

Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH ~ DECEMBER 28, 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

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 ~ 5 pm

Thursday, January 1 ~ 8am & 10 am



READINGS: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15; 19-23

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, today's feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on the gift and calling of family life. The Church calls the family the "domestic church," the place where our faith takes root — and where the stewardship virtue of hospitality begins.

Why is hospitality vital to family life? Because our homes should be a place of love, welcome, and restoration. We can't expect to grow in prayer, service, or faith if our home atmosphere is disconnected or tense. Though no family is perfect, we must intentionally create homes where everyone feels loved and valued.

Our readings offer practical wisdom. In the Book of Sirach, we hear about the blessings that come when children respect their parents — and when adult children lovingly care for their aging parents. Respect and tenderness build a home filled with unity and peace.

St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians offers even more insight. He reminds us that each family member is "God's chosen one," and urges us to "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, and patience — even when we may not feel like it. These small, daily acts of love foster true hospitality at home, which then extends to the wider community.

The Holy Family, too, knew hardship. As today's Gospel reminds us, they faced danger, displacement, and uncertainty. Yet Mary and Joseph remained faithful, trusting in God's plan. They are powerful intercessors for our own families today.

On this feast, may we recommit to making our homes places of love and welcome. Let's honor God through the way we treat each other at home — with patience, forgiveness, and care.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family to all who live the stewardship way of life!



MondayDecember 299 am-3 pmTuesdayDecember 309 am-3 pmWednesdayDecember 31CLOSEDThursdayJanuary 1CLOSEDFridayJanuary 28:30 am-5 pm

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



Trash Bag Sales Following all Masses January 3 & 4

St. Martha Circle Members Meeting, Thursday, January 8, 1-3 pm, in the Culhane Room. Co-Hostesses are Debbie Henning & Janette Gully. Debbie will speak on a new image of Mary, "Our Lady of the Prairie". Please RSVP to Dianne by phone/text-785-806-0592 by Sunday evening, January 4th.

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.

New Year Spiritual Reflection & Planning Retreat January 9-11, Christ's Peace House of Prayer, 22131 Meagher Rd, Easton, KS. Begin the new year with clarity and purpose by joining us for our Annual New Year's Spiritual Reflection and Planning Retreat. This retreat is designed to help you step back from the busyness of life, reflect on what truly matters, and prioritize your most important goals for the year ahead. This is a time to connect with God and focus on the year ahead, so you can enter the new year spiritually refreshed and with a clear sense of direction. To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

Retrouvaille Healing Marriage Weekend

Retrouvaille helps couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. This program works to improve communication and help couples reconnect. Retrouvaille presenters are not trained as marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Retrouvaille's comprehensive 3-phase program has been a lifeline for hurting marriages. 48 years of success with marriages that are on the verge of divorce. 95% of couples recommend the program after completing the initial weekend and follow-up phases of the program. January 23-25, 2026. Register by January 21. Questions? Call 816-679-4356 or email Retrokc@gmail.com Registration: www.retrokc.com

Slice of Heaven: Worship & Pizza Night

a discernment opportunity for young adult women ages 18-30. 1st Saturdays of the month, 5:30 - 8 pm, Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick, 800 N 18th St, KCKS. For questions or more information contact Sr. Elizabeth, 913-278-5986 or visit www.sisterservantsofmary.org

Magnify
Women's Retreat
Prairie Star Ranch
March 6-8, 2026
See details at
Mag90.com/retreats









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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 enewsletter, 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 enewsletter includes an electronic version of our bulletin, upcoming events and special messages from Fr. Nathan. the Archdiocese, our ministries or staff.

January 2026 Prayer Intentions

Pope Leo the XIV

† Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.

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

Happy New Year

Be Our Light for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,

Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,

A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness
Come, Holy Spirit, Be with us today and always.

