



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ~ NOVEMBER 23, 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: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking, sneering, and reviling him. They tauntingly urge him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end his suffering with a great show of power. "if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of his greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings.

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Mass of
Thanksgiving
NOVEMBER 27TH
AT 9:00 AM

Bring the bread and wine to be served at your Thanksgiving Meal to be blest.
No 8:00 am Mass

*In all things,
give Thanks*

God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people
a thankful heart and spirit.
Everything we have and are able to share with others
ultimately comes from your love of your creations.
Often we think that everything we have
is our own creation;
we ask you this day to create in us
a spirit of gratitude,
that we may always know that
all good gifts come from you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Church office will close at Noon on
Wednesday, November 26 and
all day Thursday and Friday,
November 27 & 28



St. Martha Circle Members Meet-Thursday, December 4 (*earlier date*), 1-3 pm, in the Culhane Room. Hostess is Dianne O'Connor. Pizza Lunch, followed by filling Christmas Bags and sorting by groups, for Homebound/Nursing Home Eucharist Ministers to pick up and deliver on weekend of December 7. Please RSVP to Dianne by Sunday evening, November 30, phone/text-785-806-0592.



Attention MPHM Members & Friends!

- How often do you "intentionally" invest quality time into your most important relationship?
- How would your relationship be impacted if you committed to one date each month?

Now is the time to invest in quality time
with your spouse!

This winter, join the **DATE NIGHT CHALLENGE!**

monthly date nights designed to bring more intentionality (and fun!)
into your marriage or relationship.



Register and enter a
chance to win an
amazing prize!

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MPHMDATENIGHTS](https://bit.ly/MPHMDATENIGHTS)



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

Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch families ~ 6:00 am: November 24, 2025

† Ann Deitcher ~ 6:00 am: November 25, 2025;
7:00 am: November 27, 2025;
8:30 am: November 30, 2025

Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~ 6:00 am: November 26, 2025

Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern families ~ 6:00 am: November 28, 2025

† Clem Crawford ~ 6:30 am: November 30, 2025

Forgiveness Presentation Saturday, December 6, 9-11 am, Christ the King. Forgiveness is essential for spiritual, mental, and physical health. This presentation provides tools to help you or someone you know reach peace through healing. The class is free and open to all. Please register with Pat Carter, 785-220-0757 or pcarter1223@gmail.com.

Advent Silent Retreat: Dawn of the Messiah, December 5-7, Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meagher Road - Easton, KS. Prepare your heart for Christ's coming with a silent Advent retreat based on Edward Sri's Dawn of the Messiah. Through Scripture and quiet contemplation, we will consider how Advent invites us to await the Messiah with hope and how Christ's coming renews our faith. Join us for a time of silence and reflection as we open our hearts to the mystery and grace of Christ's birth. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$180 Single/\$270 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$110 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

Registration is OPEN - IGNITE for Life & the Kansas March for Life, January 28, 2026

Register today for **IGNITE for LIFE 2026** on January 28th in Topeka! *IGNITE for LIFE* is an inspirational, pro-love rally for the protection of children in the womb and women facing challenging pregnancies. The event consists of live music, motivational speakers, the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops of Kansas, and a fun and educational ministry fair. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally. IGNITE for Life is sponsored by the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. To register for this FREE event, visit www.archkck.org/IGNITE.



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

Brixton Santi Moran

child of Anthony & Desirea (Gil) Moran

Elizabeth Mariana Garcia Ruiz

&

Sebastian Nicholas Garcia Ruiz

children of Ignacio Garcia Ayala & Yoana Ruiz

Addison Rae Spiker

child of Lane & Makenna (Koch) Spiker

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

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE MOST PURE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE!

Help our students enjoy shopping for their family and friends by donating your used items, shoe box size or smaller, to the school office starting Monday, November 24th. Especially needed are items for our dads and brothers (think sports and tools), also Christmas decorations, jewelry, games, anything that would make a good present. We will also take old gift bags and packaging materials. Items accepted through Tuesday, December 9th.

This event always brings our students so much joy.

Thank you for your help!



