



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 15, 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: 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A; PS 23:1-6; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41 or JN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Today's readings for this Fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with powerful contrasts — God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, and spiritual blindness versus spiritual sight. Embracing a stewardship way of life frees us from spiritual blindness, helps us see as God sees, and allows us to reflect Christ's light in our daily lives.

In our Second Reading from Ephesians, St. Paul reminds us, "... You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Through Baptism, the very life and light of the Blessed Trinity dwell within us. Yet amid the busyness and challenges of daily life, it is easy to forget this truth. We may even struggle to recognize whether our actions truly reflect Christ's light.

A stewardship way of life — with its intentional and grateful use of our time, talent, and treasure — provides a daily guide to help us live as children of the light. It encourages us to make choices that reflect Christ in the way we serve, give, and love others.

In today's Gospel from John, Jesus restores sight to a man born blind, and the man simply testifies that Christ "opened my eyes." During these Lenten days, we too can ask Jesus to open our eyes — to help us see areas where spiritual blindness may still linger, especially in how we use the gifts entrusted to us.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us renew our efforts wherever our vision has grown dim, so that by Easter we may truly live as children of the light.



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

We pray for peace in the world and our men and women in uniform, especially for:

Air Force: Caleb Leenerts, Garrett Mazachek, Caleb Gish

Air National Guard: Ryan Matzke, Aidan Renyer

Army: Brodie Cronister, Keaton Shelman, Nick Smith

Marines: Tyler Gilchrist

Navy: Chris Archer, Jairus Creager

Law Enforcement: Heather Martens, Jonathan Martens, Daniel Masilionis, Laura Mayer



Knights of Columbus

Breakfast for Seminarians, Sunday, March 22 following the 7:30 am & 9:30 am Masses

MPHM Fish Fry:

Volunteers needed - We have many areas that will need volunteer help. These are an excellent opportunity for service hours! Please call Barbara Montgomery at 785-633-0002 to offer your assistance.

Desserts needed - Please donate desserts for our meals. One week, or every week, desserts are always welcome. Please drop them off on Friday afternoons in O'Connor Hall.

Fish Frys are open from 5:30-7:00 pm on Fridays, February 20-March 27. Dine-in or carry out.

<u>Menu:</u>	<u>Donations:</u>
Fried or Baked Fish	\$12 - Adults 11 & older
Fried Popcorn Shrimp	\$5 - Children (4-10)
Mac & Cheese	Free - 3 and under
French Fries / Baked Potato	\$40 - Household Maximum
Cole Slaw	
Dessert	



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

Bentley Gracen Lusk
child of Cory & Jana Lusk

Michael Allen McCartney, IV
child of Michael & Carissa McCartney

Maya Danielle Swisher
child of Joseph & Hayley Swisher

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

Renew & Rediscover
A Retreat for Married Couples

April 17 & 18, 2026

17th: 6:00-9:00 pm (dinner included)
18th: 9:00 am-5:00 pm (lunch included)

Newlyweds or seasoned in marriage, learn practical and engaging skills to reflect the heart of God in your marriage.
Learn How To: Effectively Communicate, Resolve Conflict, and Fall more deeply in love with the one you married

\$50/couple
Scan QR Code for more information and to register.




Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 5:00 pm

Confessions:

- Wednesdays: Noon
- Saturdays: 2:45 - 3:45 pm
- No Confessions: Holy Saturday, April 4

Disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence

- Catholics in good health ages 18 - 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating less (reducing your overall food consumption by one meal) and eliminating snacks.
- Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.

Thank you from the
Funeral Dinner Committee



A funeral lunch was held for the family & friends of Daric Smith on March 7th. Lunch was served by 4 parishioners for the 29 guests. We appreciate all those that volunteered!

Thanks and God Bless: Judy, Pam, Janice, Jan, Lise, Doris

Christian Widow and Widowers Organization (open to all faiths) will have a soup lunch in the Culhane Room on Thursday, March 26 at 5:00 pm. Bring a covered dish or dessert. Quarter Bingo will be played after dinner. For information, text Gen Orozco at 785-230-2473.

