



# Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 25, 2026

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### 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays: 7:00-7:45 am

**Readings:** IS 8:23-9:3; PS 27:1,4, 13-14; 1 COR 1:10-13, 17; MT 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do — rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family.

What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet — at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home — in other words, to live as His good stewards.

And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "at once they left their nets and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do — it's who we are.

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**MARRIAGE  
MINISTRY  
KICK-OFF EVENT**

**Couples & Cocktails**

Friday, February 13, 2026  
6:00 pm

Please register for this event:

- QR code at the right
- Click on this image



## IGNITE FOR LIFE & KANSAS MARCH FOR LIFE

Topeka Performing Arts Center

**JANUARY 28, 2026**

*Come Holy Spirit, enflame our hearts to protect  
the lives of unborn children and expectant women!*



**REGISTER TODAY!** [archkck.org/ignite](http://archkck.org/ignite)  
All events are free.

**Mass with Prayers for Healing** - to be held at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, 3601 SW 17th Street, on Thursday, January 29th, at 7:00 p.m., sponsored by the Glory to God Community. Father Ratna Swamy, pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Newbury, KS (Paxico), will be our celebrant. Confessions will be offered from 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. Fr. Swamy will also offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Questions: Allan or Vickie Holthaus 785-862-9738.

**Daughters of Isabella, Little Flower Circle #503** - The next meeting will be held Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:50 pm in Yadrich Hall at Christ the King Parish, 5973 SW 25<sup>th</sup> St, Topeka. A rosary will be followed by a business meeting and social time. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella in need of the Circle's prayers call Shirley Gustafson at 785-554-3028 or Chancellor Bibi Zweig at 785-969-2706.

## ANNUAL **Mater Dei Parish Trivia Knight**

FRIDAY February 6, 2026		Doors open 6:00 pm	Trivia starts 7:00 pm
Teams of 8 (max)	Ages 21+	RESERVE YOUR TABLE EARLY	
\$125.00 per team			
FUN EVENING with a broad range of questions			
CATEGORIES to be chosen from Music, TV, Movies, Sports, News, Pop Culture, Religion and Miscellaneous			
Where: Mater Dei Parish Event Center	Address: 1114 SW 10th Ave Topeka, KS	 Questions or to reserve your table - dan.spindler91@gmail.com or 785.806.5429 Proceeds to benefit ongoing parish needs	

**CASH PRIZES**  
for top 3 teams

**10 ROUNDS**

**100 Questions**

**BRING YOUR OWN:**  
FOOD  
DRINKS  
TABLE DECORATIONS

**Power outlets**  
available for  
crockpots

**50<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration 2026:** June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Church of the Nativity in Leawood, KS. To receive your invitation, please call the church office at 785-272-5590 or email mapel@mphm.com. We will need your names, address, phone number and the date of your wedding.

**Scott & Kimberly Hahn**  
**Living in the Love of God: Preparing for Lent**  
 Study Scripture from the heart of the Church with two of today's most respected Catholic speakers. Saturday, February 14, 2026. Doors open: 7:30 am, with Mass at 8:00 am. Cost is \$25 per person. Curé of Ars Parish Activity Center, 9401 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS 66206. Use the QR code for the full schedule of events and registration.



**Encounter Youth Rally** - All youth (middle school & high school) are invited to the Encounter Youth Rally 2026. This will be a powerful day of faith, friends, and fun! Join youth from across the Archdiocese as we encounter Christ through prayer, music, and community. Choose the location that works best for you: Emporia (2/20), Kansas City (2/21), or Topeka (2/22). Use the QR code to learn more and register.



## Opportunities for Catholic Youth in Topeka and Surrounding Areas

### Topeka Area Youth Ministry

The website has information on Upcoming Events, Information for Current and Potential Youth Leaders, a calendar of events, Youth Rallys and much more.

TYM is actively seeking youth leaders and participants as well as adults to help with planning.

Christy Sheetz: [sheetzc@haydencatholic.net](mailto:sheetzc@haydencatholic.net)

**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.

### 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](mailto:Retrokc@gmail.com). Registration: [www.retrokc.com](http://www.retrokc.com)

## Stewardship of Treasure Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

## Weekly Total Jan. 14 - 20, 2026

Envelopes	\$18,664
Electronic Giving	\$11,831
3796	\$3,796
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,291</b>
Maintenance and Improvement Fund	\$799

**Annual White Mass** - for medical professionals (doctors, nurses, therapists, etc.) will be Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 3934 Washington St., Kansas City, MO. A dinner and program will follow at the Academy of St. Philip Neri, next door to the church. Please email [secretary@catholicmedkc.org](mailto:secretary@catholicmedkc.org) with the name and number in your party. A donation of \$35 per person (age 14 and over) is asked to help defray costs. Children 13 and under are free. Donations are accepted electronically at the CMA KC website: <https://www.catholicmedkc.org> - click the "Donate" button. Cash/checks accepted the night of the event. Physicians - please wear a white coat for Mass.



