



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 11, 2026

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 42:1-4, 6-7; PS 29: 1-4, 9-10; ACTS 10:34-38; MT 3:13-17

Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord. Today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism.

At the moment of our Baptism, we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

In our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter gives us a glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. "He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples.

And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased."

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Eucharistic Adoration

Spiritual Benefits of Eucharistic Adoration

An increase in Mass attendance and reception of the sacraments; dispelling of evil, return of fallen away Catholics & increase in the number of conversions; increase in religious and priestly vocations; renewal of Catholic family life; a greater community spirit, centered on Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Sign-Up:  or: adorationpro.org/mphm



**Knights of
Columbus**

Coats for Kids Breakfast, Sunday, January 11

following the 7:30 am & 9:30 am Masses

Free Throw Contest, Sunday, January 11 at 1:30 pm

in the MPMH school gym. For boys & girls ages 9-14. Registration is at the event so please arrive 10-15 minutes early to complete registration and warm up. For more information or questions contact Ronnie Moeller, 785-562-8693.



Altar Server Training

Tuesday, January 13, 6:30-7:30 pm
(in the church)

This training is for all current altar servers and any boys (parish school, public school, or home school) who wish to learn to serve God at the altar.

Please email Lucas Tappan - ltappan@mpmh.com or simply show up to the training.

Don't worry if you miss this one - there will be a training held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for continued training (encouraged) and for new servers.

Most Pure Heart of Mary Book Club, will meet on Wednesday, January 14 at noon in the Culhane Room. We will be discussing "Peppermints in the Parlor" by Barbara Brooks Wallace. In February and March we will read and discuss "Les Misérables" by Victor Hugo. It is a very lengthy book so it will take two sessions. You can opt to read the abridged or unabridged version. The dates are February 11 and March 11 at noon. Questions may be directed to Mary Adkins at 785-845-8566.

Widowed Women of Faith - Join us on Tuesday, January 20th for lunch and companionship from 11:00 am-1:00 pm in the back room at Perkins Restaurant, 1720 SW Wanamaker Rd, Topeka. No RSVP needed. Questions: WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com or call Julie at 913-558-0191.

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.



Christian Widow and Widowers Organization (open to all faiths) will have a potluck lunch at Most Pure Heart in the Culhane Room at 1:30 PM on Thursday, January 22. Bring a covered dish or dessert and your friends. Quarter Bingo will be played after dinner. For more information, text Gen Orozco at 785-230-2473.



Nine Days for Life Novena - Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, January 16-24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com.

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 Retrokcc@gmail.com. Registration: www.retrokc.com

Stewardship of Treasure Update	
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	
Weekly Total Dec. 30-Jan. 6, 2026	
Envelopes	\$25,788
Electronic Giving	\$18,894
Plate/Loose Checks	\$3,104
Total	\$47,786
Maintenance and Improvement Fund	\$3,471

Electronic Giving numbers not included in last weeks report.

Offertory: \$5,509.59

Maintenance and Improvement Fund: \$75.00

Mater Dei Parish Trivia Knight - Friday, February 6, 2026. Doors open at 6:00 pm, Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. Teams of 8 (max) \$125.00 per team for ages 21+. Bring your own food, drinks, table decor. For questions & reservations: dan.spindler91@gmail.com or 785-806-5429.

Intentions at St. John of the Cross Kronum, Kumasi, Ghana, Fr. Michael Kantanka
Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch families ~ 6:00 am: January 12, 2026
Living & Deceased Members of the M.J. Walsh family ~ 6:00 am: January 13, 2026
† Maxine Rochele ~ 6:00 am: January 14, 2026
† Ann Steinbock ~ 7:30 pm: January 15, 2026; 6:00 am: January 16, 2026
† Richard Arnold ~ 6:30 am: January 18, 2026
<i>Special Intention:</i> Maxine Hoffa ~ 8:30 am: January 18, 2026

True Love Requires More than Words

T rue love requires saying "I Love You" with our actions more than our words. Put your love into action by giving your spouse the gift of time and your undivided attention. Register today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. This weekend away offers the chance to reflect on, renew and reignite the depth of your sacramental love for one another.

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

Visit www.wvme.org to apply for an experience and to see a complete listing of 2026 dates.

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 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 fulltime 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/scholarshipsa>
[pply-here](#)

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday/Sunday, January 10 / January 11**

4:00 pm*: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

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

7:30 am: † Mary Kasten

9:30 am: † Mary Ann Breit (1st Anniversary of Death)

11:30 am: † LeRoy Winkler

Monday, January 12

8:00 am: † Fr. Frank Krische

(15th Anniversary of Death)**Tuesday, January 13**

8:00 am: Special Intention-Chris & Cari Hillyer

Wednesday, January 14

8:00 am: Special Intention-Lucy Nixon

Thursday, January 15

8:00 am: † Annelle Reinberg

Friday, January 16

8:00 am: † Swede Swenson

Saturday, January 17 *Collective Mass**† Eli Devlin; Special Intention-Ryan Voots; † Poor
Souls in Purgatory**Saturday/Sunday, January 17 / January 18**4:00 pm*: † Thomas Conklin (7th Anniversary of Death)

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

7:30 am: † Mary Ann Eschmann

(1st Anniversary of Death)

9:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

11:30 am: † Terri Gallagher

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

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

Michael Adams

Steve LaGrone

Darrell Alexander

Jan Lippincott

Robbie Armentrout

Toni 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

Darara Duran

Mike Nolen

Vincent Gish

Sarah O'Laughlin

Judy Hartegan

Stephani Paletta

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

Jane Spice

Sandy Klene

Joe & Mary Tetuan

Darryl Krape

Matt Tull

Patricia Kratina

Pio & Adela Vargas

Sandra Kraus

Lavon Vossen

Nancy Weber

Souls of Edna Shaw - mother of Dennis Shaw,
and all the faithful departed. May they rest in
the peace of our Lord.**CONTACTS**

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