Stewardship of Treasure Update	
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	
Weekly Total Mar. 4- Mar. 10, 2026	
Envelopes	\$27,365
Electronic Giving	\$11,178
Plate/Loose Checks	\$3,480
Total	\$42,023
Maintenance and Improvement Fund	\$2,254

Topeka Serra Club- Speakers Maria and Leo Cangiani will be at Mater Dei-Holy Name to talk about their mission work in Belize Monday, March 23rd, at 5:30pm. The evening begins in the Holy Name chapel at 5:30 for prayer, followed by a potluck in the parish hall and the Cangianis' talk. All are welcome.

Intentions at St. John of the Cross Kronum, Kumasi, Ghana, Fr. Michael Kantanka
Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch families ~ 6:30 am: March 16, 2026
Special Intention for Jack McGivern ~ 6:30 am: March 17, 2026; 7:00 pm: March 19, 2026; 8:30 am: March 22, 2026
Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~ 6:30 am: March 18, 2026
Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern family ~ 6:00 am: March 20, 2026
Special Intention for Sam Campbell ~ 6:30 am: March 22, 2026



Widowed Women of Faith - Join us on Tuesday, March 17th 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.

Forgiveness Retreat: Forgiveness is essential for spiritual, mental, and physical health. A presentation on Forgiveness will be offered at Mother Teresa of Calcutta on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00-11:30 am. This retreat provides tools to help you or someone you know reach peace through healing. The retreat is free and open to all. Please register with Pat Carter at 785-220-0757 or pcarter1223@gmail.com.



THE EASTER 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, 66604 with the coupon below by Sunday, March 22, 2026. **Please note: ParishSoft and Tithe.ly Participants, must use this form if you want your contribution in honor or in memory of someone.**
PLEASE PRINT

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Given By _____ Phone _____

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 16

8:00 am (T): † Therese Hopkins

Tuesday, March 17

8:00 am (H): † Msgr. Thomas McGread

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 am (T): † Audrey McGivern

Thursday, March 19

8:00 am (H): Mary Grace Dunshee

Friday, March 20

8:00 am (H): Abby Werth

Saturday, March 21

8:00 am Collective Mass (T): † Eli Devlin; † Joey

Harris, † Young Child

4:00 pm (T): † Grace Samuelson

5:30 pm (H): † Bernadine Chamberlain

Sunday, March 22

7:30 am (H): Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

9:30 am (T): † Darlene Curry

11:30 am (H): † Mary Cole

Celebrants: Fr. Nathan Haverland (H); Fr. Tanti (T)

Celebrants are subject to last-minute changes

PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues

Darrell Alexander	Patricia Kratina
Robbie Armentrout	Steve LaGrone
Vickie Barr	Jan Lippincott
Mary Jo Bergkamp	Toni Lippincott
Carolyn Brentlinger	Margaret Masilionis
Owen Burns	Jerri & Roger Matzke
Dory Bushong	Cathy Mies
Steve Clifton	Jennifer Newcomer
Kelly Davis	Andrea Diane Nienhuis
Pat Dugan	Mike Nolen
Darara Duran	Sarah O’Laughlin
Vincent Gish	Stephani Paletta
Judy Hartegan	Patricia Quinn
LeRoy Haug	Becky Reyer
Michael Hogan	MaryRogers
Mary Hohman	Ford Ross
Julane Hovorka	Phyllis Shaw
Suzi Hubb	Maureen Smith
Janice Johnson	Jane Spice
Johnny King	Joe & Mary Tetuan
Sandy Klene	Adela Vargas
Darryl Krape	Nancy Weber

Souls of Pio V. Vargas - husband of Adela Vargas,
Soul of Joe Hovorka- husband of Julane Hovorka
and father of Anna Ramirez, and all the faithful
departed. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

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