Please welcome these children recently baptized at Most Pure Heart of Mary:

Patrick Robin Ostrowski  
child of Timothy & Laura Ostrowski

Winter Blythe Watkins  
child of Steven & Najja Watkins

Lewis Joseph Williams  
child of Luke & Lindsey Williams

Scotti Jane Michalski  
child of Jacob & Gabrielle Michalski

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them all the days of their lives.



When John's ministry ends, Jesus' begins. Just as John had preached in the desert in preparation for Christ's ministry—"Repent, for

the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2)—so, too, has Jesus come to prepare the world for everlasting life in his Father's heavenly kingdom. He is the fulfillment of Isiah's prophecy: "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen."

To repent is more than to regret wrongdoing. To be penitent means to be sorry and to make a change. It is replacing sin with virtue and moving away from the darkness that overshadows our living and into the light of Christ. The good news is that Christ is the Light. No matter what our shortcomings or how many or grave our faults, sin no longer has power over us; Christ has come to save us from our sins and offer us an abundant life in him and with him.

Following Jesus carries many blessings, and many responsibilities. As modern-day disciples, we can be bearers of Christ's light to those experiencing darkness. One way is by supporting the life-enhancing programming the Archdiocesan Call to Share makes possible. Please consider, prayerfully, a gift to the Appeal.

**Flame of Love Rosary Prayer Group** - Join fellow parishioners for an hour of prayer each week for our parish, our families, our community and 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.

**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 26, 2026

† Maxine Rochele ~ 6:00 am: January 27, 2026

† Ann Steinbock ~ 6:30 am: January 28, 2026

† Richard Arnold ~ 7:00 am: January 29, 2026; 6:00 am: January 30, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday/Sunday, January 24 / January 25

4:00 pm\*: † Ann Boggs  
5:30 pm\*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
7:30 am: † Ann Bengard & Frances Cassidy  
9:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners  
11:30 am: † James F. & Rosemary Hack

### Monday, January 26

8:00 am: Special Intention-Cece Thornburg

### Tuesday, January 27

8:00 am: † Mia Miyamoto

### Wednesday, January 28

8:00 am: † Gilbert Deters

### Thursday, January 29

8:00 am: Special Intention-Amber Korbe

### Friday, January 30

8:00 am: † Henry Perez

### Saturday, January 31 Collective Mass\*

† Audrey McGivern; † Eli Devlin; † Helen Stiglmire;  
Special Intention-Minh Pham

### Saturday/Sunday, January 31 / February 1

4:00 pm\*: † Alois & Nora Schmidt and family  
5:30 pm\*: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
7:30 am: Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners  
9:30 am: † Shari Hylton (15<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of Death)  
11:30 am: † J. Richard Sendik

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

**Souls of Lavon Vossen, mother of Debbie Newcomer, Kathy Mitchell, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.**

## CONTACTS

Church: 3601 SW 17th St. Topeka, KS 66604 ~ Office: 1800 SW Stone Ave., Topeka, KS 66604 ~ 272-5590

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## PRAYER CORNER

### Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues

Michael Adams Sandra Kraus  
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Mary Jo Bergkamp Margaret Masilionis  
Carolyn Brentlinger Jerri & Roger Matzke  
Owen Burns Cathy Mies  
Dory Bushong Jennifer Newcomer  
Steve Clifton Andrea Diane Nienhuis  
Kelly Davis Mike Nolen  
Pat Dugan Sarah O'Laughlin  
Darara Duran Stephani Paletta  
Vincent Gish Patricia Quinn  
Judy Hartegan Becky Reyer  
LeRoy Haug Jimmy Rogers  
Michael Hogan Teri Rogers  
Mary Hohman Ford Ross  
Joe Hovorka Phyllis Shaw  
Julane Hovorka Maureen Smith  
Suzi Hubb Jane Spice  
Janice Johnson Joe & Mary Tetuan  
Johnny King Matt Tull  
Sandy Klene Pio & Adela Vargas  
Darryl Krape Nancy Weber  
Patricia Kratina



**Kevin Boyle & Kelsee Clear**  
Saturday, February 14, 2026

**Christian Formation Office:**

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