Catholic Community
MASS - 5PM
HOT CHOCOLATE & CINNAMON ROLLS
ZOO LIGHTS
DECEMBER
TUESDAY | 2 | At 5:00pm
HAYDEN HS CHAPEL

The poster features a dark blue background with two glowing green Christmas trees on either side. Between the trees is a yellow silhouette of Santa Claus in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. Above the trees are two glowing snowflakes. At the bottom center is a QR code with a small house icon in the middle. Below the QR code is a small green logo that says "Catholic Community Night".

2025 Doorstep Christmas Family Adoptions

This year, through the United Way Christmas Bureau, Doorstep is adopting over 260 Shawnee County households, and we can't hold this event without your support!

Two ways to help:

- **Shop & Drop:** Purchase new items from the list below and bring them to Doorstep (*call for drop-off times*)
- **Give & Impact:** Use the form on the right to make a tax-deductible donation so we can buy the needed gifts.

★ **We're Tax Exempt!** This means 100% of your financial gift goes directly to the gifts we purchase for families.

Please have your gifts to Doorstep by 12/9/2025

Toys & Gifts For All Ages

- Adult Coloring Books
- Learning Toys
- Books / Book Sets
- Sports Balls
- Lego Sets
- Pokemon Toys
- Hello Kitty & Paw Patrol
- Avengers / Marvel Toys
- Star Wars
- Puzzles / Board Games
- Make-Up / Finger Nail Kits
- Art Canvases
- Paints & Brushes
- Markers / Colored Pencils



Men's & Women's Gifts

- Women Bath & Body Sets
- Men's Gift Sets (Axe / Old Spice)
- Wallets or Finger Nail Sets
- Hoodies (All Sizes)

Household Items

- Blankets - King/Queen
- Sauce Pans
- Bake-ware Sets
- Dish Sets
- Utensil Sets
- Pots & Pans
- Cleaning Supplies
- Tool Kits



If you would like to donate your time to volunteer for this event, we have many jobs during our distribution days of December 16-18.

Both physical and non-physical jobs are available.

Please reach out to Lisa Cain at 785-357-5341 to sign up.



Our Need	Household and Individual Gifts	Suggested Gift to Doorstep	Quantity	Total
Christmas for Entire Households (Food, Gifts, & Gift Cards)				
5	Household of 8	\$650.00		
6	Household of 7	\$585.00		
6	Household of 6	\$535.00		
10	Household of 5	\$475.00		
70	Household of 4	\$360.00		
65	Household of 3	\$275.00		
80	Household of 2	\$210.00		
18	Household of 1	\$140.00		

Food Orders for a Household (HH)				
27	Large Food Order (HH Size 5-8)	\$110.00		
135	Medium Food Order (HH Size 3-4)	\$70.00		
98	Small Food Order (HH Size 1-2)	\$45.00		

Individual & Household Gifts				
100	Pot / Pan Set	\$50.00		
100	Dish Set / Crock Pot	\$40.00		
470	Adult Gift	\$30.00		
260	Hygiene Kit	\$25.00-\$45.00		
350	Child or Teen Gift	\$25.00		
280	Towel Set	\$20.00		
200	Board Game / Puzzle	\$15.00		

Individual Gift Cards				
821	\$20 Gift Card	\$20.00		

Each Individual in a Household gets a \$20 gift card along with other gifts and food

General Cash Donation	
General Cash Donation	
Total Gift Enclosed →	

Name: _____ Congregation: _____

Address: _____

Fill out this form and return it with your tax deductible donation to:
Doorstep 1119 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604

Please note, due to the size and nature of this event, we are unable to provide specifics of how your donation was used. However, you can rest assured that any and all donations we receive will be used to directly benefit the families we adopt.



The Christmas Decorations at Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish are a beautiful tradition and we would like to offer you the opportunity to contribute to these decorations in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You may send your donation to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church Office, 1800 SW Stone Ave, Topeka, 66604-3397 with the coupon below by Monday, December 15. **If your donation is sent through Faith Direct/Parish Soft or Tithe.ly still use this form. PLEASE PRINT**

In Memory of:

Please print

In Honor of:

Please print

Given By:

Please print

Phone

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

Weekly Total November 16, 2025

Envelopes	\$25,387
Electronic Giving	\$20,986
Plate/Loose checks	\$ 3,031
Total	\$49,404

Maintenance and Improvement Fund \$ 1,520

Catholic Campaign for Human Development -

Thank you for your generous support of this collection supporting those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give.

Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources"

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Holy Wash Ministry

The linens used at every Mass require special laundering. At this time there is need for a volunteer to join the team. This would be a once a month commitment. Training is provided. There is also a need for someone to help with the regular wash which would be once per week. For more information and to volunteer contact Anna, 785-249-9783

In celebration of Carlo Acutis' canonization, **Pace e Bene Catholic Shoppe** in Atchison, Kansas has opened a permanent religious exhibit consisting of the 150 Miracles of the Eucharist posters, 300 first class relics, and a museum- quality replica of the Shroud of Turin. Talks by store owner and professional theologian Dr. Mark J. Zia to small groups are available upon request. We are located at 503 Commercial Street, Atchison, Kansas 66002 and can be reached for questions via email at PaceBeneKS@gmail.com



Attention All School and Church Employees and Volunteers: Virtus Background Checks - The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is committed to creating safe environments. In addition to attending a Virtus Protecting God's Children for Adults Awareness session, all employees and all volunteers working around youth or vulnerable adults must submit to a background check and read and sign our (3) Archdiocesan policies regarding abuse prevention, ethics and harassment. To maintain safe environments in our schools and parishes, the Archdiocese has ongoing requirements for our clergy, employees and volunteers to remain in compliance. All Catholic School employees are required to complete background screenings and acknowledge policy every 3 years and likewise every 5 years for all clergy, volunteers and parish staff. The Office for Protection & Care oversees all the prevention efforts throughout the archdiocese. As many of you know, our office partners with VIRTUS to implement many of the requirements. If you are a current employee or volunteer around youth or vulnerable you will be notified through the VIRTUS platform automatically via email 30 days in advance of when your background check comes up for renewal. Please make sure you log into your existing VIRTUS account to complete the process within 30 days of notification. If you receive the notice and are no longer volunteering, please contact Luann Webb, MPH M Safe Environment Coordinator, lwebb@mphm.com.

We are a community committed to preventing abuse. Our policies and programs prioritize safety of children and the vulnerable. We can all make an important difference by being a part of the safety net for our youth and vulnerable population. Thank you for doing your part.

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday/Sunday, November 22/ November 23**

4:00 pm*: † Harold and Gertrude Michaelis
 5:30 pm*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 7:30 am: † Lyle Giersch (13th Anniversary of Death)
 9:30 am: † Phyllis Hendrickson
 11:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

Monday, November 24

8:00 am: † Hilda Wetter and son Les Wetter
 (41st Anniversary of Deaths)

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 am: † Evelyn Brown (1st Anniversary of Death)

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 am: † Michael and Victoria Reilly

Thursday, November 27

9:00 am: † Joseph Donald

Friday, November 28

8:00 am: † Paula Jasso

Saturday, November 29 *Collective Mass**

† Joseph L. Johnson; † Eli Devlin; † Romona M. Arp;
 † Emily Stueve; † Robert Straub;
 † Sue Krische (3rd Anniversary of Death);
 Poor Souls in Purgatory;
 Special Intentions-Michael L. Johnson; Eden Johnson;
 Emma Martinez and family; Maureen Smith

Saturday/Sunday, November 29/ November 30

4:00 pm*: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners
 5:30 pm*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 7:30 am: † Florene Tagg
 9:30 am: † Marcella Anderson
 (1st Anniversary of Death)
 11:30 am: † Kyra Bauer (2nd Anniversary of Death)

***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.

PRAYER CORNER**Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues:**

Michael Adams	Sandra Kraus
Darrell Alexander	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	Jennifer Newcomer
Kelly Davis	Andrea Diane Nienhuis
Barbara Duran	Mike Nolen
Vincent Gish	Sarah O'Loughlin
Judy Hartegan	Stephani Paletta
Connie Hartley	Patricia Quinn
LeRoy Haug	Bruce Reichmuth
Maurine Hilding	Marvin Renyer
Michael Hogan	Becky Reyer
Mary Hohman	Jimmy Rogers
Joe Hovorka	Teri Rogers
Julane Hovorka	Ford Ross
Suzi Hubb	Phyllis Shaw
Janice Johnson	Maureen Smith
Johnny King	Joe & Mary Tetuan
Sandy Klene	Matt Tull
Darryl Krape	Pio & Adela Vargas
Patricia Kratina	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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