



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 28, 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: Am 6:1A, 4-7; Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

We have all been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And that failure to do so has eternal consequences.

We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld, while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out, and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.

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Most Pure Heart of Mary Adoration Chapel

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

Hours in need of a 2nd adorer
(to name only a few)

Sundays: 1-2 pm

Thursdays: 5-6 pm

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

October is Pro-Life Month. Please support the **Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle** program in behalf of Mary's Choices, a pregnancy crisis clinic whose physician, nurses and trained staff provide pregnancy tests, sonograms and medical consultation for women contemplating abortion here in Topeka. Their efforts not only prevent abortions, but also provide young mothers-to-be with parenting classes, medical advice, clothing and counseling to make appropriate life style decisions. Your contribution is tax deductible and will help save lives here in Topeka.

The Knights will be handing out baby bottles at the doors of the church after Mass on September 27 & 28 and October 4 & 5. Please return them to the Knights who will collect them at the end of October.

Use the QR code or

Go to adorationpro.org/mphm
click "Weekly Commitment"

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





**Knights of
Columbus®**

**Trash Bag Sales
Following all Masses
October 4 & 5**

St. Martha Circle Members, meet Thursday, October 9, 1-3 pm, in the Culhane Room. Hostess Mary Salazar. Project: gluing and decorating paper holders for cocoa packets. Bring glue, scissors, box of 8 cocoa packets, and supply kit chosen last month. RSVP to Dianne by phone/text, 785-806-0592, by Sunday evening, October 5th.

Daughters of Isabella Little Flower Circle meeting Sunday, September 28, 12:40 pm, Yadrich Hall at Christ the King, 5973 SW 25th St. A rosary followed by a business meeting, installation of officers, and social time. 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.

"The Bible and the Virgin Mary," produced by the St. Paul Center, 7-8:30 pm, on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month in O'Connor Hall. Followed by fellowship and food. Questions? Call Allan or Vickie Holthaus 785-862-9738.

St. Theresa Church Fall Bazaar, Sunday, October 5, 209 Third St, Perry. Turkey or Ham dinner with all the fixings 11 am-2 pm. Adult/\$15; 10 & under/\$5. Follow Facebook page @sttheresafallbazaar

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, Saturday, October 11, 1-9 pm and Sunday, October 12, 9 am-4 pm, St. Patrick, 309 S. 6th St, Osage City.

The Way of a Pilgrim: A Silent Walking Retreat October 17-19, Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meagher Rd, Easton, KS. Join us for a weekend of deep spiritual renewal as we walk the path of the pilgrim, seeking God's mercy and peace. For more information call 913-773-8255 or go to: <https://archkck.org/cpp/retreats/preached-retreats/>

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FIVE HEARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 18



**Join the Facebook Group
@MPHMFiveHeartsFestival**



**Visit bit.ly/FiveHeartsFestival
for additional event details**



**Venmo donations accepted
@MPHMCatholicChurch**

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KIDS VENDOR MARKET

SHOW OFF YOUR TALENTS & SELL YOUR CREATIONS

- Setup at 12:00pm. Market is open 2:00-4:00pm.
- One table provided. Bring your own chairs.
- Sign up today to reserve your spot!



Volunteers Needed

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

Visit bit.ly/2025FestivalVolunteers. Shifts include: set up, carnival, cake walk, jail & bail, beer garden, concessions, & clean up.

Sign up to Volunteer





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October 2025 Prayer Intentions

HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

Website: Our website at mphm.com is full of information. From the homepage you can download the parish app, keep up with upcoming parish events, support the parish by making electronic donations, sign up for Flocknote and FORMED (kind of a Netflix for Catholic content), and so much more!

MPHM App: From our app you can add prayer requests to the Prayer Wall - don't forget to pray for others on the wall. You can read the bulletin and weekly e-newsletter, look for the daily readings, access the Adoration Pro program, among other things! Click on the link on the home page at mphm.com to download.

Facebook: We love to keep in touch with our community on Facebook. Be sure to follow Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church - just look for our logo. The school also has a Facebook page that uses a similar logo so be sure to verify which one you are following - We suggest you follow them both so you can see what great things are happening at our parish.

Flocknote: The parish and many of our ministries use Flocknote to communicate. Sign up by clicking the Flocknote button at the bottom of mphm.com (it looks like a little white sheep). We send out important emails and/or text messages through Flocknote. You can sign up for specific communications to stay in the loop.

News and Notes: Our weekly e-newsletter includes an electronic version of our bulletin, upcoming events and special messages from Fr. Nathan, the Archdiocese, our ministries or staff.

Pope Leo the XIV

† Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

We pray for peace in the world and our men and women in uniform especially:

Air Force: Caleb Leenerts, Garrett Mazachek

Army: Brodie Cronister, Keaton Shelman

Navy: Chris Archer, Jairus Creager

Law Enforcement: Bryce Cronister, Heather Martens, Jonathan Martens, Daniel Masilionis, Laura Mayer

We pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our parish, that the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers for his harvest, and for those in formation from our parish,

† Deacon Will Sutherland—priesthood

† Gabriel Pryor—priesthood

A Prayer for Hope

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism,
you have given us the gift of new life.
Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life
as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life
is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life
in all stages and circumstances,
from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement
and give us the grace to be messengers of hope,
filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2025

Respect Life Month is a time when the Church asks us to pray and reflect more deeply on the dignity of the human person and our responsibility to defend all life, especially the most vulnerable.