- Author Unknown

Thank you to all who donated so generously to the Most Pure Heart of Mary Christmas Flower Fund in Memory of their loved ones or in Honor of someone whose names appear on this page, or just simply to help with the cost of the flowers and other decorations for the church. These donations illustrate the caring within the parish. Aurora Cowing Jim & Dorothy Davis n Memory of: Paul DeLay Adkins & Monk families Fritz & Ethel Dempewolf family Clem Allen family Louis & Vera Deneault Jim Allen family Eli Z. Devlin Roy Allen family Harry Michael Devlin, II Helen Anderson Mark Dillbeck Joe Juarez James Anderson Mike Dillbeck Marie & Lawrence Anderson Rosemary Dillbeck Stan & Dot Bahner Thomas Dillbeck George & Dorothy Barnes Rev. Fr. Edward N. Doherty Ruth Katz Herschel Bauer family Dolezilek family Arthur Becker Family Jerome "Jerry" Dolsky Gordon Becker Gus & Kay Dunn John & Dudley Mary Bednar Ellrich & Cornejo families Arthur Bergman Family Mary Ann Eschmann Bob Berry family Ilene Farrell Martha & Dale Bisnette Albert & Blanche Ferrell Lorine Bloodworth Cecelia Punzo Ferrell Jim Bowman family Christine Fisher LeRoy Brungardt Larry Forshee Gerald & Evelyn Burdiek Charlie Franklin John & Margaret Burke Robbie Franklin Ralph & Renee Burns Steven Fullen **Bussart Family** Marvin & Dorothy Gabel Cliff Calderwood Terri Gallagher Zoa Calderwood AJ Gallion Eugene P. Carpenter Gerner & Daigaku families Lester E. Carpenter

Robbie Franklin
Steven Fullen
Marvin & Dorothy Gabel
Terri Gallagher
AJ Gallion
Gerner & Daigaku families
Clarissa Gibson
Jane Gisbert
Norbert & Maleta Gress
Mike Gutowski
Rita Hahn
Jack Hanrahan
John Hanrahan
William & Patricia Haverkamp

Ed & Henrietta Hayes
Gene & Zora Reeselynn Hefner
Dale Heim
James & Rosemary Heim
Jim Heim
Jim Heiman
Henry & Phyllis Hendrickson
Janie Hendrickson
ArWayne Hill
Joan Hochard
Mel & Carmen Hummell

Ralph Hummell Hylton & Schmitz families Shari Hylton Lucille & Weimer Irwin Frank & Mary Ann Janca Jacob Johnson Mary (Allen) Jones John R. Jung Carolyn Kaberline Rita & Donald Katz Carol Kelly Charles Kennedy family Bernice & Dean Kittle Marion & Mary Joyce Klotzbach Martin & Reva Klotzbach Martin & Theresa Klotzbach, Jr. Jan Knudsen Leroy & Loretta Komma David & Mary Kruzic Donald Kuckelman Marilyn & Jim Land Margaret Langr Stanley & Margaret Langr Loretta Latta Amy Ledom family & friends R. Alton Lee Louis & Madonna Lenz Angela Lintner Joe & Irene Lintner Melba S. Ludvicek Ken Mabrey John & Emma Mauer & family Fr. Jim McAlpin Sr. Sara McAlpin

John & Sevilla McDermed

Margie McGivern

Katherine McHugh

Carol McLaughlin

Mark McGivern



Alpha, Laura & Aaron Charest

Margaret Carpenter

Jennifer Clapsaddle

Kenneth E. Cook, Jr.

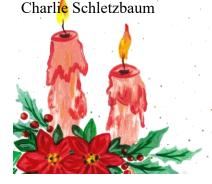
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Salazar & Ortiz families

Joyce Sanders

Rose Marie Schletzbaum Vincent Schletzbaum Alois & Nora Schmidt Alma Schneider Jane Schnellbacher Gertrude Schrick Toni Schuckman James & Delores Schumaker JoAnna Sellards Charles Sergeant Chuck Sergeant Ellen Sergeant Jim & Jean Shannon Fred & Carol Shaw Mary & Ernest Shuford Carl A. Sisson

Carl H. Sisson, Jr. Leona Sisson John & Rita Slattery Anne Steinbock Jeff Steinbock Joe Steinbock Joe Steinbock family Barb Stover

Alicia Sergeant Stracener Jill Straub family

Robert Straub Straub Family

Tarro & Brentlinger families

Thibault Family

Kermit, Barbara & Doris Thompson

John Triggs

Troupe & Michel families Roland & Frances Turner Loretta & Anthony Unrein

Christine Versluys

Ila Volk John Volk Lawrence Volk

Alfred "Ray" Vossen

Vossen, Newcomer

& Shirley families

Frank Wahl Zelma Wahl Dee Wakeman James "Jim" Warner Milton & Mary Weide Mary Welch Anthony & Hilda Wetter Asa & Gertrude White Dr. Charles & Marie Wilds Ambrose & Agnes Wilhelm George F. Williams John Williamson Kevin Williamson Barbara Bisnette Willis Russ & Shirley Willis Winfield & Bernice Willis LeRoy W. Winkler Stephen Winkler Allen Young Duane & Veva Young Robert Zimmerman Tom, Nick, William, Chester & Marie

