



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ NOVEMBER 30, 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: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent — a season of preparation. For what are we preparing? The celebration of the birth of our Savior, and the anticipation of His second coming.

These are weighty tasks with eternal consequences. So, let us as Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: “Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths.”

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a “perfect” Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure, the Church’s guidance to use these weeks as a time to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain climb.

But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is exactly what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent. How can we use our time to prepare for a holy celebration of Jesus’ birth on December 25 and for his second coming at a date we do not know?

We can push back against the world’s pressure to have the “perfect Christmas.” Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for the spiritual preparations: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, acts of kindness.

It may feel like a mountain climb, but in the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again. Let’s go climb the Lord’s mountain!

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Most Pure Heart of Mary Adoration Chapel

Open Hour ~ Sundays, 10 - 11 pm

Scan the QR code or go to adorationpro.org/mphm
click “Weekly Commitment” then click “sign-up” next to the hour you prefer.
If you would like to fill in as you are able, become a substitute by
clicking “join sub list” on the first screen.



Hours in need of a 2nd adoror
(to name only a few)
Sundays, 1-2 pm
Tuesdays, 8-9 am, 1-2 pm
Wednesdays, 1-2 pm & 2-3 pm
Thursdays, 2-3 pm & 7-8 pm
Fridays: 9-10 pm
Saturdays: 6-7 am, 7-8 pm, 8-9 pm



No Server Training in December



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.



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.



Knights of Columbus

Trash Bag Sales
Following all Masses
December 6 & 7

Women's Fellowship

Our next Meeting is December 9, 11:30 am in the Culhane Room.

Please bring a gift (\$20) for gift exchange. Fr. Tanti will be our guest speaker. Please let Janice know if you will be able to join us as we celebrate the holiday season at mom29bods@hotmail.com



The Most Pure Heart of Mary Book Club Christmas Potluck Lunch & Book Discussion, Wednesday December 10, Noon in the Culhane Room. Book discussion "The Girls of Slender Means" by Muriel Sparks. Bring a covered dish or snack to share. Plates and plasticware provided. The January 14 book will be "Peppermints in the Parlor" by Barbara Brooks Wallace. We traditionally read a children's book in January. Questions may be directed to Mary Adkins at (785) 845-8566.

SAVE THE DATE

MASS, A TOUR, & HOLIDAY TREATS

Come learn about Cor Christi's Mission

DEC 09  **6:30 P.M.**

Cor Christi
CATHOLIC CENTER

1633 SW JEWELL AVE
(Park on street or at Washburn University)

RSVP by emailing wucatholic@hotmail.com. Include "Mass & Mission" in email subject line
or call 785-233-2204 to RSVP by phone



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December 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 Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

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, Nick Smith

Marines: Tyler Gilchrist

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

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces
to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

Advent 2025

Topeka Regional Advent Penance Services

Saturday	December 13	9:30 am	Most Pure Heart of Mary
Sunday	December 14	2:00 pm	Mother Teresa
Monday	December 15	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Monday	December 15	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart
Tuesday	December 16	7:00 pm	Christ the King
Wednesday	December 17	7:00 pm	St. Matthew
Thursday	December 18	7:00 pm	Mater Dei (Holy Name)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Mass Schedule

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8 ~ 7 am, Noon & 6 pm



Christmas

Wednesday, December 24 ~ 4 pm & 6 pm

Thursday, December 25 ~ Midnight, 8am & 10 am



The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 ~ 5 pm

Thursday, January 1 ~ 8am & 10 am





Christmas Wishlist 2025

CHURCH / PARISH

- O'CONNOR HALL PARISH EVENT UPGRADES: \$5,700.00
- SIDEWALK REPAIRS IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING: \$10,000.00
- REPLACEMENT SERVER CASSOCKS (NEED 6): \$545.00
- REPLACEMENT SERVER SURPLICES (NEED 3): \$175.00

SCHOOL / CHILDCARE

- SOCCER GOALS (NEED 2): \$2,670 EACH
 - DONATIONS TOWARDS PARISH STAFF/SPOUSE CHRISTMAS MEAL GATHERING FOR PARISH/SCHOOL/ KCDC: \$2,500
 - CHAIR BANDS FOR FIDGETY FEET: \$6.99
 - BOUNCYBAND WIGGLE WOBBLE CHAIR FEET (NEED 3): \$27.71 EACH
 - NATIVITY SET (NEED 3): \$29.99 EACH
 - HE LIVES FINGER PUPPETS (NEED 3): \$14.79 EACH
 - LEARNING RESOURCE FOX IN THE BOX POSITION WORD (NEED 2): \$22.99
 - PRESCHOOL LEARNING FLIPBOOKS: \$9.98
 - MY WEIRD SCHOOL 21 BOOK-BOX SET: \$50.00
 - WOBBLE CHAIRS (NEED 2): \$90.00 EACH
 - MAGNETIC TILES - STEM (NEED 2): \$36.00 EACH
 - BOUNCYBAND WOBBLE CHAIR FEET (NEED 3): \$28.00
 - NOISE CANCELING HEADPHONES (NEED 2): \$18.00 EACH
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SCHOOL / CHILDCARECONTINUED

