



# Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 21, 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

**NO CONFESSIONS ~  
Wednesday, December 24**

### Confessions

Wednesdays	Noon
Saturdays	2:45 - 3:45 pm
1st Saturdays	7:00 - 7:45 am

## Most Pure Heart of Mary Mass Schedule



### Christmas

Wednesday, December 24 ~ 4 pm & 6 pm

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

*\*Midnight Mass only-Carols before Mass begin 11:15 pm*



### The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 ~ 5 pm

Thursday, January 1 ~ 8am & 10 am



### READINGS: Is 7:10-14, 10; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

As our Advent preparations end and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day.

In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel.

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of

the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God, who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

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### PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday	December 22	8:30 am-5 pm
Tuesday	December 23	8:30 am-5 pm
Wednesday	December 24	CLOSED
Thursday	December 25	CLOSED
Friday	December 26	9 am-3 pm
Monday	December 29	9 am-3 pm
Tuesday	December 30	9 am-3 pm
Wednesday	December 31	CLOSED
Thursday	January 1	CLOSED

## We Are Hiring

# PARISH SECRETARY



**Most Pure Heart of Mary is in the search for a new full-time parish secretary.** Responsibilities include providing receptionist services for the parish offices, preparing the weekly bulletin, overseeing the adoration chapel, and more. A full position summary and application can be found on our website [mphm.com](http://mphm.com)

**The Most Pure Heart of Mary "Date Night Challenge"** is in full swing. Here are a few photos from some of the dates so far. It's not too late to join in the fun! Simply go to this link and register: <https://bit.ly/mphmdatenights>



## Magnify Women's Retreat Prairie Star Ranch March 6-8, 2026

See details at  
[Mag90.com/retreats](http://Mag90.com/retreats)



## Looking for the Perfect Gift?

**G**ive your spouse the gift that keeps on giving, *the gift of your presence*, by scheduling a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. This weekend away offers the chance to reflect on, renew and reignite your relationship as husband & wife.

Upcoming local area Experiences include:  
February 13-15, 2026 in Kansas City, KS  
March 20-22, 2026 in Carthage, MO

Visit [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) to apply for an experience and to see a complete listing of 2026 dates.



## Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Lourdes, & Paris

March 15-25, 2026 with Fr. Will Carey, Deacon Tom Doyle, & Grace Legaspi! Experience a truly unique pilgrimage as you walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette Soubirous, St. Catherine Laboure, & St. Vincent de Paul. Bring your petitions to Apparition Hill in Medjugorje where Our Lady appeared to five visionaries in 1981. \$6,850 per person, double occupancy. Contact Grace Legaspi for info at 913-449-1806 or [mgracelegaspi@gmail.com](mailto:mgracelegaspi@gmail.com).





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

#### Weekly Total December 14, 2025

Envelopes	\$24,781
Electronic Giving	\$17,221
Plate/Loose checks	\$ 2,837
Total	\$44,839
Maintenance and Improvement Fund	\$ 875



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**Attention School & Parish Volunteers:** Anyone who will work with or come in contact with children MUST have Virtus training prior to working or volunteering with children. This includes volunteers such as a coach, room mother, boy scout or cub scout helper, field trip driver, religious education teacher, aide, etc. This training is very important for the protection of children and is an Archdiocesan requirement. **Virtus Training will be at Most Pure Heart of Mary, January 5, 6 pm in the Culhane Room.** Register for Virtus Protecting God's Children for Adults Awareness at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). **There is limited seating so please register early!**

**Retirement Fund for Religious ~ Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity!** "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sr. Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

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July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



IN THE PAST YEAR,

**74,109**

individuals and nearly 27,000 families – received help, hope and hospitality through one or more of our 25+ programs throughout our 21-county service area.

Over **\$11.2 million** worth of food was distributed to hungry individuals and families through our food assistance programs.

Over **\$1 million** in Direct Financial Assistance helped keep individuals and families safely housed who were facing homelessness due to unpaid rent and utilities.



73% of extremely low-income households (under \$30,000) **spend over 50% of their income on rent.**

– National Low Income Housing Coalition

Prayerfully consider making a donation to the **Second Collection at Christmas Mass**. All funds directly support the mission of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. Drop your gift into the collection or check the parish website for online giving options.



Learn how your donation helps families:

[catholiccharitiesks.org/impact](http://catholiccharitiesks.org/impact)

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The Most Pure Heart of Mary School Christmas Boutique was just so amazing this year because of the abundant generosity of our parishioners and school families! There was sooooo much for the kids to choose from! They had a great time, smiles all around- it was wonderful. I'm sure they will have as much fun giving the gifts to their families. So, thank you, thank you, thank you to our parishioners!



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday/Sunday, December 20 / December 21**

4:00 pm\*: † Dick Walsh (13th Anniversary of Death)  
 5:30 pm\*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
 7:30 am: † Carol Shaw (7th Anniversary of Death)  
 9:30 am: † Anne "Penny" O'Neill  
 11:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

**Monday, December 22**

8:00 am: † Carmen Muschamp

**Tuesday, December 23**

8:00 am: † Tyler Green

**Wednesday, December 24**

8:00 am: † John Schreck

**Wednesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

6:00 pm: † Emil, Romona Arp and Deceased Family

**Thursday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**

12:00 am: † Mary Rardin (13th Anniversary of Death)

8:00 am: † Florence Martin

10:00 am: Living and Deceased Children of  
 Most Pure Heart of Mary

**Friday, December 26**

8:00 am: † Fr. Frank Krische

**Saturday, December 27** *Collective Mass\**

† Joseph L. Johnson; † Eli Devlin; † Emily Stueve;  
 Poor Souls in Purgatory;  
 Special Intentions-Michael L. Johnson; Eden Johnson;  
 Linda Martinez and family

**Saturday/Sunday, December 27 / December 28**

4:00 pm\*: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners  
 5:30 pm\*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
 7:30 am: † Henry Hendrickson  
 9:30 am: † Ed Rardin (1st Anniversary of Death)  
 11:30 am: † Betty Horn

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

**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
LeRoy Haug	Patricia Quinn
Maurine Hilding	Becky Reyer
Michael Hogan	Jimmy Rogers
Mary Hohman	Teri Rogers
Joe Hovorka	Ford Ross
Julane Hovorka	Phyllis Shaw
Suzi Hubb	Maureen Smith
Janice Johnson	Joe & Mary Tetuan
Johnny King	Matt Tull
Sandy Klene	Pio & Adela Vargas
Darryl Krape	Nancy Weber
Patricia Kratina	

**Souls of Dolores Sharp and all the faithful departed.**  
 May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

*Marriage  
 & Banns*

**Ryan Reilly & Britney Steans**

**Saturday, December 27, 2025**

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