



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 7, 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 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

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*The Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation*

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



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 Adoration Chapel

Open Hour ~ Sundays, 10 - 11 pm

Hours in need of a 2nd adorer
(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

Use the QR code or

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

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



No Server Training in December



**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.



Most Pure Heart of Mary Pro-Life Rosary, Thursday, December 11, 6:30 pm, in **St. Vincent's Chapel**, 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.



Godfather's Pizza.



**SLICE
of the pie
NIGHT**

**MOST PURE HART OF
MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Join Us On Tuesday, December 9, 4-9pm
5300 W 17TH ST. | 785.273.0313
Order your pizzas for carryout, dine-in or delivery.

THE BEST WAY TO ORDER IS ONLINE!

The most accurate way to ensure your order goes towards your school is by **ORDERING ONLINE**. Please put your school's name in the "Special Requests" box. You can still dine-in even when placing an online order!

★ **GODFATHER'S PIZZA WILL DONATE
20% OF ALL SCHOOL SALES!** ★

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

Join other "Widowed Women of Faith", Tuesday, December 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.

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>

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

Weekly Total November 30, 2025

Envelopes	\$21,440
Electronic Giving	\$ 4,043
Plate/Loose checks	\$ 2,405
Total	\$27,888

Maintenance and Improvement Fund \$ 511

Electronic Giving Weekly total for November 23, 2025

Offertory: \$6,417

Maintenance and

Improvement Fund: \$ 349

These numbers were not included in last weeks report.

Retirement Fund for Religious ~ A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sr. M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious.

**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 8, 2025

† Norman Hogan ~ 6:00 am: December 9, 2025

Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~ 6:00 am: December 10, 2025

**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

Topeka Area Youth Ministry
For Topeka Area Youth & Youth Leaders

One stop spot for Topeka Youth, Families, Parishes, DRE's & Volunteers!
Find events, dates, news, opportunities & more!



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:

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Given By:

Please print

Phone

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 8

7:00 am: Special Intention-Catherine Kerr and
 Jake Feuer
12:00 pm: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners
6:00 pm: Special Intention-Bob Lober

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am: † Tom Zeller

Wednesday, December 10

8:00 am: † Gerald Walsh (4th Anniversary of Death)

Thursday, December 11

8:00 am: † Beverly Zupka

Friday, December 12

8:00 am: † Aurora Cowing

Saturday, December 13 *Collective Mass**

† Joseph L. Johnson; † Eli Devlin; † Emily Stueve;
 † Dana Linnebur; † Carmen Muschamp;
 † Tom Stringer; Poor Souls in Purgatory;
 Special Intentions-Michael L. Johnson; Eden Johnson

Saturday/Sunday, December 13 / December 14

4:00 pm*: † Christine Versluys
 (3rd Anniversary of Death)
 5:30 pm*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 7:30 am: † Rito Saenz, Sr. (2nd Anniversary of Death)
 9:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners
 11:30 am: † Sharon Painter (1st Anniversary of Death)

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

Souls of Howard Brun, husband of Marcia Brun, and
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



Esai Gallegos & Alicia Lopez

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Ryan Reilly & Britney Steans

Saturday, December 27, 2025

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