REDUCTION**

**Topeka’s Police Chief, Chris Vallejo committed to:**

- ✓ Providing a liaison from his office to work with CIVIC.  
*This officer can keep the department up to date about important next steps from CIVIC and help CIVIC identify potential roadblocks ahead as they implement their violence reduction strategy.*
- ✓ Providing open data to CIVIC to help inform their program.  
*Having robust, regular, and easily accessible data is a crucial part of a successful violence interruption program.*

**CIVIC: Community Inspired Violence Intervention Coalition**

### **Upcoming Processes/Action Cycle of Topeka Jump Justice Work:**

- 1). **Listening Process** (August – October) Grassroot ***Listening Sessions*** are held – The opportunity for the community to voice its concerns, followed by the ***Community Problems Assembly*** – When all gather to narrow down and identify the issue(s) voiced in the listening sessions to be work on in the upcoming year
- 2). **Research to Action** (November – May) ***Research*** on issues is done, and working solutions are proposed, followed by the ***Nehemiah Action-*** when all gather to bring forth to community leaders the solutions or actions that can address the problems in the community

### **2025 LISTENING SESSIONS**

**- to have a voice attend or lend support attend one of the listening sessions below**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| • <b><u>Tues. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 pm, Cathy’s home</u></b> | Cathie Huckins 785-806-3927                   |
| • <b><u>Sat. Oct. 4, at 2:00 pm, Anna’s home</u></b>                  | Anna Ramirez 785-249-9783                     |
| • <b><u>Tues. Oct. 7, at 6:30 pm, Lise’s home</u></b>                 | Lise Hund 785-220-3824                        |
| • <b><u>Thursday, October 9 at 6:00 pm Quinlan Room</u></b>           | Marcy Weekley 785-633-1157                    |
| • <b><u>Sun., October 12 at 12:30 pm Quinlan Room</u></b>             | Sarah Bryan, Jump Lead Organizer 620-755-4874 |



## **Remaining JUMP 2025/26 Year Schedule**

- Community Problems Assembly – Nov. 3rd, 6:30 pm
- MPHM Network Meeting - February/March
- Rally – March
- Nehemiah Action - April/May
- Celebration - June

## **JUMP FAQs**

- **How is JUMP organized?**

Each parish is a network of Topeka JUMP. The network's goal is to turn out its average weekly mass attendance (at MPHM 1,600) to JUMPs annual assembly (Nehemiah Action) each year. Large numbers of people at the assembly show city and county leaders community support for changes and improvements the JUMP is working toward.

- **Great. But really, what does MPHM JUMP ask of each parishioner?**

To prayerfully get involved in one of 3 ways.

- 1. Bring your family, to our Nehemiah Action, April/May 2026**

- 2. Become a MPHM Network Member.**

Basic requirements:

Bring 3+ people with you to the Nehemiah Action

Attend 5 other sessions (see year schedule above) to keep you informed about JUMPs work

After watching JUMPs process, prayerfully consider a financial investment.

- 2. Become a Team Leader**

Keep 10 Network Members informed and plugged into MPHM's network.

- **What are some community problem areas JUMP has tackled?**

Affordable Housing, Mental Health, Gun Violence, Predatory Lending

- **How are these problem areas identified?**

Problems are surfaced at Listening Sessions. Network Members vote on new issues.

- **Who runs JUMP?**

Network Members and clergy make up JUMPs Board of Directors, decide on issue work, conduct research into problems and solutions, and bring their congregations to our Nehemiah Assembly.

- **Beyond justice, what are some other fruits of JUMP membership?**

Participation in JUMP strengthens relationships in both the parish and the community. JUMPs Network Members share that JUMP's unitive nature is a blessing, in an age where division in the public arena grows daily.

- **I'm interested or would like to learn more. What's next?**

Sign up to attend one of MPHMs Listening Sessions or contact one of MPHMs Team Leaders (see other side)

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

Weekly Total September 7, 2025

Envelopes	\$21,763
Electronic Giving	\$ 7,177
Plate/Loose checks	\$ 3,261
Total	\$32,201

Maintenance and Improvement Fund \$ 1,303

**Faith Direct is upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving**—a new, secure giving platform. This upgrade will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you, your gift schedules and payment details will carry over.

**What's new about ParishSOFT Giving?**

- **Weekly Giving:** If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.
- **More Flexibility:** Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you, not just the 4th or 15th.
- **More Ways to Give:** Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

**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 MPMH, notate Gaza in memo.



**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 15, 2025**

† Edward B. Walsh~6:00 am: September 16, 2025;  
7:00 pm: September 18, 2025;  
6:30 am: September 21, 2025

**Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~ 6:00 am: September 17, 2025**

**Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern families ~ 6:00 am: September 19, 2025**

† Anne "Penny" O'Neill~  
8:30 am: September 21, 2025



*Thank you from the  
Funeral Dinner Committee*

A funeral lunch was held for the family & friends of Shirley Willis on September 6. Food was donated by 12 parishioners and 3 parishioners served the lunch for 26 guests.

**We appreciate all those that volunteered!**

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



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*Baptism*

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

**Emma Mary Kastelic**  
child of Christopher & Marie (Langer) Kastelic

**Nadia Cataleya Retana Munoz**  
child of David Retana & Emily Munoz

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



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, September 15**

8:00 am: Special Intention-Jason Ahlstedt

**Tuesday, September 16**

8:00 am: † Josh Swindell

**Wednesday, September 17**

8:00 am: † Ed and Henriette Festa

**Thursday, September 18**

8:00 am: † Carole Hackett

**Friday, September 19**

8:00 am: † Mary Ann Eschmann

**Saturday, September 20 Collective Mass\***

† Joseph L. Johnson; † Eli Devlin; † Emily Stueve;  
 † Isaac William Brown (1st Anniversary of Death);  
 † John Grant Lauterbach; † Merle Blair;  
 Special Intentions-Michael L. Johnson; Eden Johnson;  
 The Hoytal Family

**Saturday/Sunday, September 20 / September 21**

4:00 pm\*: † Matthew Cook (1st Anniversary of Death)  
 5:30 pm\*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
 7:30 am: † John Hanrahan  
 9:30 am: † Earl Sunley (10th Anniversary of Death)  
 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:**

Michael Adams	Sandra Kraus
Robbie Armentrout	Don Kuckelman
Mary Jo Bergkamp	Steve LaGrone
Carolyn Brentlinger	Jan Lippincott
Owen Burns	Cynthia Markula
Dory Bushong	Margaret Masilionis
Steve Clifton	Jerri & Roger Matzke
Beth Compton	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	Teri Rogers
Julane Hovorka	Ford Ross
Suzi Hubb	Phyllis Shaw
Janice Johnson	Joe & Mary Tetuan
Johnny King	Marilyn Trechter
Sandy Klene	Matt Tull
Darryl Krape	Pio & Adela Vargas
Patricia Kratina	Nancy Weber

**Souls of Rocky O'Donnell**, husband of Cindy O'Donnell, **Ronald Kelly**, father of Karen Thummel, **Marge Reed**, mother of Patti Van Slyke, **and all the faithful departed**. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

**Rosary Prayer Group** 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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