



# *Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church*

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## **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 5, 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:** Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

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**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 October 4 & 5. Please return them to the Knights who will collect them at the end of October.

**October 5th is Life Chain Sunday.** The Life Chain is the largest prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. Life Chains will be held throughout the US and Canada. The Topeka Life Chain will be lining up along 21st & Wanamaker streets. Most Pure Heart of Mary parishioners will be on the EAST side of Wanamaker between 19th & 21st, 2-3:30 pm. Upon arrival please stop by the table where signs will be provided. If you have questions please call Kathleen 785-213-9726. Those unable to stand may bring a chair. If not able to stay the whole time come for as long as you can. Please join us today to stand up for life! Let us all do our part to defend preborn babies!



**Knights of  
Columbus®**

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

➔ **Pro-Life Breakfast, Sunday, October 12**  
following 7:30 am & 9:30 am Masses

**The Most Pure Heart of Mary Book Club** meets in the Culhane Room at Noon on Wednesday, October 8, to discuss Ernest Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms" On Wednesday, November 12 we will discuss "Woman in Black" by Susan Hill. All are welcome. Questions may be referred to Mary Adkins, 785-554-5156.

**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.



**Pro-Life Rosary**, Thursday, October 9, 6:30 pm only (**NOT October 23**) 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.



**Altar Server Training~2nd Tuesday of the Month** Tuesday, October 14, 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 Bible and the Virgin Mary,"** produced by the St. Paul Center, 7-8:30 pm, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**St. Aloysius Fall Bazaar**, October 12, 11:30 am-2 pm, 615 E Wyandotte, Meriden. Turkey & ham dinner with all the fixings. Silent auction, games, bingo, raffles, country store, ice cream.

**Aim Higher: Young Men's Retreat**, October 10-12, Three Trails Retreat Center KCMO. High School ages 14-18, go deeply into the dignity and vocation of all men and their heroic call to holiness, sacrifice, and service. Draws from St. John Paul II's teachings on the Theology of the Body. For more information go to: <https://stmichaelcp.org/aim-higher-mens-retreat>

**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/>

**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, Overland Park, 5:30-8:30 pm. Mass, followed by a light dinner, and then speaker sessions focusing on the human dignity in real and often challenging life circumstances. This is a free event, but registration is encouraged to help plan for food and resources. Use the QR code for more information and to register.



**Mass of Innocents**, Sunday, October 19, 1 pm, Holy Spirit, Overland Park. If you or someone you know lost a child or loved one during pregnancy or in early infancy, join Archbishop Emeritus Naumann and the Office of Marriage & Family Life to commemorate this loss at this annual Mass.

#### **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!](https://respectlife.org/celebrate!)

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](https://archkck.org/pro-life-respect-life-month)



Most Pure Heart of Mary



Saturday, October 18



Join the Facebook Group  
@MPHMFiveHeartsFestival



Visit [bit.ly/FiveHeartsFestival](https://bit.ly/FiveHeartsFestival)  
for additional event details



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## Entertainment Galore

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

If you'd like to show off your bag throwing skills, participate in our 2:30pm cornhole tournament. Prizes awarded to top teams. Sign up the day of the Festival.

School-age kids can participate in our 2:30pm 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.

Jail & Bail is back! From 2:00-6:00pm, pay \$1/minute to send someone to jail. To get out of jail, pay off the rest of your jail time. Stay out of jail with a \$10 donation.



Hailing from KC, The Tippers span the full spectrum of musical genres, offering something for old and young listeners alike. Playing outside 6:00-8:00pm - don't forget to bring a comfy chair!

## Kids Vendor Market

Calling all kids - Show off your talents & sell your creations! The Kids Market is open from 2:00-4:00pm.

20+ vendors plan to attend. Items for sale include: jewelry, pins, photo booth, 3D-printed items, art, face paint, crafts and more!

Vendor Sign Up



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

## 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.

Sign up to Volunteer

Visit [bit.ly/2025FestivalVolunteers](https://bit.ly/2025FestivalVolunteers).

These areas need volunteers: carnival, jail & bail, train rides and clean up.



## Donations Needed

Carnival needs: coffee mugs, clean stuffed animals, 16.9oz soda bottles, small trinkets, stickers and lollipops.

Bingo needs: \$5 gift cards (Amazon, Target, Five Below, Walmart, Chick-fil-A, McDonalds, Dairy Queen).