- UNITED STATES AREA RUG: \$160.00
 - CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S BIBLE (NEED 5): \$33.00
 - THE STORY OF ALL STORIES: A CATHOLIC BIBLE FOR YOUNG READERS (NEED 5): \$174.00 EACH
 - CHAIRS FOR EVENTS IN THE GYM (NEED 240): \$22.00 EACH
 - CHAIR CARTS FOR EVENTS IN THE GYM (NEED 4): \$190 EACH
 - CANVASSES FOR PAINTING (NEED 4 PACKS): \$34.00 EACH
 - AIR DRY CLAY (NEED 5 BOXES): \$39.00 EACH
 - VACUUM: \$80.00
 - PAINTING NO SPILL CUPS: \$25.00
 - BOOKSHELF: \$100.00
 - COLORED PENCILS - BULK BOX (NEED 2): \$24.00
 - THICK DRAWING PAPER: \$65.00
 - ROLLING DRY ERASE BOARD: \$120.00
 - PRINTER FILAMENT STORAGE (NEED 2): \$42.00 EACH
 - LIBRARY CATHOLIC RELIGION BOOKS - ASSORTED: \$110.00
 - 8K VIDEO CAMCORDER(NEED 2): \$143.98 EACH
 - 128GB MICRO SDXC MEMORY CARD (NEED 2): \$13.49 EACH
 - CAMCORDER TRIPOD (NEED 2): \$31.99 EACH
 - 12" SELFIE RING LIGHT WITH 62 " TRIPOD (NEED 2): \$29.69 EACH
 - 8K DIGITAL CAMERA (NEED 2): \$129.99 EACH
 - MEMORY CARD READER (NEED 2): \$9.99 EACH
 - ROLLER SHADES (BLINDS)- 24" X 66" (NEED 5): \$107.00 EACH
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Stewardship of Treasure Update Fiscal Year July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

Weekly Total November 23, 2025

Envelopes	\$95,933
Electronic Giving	\$*
Plate/Loose checks	\$ 2,200
Total	\$98,133

Maintenance and Improvement Fund \$ 659

***Reports not available before printing deadline.**

Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors

Jimmy and Lupe Martinez were members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and engaged in supporting the Church through various ministries. To continue their legacy the family has established the "James (Jimmy) and Lupe Martinez Scholarship" Applications are now being taken through February 3, 2026. The candidates will exhibit leadership skills and participation in the Topeka Hispanic community as they pursue their post high school dreams. To be considered for the scholarship the applicant must:

1. Be a Hispanic senior student at any Topeka area school.
2. Plan to attend a post-secondary institution on a full-time basis. This includes vocational and technical schools.
3. Have a strong balance of grade point average, involvement and/or leadership in school and/or community activities.

For more information and to apply go to:
<https://topekacommunityfoundation.org/scholarships-apply-here>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD DRIVE

12-2 PM SATURDAY
NOTE TIME CHANGE
DECEMBER 13, 2025

IN FRONT OF ST. VINCENT'S:
1800 SW STONE AVE

Food Needs: Canned Meats, Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Soups, Pasta, Boxed Meals, Beans (dry or canned), Breakfast Foods, Baking Items, Condiments, Bottled Water

Hygiene Needs: Shampoo, Deodorant, Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Small Kleenex Packs, Lip Balm, Combs/Brushes, Razors, Shaving Cream, Feminine Products

Cleaning Needs: Dish Soap, All-Purpose Cleaner, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Laundry Soap

NO GLASS PLEASE

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

Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch families ~ 6:00 am: December 1, 2025

† Ann Deitcher ~ 6:00 am: December 2, 2025;
6:30 am: December 7, 2025

Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~ 6:00 am: December 3, 2025

† Clem Crawford ~ 7:00 am: December 4, 2025;
8:30 am: December 7, 2025

Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern families ~ 6:00 am: December 5, 2025



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

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, December 1

8:00 am: Special Intention-Wendy Surface

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 am: † Harold "Chip" Stelz

Wednesday, December 3

8:00 am: † Betty Horn

Thursday, December 4

9:00 am: † Francis Werth

Friday, December 5

8:00 am: † Donald Jacobson

Saturday, December 6 *Collective Mass**

† Joseph L. Johnson; † Eli Devlin; † James Warner;
 † Emily Stueve; † Rosemary Palma; † Lee Hoffmann;
 Poor Souls in Purgatory;
 Special Intentions-Michael L. Johnson; Eden Johnson;
 Gloria Larios and Family; Tom Stringer

Saturday/Sunday, December 6 / December 7

4:00 pm*: † Rene "Cruz" Soza
 5:30 pm*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 7:30 am: † Christine Fisher
 9:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners
 11:30 am: † Susan Stone

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

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.

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

Souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

*Marriage
& Banns*

Esai Gallegos & Alicia Lopez
Saturday, December 20, 2025

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