In Honor of:

Calhoon Family **Newcomer Family** Priests & Staff of MPHM Bob & Joan O'Shea Fr. Tom Melchoir Patricia Myers Arnold, Estes,

Pawlowski & O'Neill families Anne Herrington Mickey Arnold

Ruth Carpenter (Florence)

Camrhan, Nate, Luke Devlin, Lyila Devlin (Stroup)

& their families

Henry Carpenter

Reene Wittenbach & family Marsha Stieglitz & family

Fr. Nathan Fr. Rhodes

Fr. Tanti



FIVE HEARTS GALA News & Updates

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We're Looking for Sponsors

Business and individual sponsors play a vital role in the success of the Gala. Sponsorships help.

Donate Auction Items

We are seeking silent and live auction items. Experiences, services, gift cards, baskets, and unique items are always appreciated. Online bidding allows auction items to reach beyond the 400+ Gala attendees for even greater visibility.

Volunteers Still Needed

Volunteers are what make the Gala a success — and we NEED you! If you'd like to help, sign-ups will be emailed after the New Year. To be added to the volunteer list, please email:

fiveheartsgala@mphm.com

The Five Hearts Gala is Most Pure Heart of Mary School's largest annual fundraiser, supporting scholarships, classroom resources, and opportunities that help every child thrive in a faith-filled education.

FIVE HEARTS



Fund The Need: Security Enhancements

This year's Fund the Need will support critical security enhancements at Most Pure Heart of Mary School. These improvements will help ensure a safer learning environment for our students, staff, and families — a timely and necessary investment in the well-being of our school community.

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

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Weekly Total December 21, 2025	
Envelopes	\$27,027
Electronic Giving	\$ 240 *
Plate/Loose checks	\$ 3,399
Total	\$30,666
Maintenance and	<u>\$ 5,276</u>

*All reports not available before printing deadline.



Annual Giving Statements

We will be using email to send registered parishioners a link to your 2025 Giving Statements. These emails will come to you the week of January 14, 2026. Please contact the parish office 785-272-5590 or parish@mphm.com to make sure we have your correct email.



Thank you for your support! July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



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





UVIRTUS® Attention School & Parish Volun-**Excellence teers:** 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. There is limited seating so please register early!

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
- 2. Plan to attend a post-secondary institution on a fulltime basis. This includes vocational and technical
- 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/scholarshipsapply-here

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

Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch families ~ 6:00 am: December 29, 2025

† Dana Linnebur ~

6:00 am: December 30, December 31, 2025

† Richard, Gerald and Ed Walsh ~

6:00 am: January 2, 2026

† **Tom Stringer** ~ **6:30 am:** January 4, 2026

† Maxine Rochele ~ 8:30 am: January 4, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Monday, December 29

8:00 am: † Russ Willis (11th Anniversary of Death)

Tuesday, December 30 8:00 am: † Mary Lou Kiene

Wednesday, December 31 8:00 am: † Bridget Moore

Wednesday, December 31~

Mary Mother of God-Vigil

5:00 pm: † Phillip Reilly (1st Anniversary of Death)

Thursday, January 1~Mary, Mother of God

8:00 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners 10:00 am: Special Intention-Danielle Smith

Friday, January 2 8:00 am: † Anita Delci

Saturday, January 3 Collective Mass*

† Rosemary Palma; † Eli Devlin; † Mary Ann Lloyd;

† Dee & Margaret Fourmont;

† Cecil, Helen & Ruth Lloyd; Poor Souls in Purgatory;

Saturday/Sunday, January 3 / January 4

4:00 pm*: † Mary Winslow

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

7:30 am: † Clem Crawford

9:30 am: Special Intention-Kathleen & Carlyle Dunshee

11:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

*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 Stephani Paletta Judy Hartegan LeRoy Haug Patricia Quinn 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 Maurine Hilding, sister of Lola Kresin, and **all the faithful departed**. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

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.

CONTACTS

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