Concessions needs: 12oz gatorade, cases of pop or bottled water.

Items can be dropped off at the church office or school office during business hours. Thank you for supporting our MPH community!

## Cakes & Cookies

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

Please drop off items Thursday, October 16 or Friday, October 17 to the church office (8:00am-5:00pm) or school office (7:00am-3:30pm).



# Most Pure Heart of Mary Prayer Trip

## Saturday, Oct. 11th



### 40 Days for Life Fall 2025 Campaign

40 Days for Life 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](http://kccoalitionforlife.com) or call Wendy Curtis at 816-977-1750. **Most Pure Heart of Mary will participate in 40 Days for Life's 2025 Fall Prayer & Fasting Campaign on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00-11:30 am.**

### Schedule:

**8:00 am** - Attend Mass together at MPHM, then depart for Overland Park  
**10:00 am** - Arrive at Center for Women's Health abortion facility, hear from a 40 Days member about their mission, then pray the Rosary together



**RSVP to Morgan Swartz by Friday, October 10th. Please let me know if you're able to drive, as well.**



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

**Weekly Total September 28, 2025**

Envelopes	\$23,073
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,360
Plate/Loose checks	\$ 3,704
Total	\$29,137

**Maintenance and Improvement Fund**      \$ 1,186

*Thank you from the  
Funeral Dinner Committee*



A funeral lunch was held for the family & friends of Janet Schmidlein-Sparling on September 26. Food was donated by 9 parishioners and 2 parishioners served the lunch for 20 guests. **We appreciate all those that volunteered!**

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

**Hope Talk Event**, Thursday, October 16, 9-10:30 am, Gast Social Room, Holy Trinity, 13615 W 92nd St., Lenexa. Join the staff of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas for a light breakfast and a brief overview of their agency, their mission and how you can get involved. To learn more or reserve your seat, visit [www.catholiccharitiesks.org/hope-talks](http://www.catholiccharitiesks.org/hope-talks) If you have any questions, contact Camille Pickhinke, [cpickhinke@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:cpickhinke@catholiccharitiesks.org); or 913-433-2083

**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](mailto: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](http://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/>



**HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT IN 2026:**  
*The Journey Starts Here*

**FREE SMG LIVE WEBINAR:**  
**LEARN ABOUT HOSTING EXCHANGE STUDENTS**  
**ARRIVING AS EARLY AS JANUARY 2026!**

**REGISTER FOR ONE OF FOUR SESSIONS**  
**ON OCTOBER 26TH-28TH**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT  
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SCAN TO REGISTER & GET EVENT DETAILS

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, October 6**

8:00 am: Special Intention-Michael Surface

**Tuesday, October 7**

8:00 am: † Luwela Pulan

**Wednesday, October 8**

8:00 am: † Segunda Maligro

**Thursday, October 9**

8:00 am: Special Intention-Chelsea Ingino

**Friday, October 10**

8:00 am: Special Intention-Michael Ahlstedt

**Saturday, October 11** *Collective Mass\**

† Mark McGivern; † Joseph L. Johnson; † Emil L. Arp;

† Eli Devlin; † Emily Stueve; † Dana Linnebur;

† Clarence and Shirley Deters;

Special Intentions-Michael L. Johnson; Eden Johnson

**Saturday/Sunday, October 11 / October 12**

4:00 pm\*: † Jeff Steinbock

5:30 pm\*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

7:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

9:30 am: † Jeanne Radmacher

(1st Anniversary of Death)

11:30 am: Special Intention-Jack Dunshee

*\*Saturday evening Masses 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm*

**Souls of Billie King Garrett**, sister of Pat Reinartz, and **all the faithful departed**. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

**PRAYER CORNER**

**Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues:**

Michael Adams	Steve LaGrone
Robbie Armentrout	Jan Lippincott
Mary Jo Bergkamp	Cynthia Markula
Carolyn Brentlinger	Margaret Masilionis
Owen Burns	Jerri & Roger Matzke
Dory Bushong	Cathy Mies
Steve Clifton	Andrea Diane Nienhuis
Kelly Davis	Mike Nolen
Barbara Duran	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
Sandra Kraus	
Don Kuckelman	

**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.

*Marriage Banns*

*Owen Wells & Katy Greer*  
*Friday, October 24, 2025*

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