The National Life Chain is the largest prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. More than 1,500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sunday, October 5, 2:00-3:30 p.m. Most Pure Heart of Mary will be participating in the Topeka Life Chain on the east side of Wanamaker between 19th & 21st. More information will be announced next week, or you can call Kathleen Weaver, 785-213-9726 for details.



Pro-Life Rosary, Thursday, October 9 and October 23, 6:30 pm, in the church, and every 2nd & 4th Thursday's of each month. Please join us in praying for the conversion of hearts and to save the innocent lives of the unborn.

Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Breakfast, October 12, O'Connor Hall, following 7:30 & 9:30 Masses

Most Pure Heart of Mary Prayer Trip Saturday, October 11

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigils outside abortion clinics. If you would like to learn more, visit kccoalitionforlife.com or call Wendy Curtis, 816-977-1750.

Most Pure Heart of Mary will participate on Saturday, October 11, 10:00-11:30 am. RSVP to Morgan Swartz, by Friday, October 10. Indicate whether you will be able to drive. mswartz@mphm.com

RESPECT LIFE Sunday Mass

with Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Naumann

October 5th, 9:30 am

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH | 5501 Monticello, Shawnee

Light Reception Immediately Following

{ Archbishop Emeritus Naumann will be giving a blessing to those who care for and serve the most vulnerable among us. }

*Praying for the protection of human life
from conception to natural death.*



PRO LIFE OFFICE
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

Candlelight Healing & Remembrance Mass, for those affected by pregnancy, infant, and child loss, Tuesday, October 14, 7 pm, Queen of the Holy Rosary, Overland Park.

Signs of Hope Speaker Event October 16, Holy Spirit Church

Details & FREE Registration:

ARCHKCK.ORG/RESPECT-LIFE-MONTH

To learn more about all the upcoming Archdiocesan events use the QR code at the right or go to archkck.org/pro-life-respect-life-month



2025 RESPECT LIFE MONTH NOVENA ~ Wednesday, October 22 – Thursday, October 30.
Join thousands of Catholics praying the Respect Life Month Novena.
Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate!

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

Weekly Total September 21, 2025

Envelopes	\$18,971
Electronic Giving	\$14,862
Plate/Loose checks	\$ 2,309
Total	\$36,142

Maintenance and Improvement Fund \$ 1,338

Catholic Charities Topeka Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you desire to give back to your local community? Then, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas has some great opportunities for you! We are seeking weekly volunteers (individual or groups) to work in our food pantry and at our front desk at our Topeka Family Support Center, 234 S Kansas Ave. Training provided.

Current Needs:

Food Pantry: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-12:30 pm

Front Desk: Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am-12:30 pm and 12:30-4 pm

If interested, email our Volunteer Engagement Team, ccnekvolunteers@catholiccharitiesks.org or call 913-433-2104.

Women's Retreats

Women of Hope, October 23-25, Holy Trinity, 13615 W 92nd St, Lenexa. A 3-day women's conference of healing & forgiveness, For more information go to catholicwomensconferencekc.com

Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat, October 24-26, for all women ages 18 & older. For more information go to:

<https://archkck.org/camp-tekakwitha/womens-retreat/>



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

Colette Louise Moore

child of Richard Moore & Maizie Weathers

Trae Richard Porter

child of Kyle & Crista (Bechard) Porter

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



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.



Substitute Teachers Needed - Do you have a love for Catholic Education? All Catholic schools are looking for substitute teachers. Please contact a school near you and explore being a substitute teacher.

Bus Drivers Needed - Do you have a CDL? Do you have a love for Catholic school students? Are you retired and looking for something to do? Come be a part of the team! We are looking for people to work on a part time basis. Send an email to info@haydencatholic.net and let's see if you might be a good fit!

**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 29, 2025**

**Living & Deceased Members of the Appel &
Crock families ~ 6:00 am: October 1, 2025**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/Sunday, September 27 / September 28

4:00 pm*: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners
 5:30 pm*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 7:30 am: † Tyler Green (1st Anniversary of Death)
 9:30 am: Special Intention-Finn Binder
 11:30 am: † Sharon Painter

Monday, September 29

8:00 am: Special Intention-Patty Hurley

Tuesday, September 30

8:00 am: † John Daniel Kenn

Wednesday, October 1

8:00 am: † Fernando Villareal

Thursday, October 2

8:00 am: † Troy Agustin (4th Anniversary of Death)

Friday, October 3

8:00 am: Special Intention-Sara Reed

Saturday, October 4 *Collective Mass**

† Joseph L. Johnson; † Eli Devlin; † Emily Stueve;
 † Rosemary Palma; † Tony Cusick;
 † Mary Ann Appelhanz (1st Anniversary of Death);
 Special Intentions-Michael L. Johnson; Eden Johnson;
 John and Betty Henderson

Saturday/Sunday, October 4 / October 5

4:00 pm*: † Mike VanLeeuwen
 (1st Anniversary of Death)
 5:30 pm*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 7:30 am: † Jack and Nadine Hammond
 9:30 am: † Carolyn Pfeifer
 11:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners
**Saturday evening Masses 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm*

Souls of Greg Wintle, husband of Bobbi Jo Wintle,
Martin Rodenhouse, father of Lindsay Freeman, and **all**
the faithful departed. May they rest in the peace of our
 Lord.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues:

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

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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