



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 26, 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: ACTS 2:14A, 36-41; PS 23:1-3A, 3B4-6; 1 PT 2:20B-25; JN 10:1-10

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

In both the first and second readings, we find Peter embracing his role as leader of the newborn Church. In our first reading from Acts, he exhorts the crowd, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." We then read that the ones who accepted his message were baptized that day. Peter simply proposed the Good News to them and then left them free to accept or reject the call to repentance and belief in Christ, which is ultimately a call from God.

We can find many parallels in this passage to the call to a stewardship way of life. We, too, are free to accept or reject God's call to discipleship. We can keep our time, talents, and treasure for ourselves, purely to serve our own interests. We are free to make that choice.

Or, we can embrace the call to discipleship through the stewardship way of life. If we do so, we will find a path to freedom from "this corrupt generation" just as those first disciples found in the early days of the Church.

Our second reading, again featuring St. Peter, offers further motivation for embracing this way of life. Peter reminds us that Christ, "bore our sins in his body upon the cross." And that, "by his wounds you have been healed. For [we] had gone astray like sheep but... have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of [our] souls." Such an incredibly poignant description of the love our Savior has for us and the kind of relationship He desires to have with us — as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

This endearing image of Jesus as shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is expanded in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is yet another reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent, and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing the stewardship way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm.

On the contrary. Our Lord did not come to take from us, but to give to us. Again, we read His own words from the Gospel passage, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

This Easter season, let us resolve to freely give all of ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

Easter Family Gardening Kit

Spend a day connecting as a family and planting herbs together! Get access to tips & tricks for growing herbs at home, printable herb labels, and a plant growth pamphlet / devotional for kids.



Use the link or scan the QR code to receive your kit today!



https://communio.io/c/mostpureheart/e/EasterFamilyGardeningKit?utm_code=IR



Knights of Columbus

Trash Bag Sales, Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & 3
following all weekend Masses

Breakfast for the Knights, Sunday, May 10
following the 7:30 am & 9:30 am Masses

Mass with Prayers for Healing

A Mass with Prayers for Healing will be held at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church (3601 SW 17th Street) on Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Confessions: 6:00–6:50 p.m.

We welcome Father Ratna Swamy, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Newbury (Paxico), as celebrant. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will also be offered.

Sponsored by Glory to God Community.

For more information, please call Allan or Vickie Holthaus at 785-862-9738.

Prayer for Life

Right to Life of Kansas, Inc., is sponsoring a Prayer for Life on the anniversary of the Kansas Supreme Court decision of Hodes & Nauser which placed a right to abortion in our constitution. On Sunday, April 26, 2026, we will conduct a Rosary Procession starting at 3:00pm on the southwest corner of the Capitol Square (10th & Harrison). From there we will process around the capitol praying a decade of the rosary at each corner. We believe Kansas has a pro-life constitution, and our intention is that the people and government of Kansas open their eyes to the meaning of that text. All are invited. Please join us to pray for an end to all abortion in Kansas. More information and updates may be found at pflkansas.online.

Fr. Will Carey and Deacon Tom Doyle are leading a pilgrimage to Medjugorje June 22-30, 2026.

There will be an information night held at Most Pure Heart of Mary (Culhane Room) on Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm.

Please come to learn about this amazing pilgrimage site that has touched so many lives.

This is the 45th anniversary of the apparitions which began June 25, 1981.

Is Mary calling you?

Come and see.

Questions; call Deacon Tom Doyle
785-249-1632



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 Masionis, Laura Mayer

**April
Prayer Intention of the Holy
Father**

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



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

MOST PURE HEART OF MARY

– QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE –

A life of **Stewardship** is rooted in Scripture and is the response of each individual's call to discipleship whereby one responds to the mission and ministry of the local and universal Church in sharing the Gospel. Stewardship recognizes that we, as individuals, are not the owners of our lives, our time, our talent, nor our treasure, but stewards or managers of these God-given gifts. Stewardship is our **Time, Talent and Treasure** given to God in **thanksgiving** for all that He has given us.

MAKING A DONATION OF STOCK

The gifting of stock is one way you can donate to the church. To facilitate this, the Stewardship & Development office at the Archdiocese is set up to process stock gifts and distribute the proceeds of the stock as advised.

Advantage of Giving Appreciated Stock Instead of Cash

When you make a charitable gift of cash, you receive an income tax charitable deduction. However, when you make a charitable gift of the same value with appreciated stock, you receive the same income tax charitable deduction and avoid capital gains tax on the entire capital gain. The higher the appreciation of the security, the greater the capital gains tax you will avoid.

Helpful Tip

If you still wish to own the shares you are donating you can use the cash you were going to donate to repurchase the same number of shares. Your new basis will be the higher purchase price, thereby avoiding the embedded taxable gain.

Appreciated Stock

For appreciated stock, (stock that is worth more than you bought it for) the donor must donate the stock directly to the charity to realize these benefits. If the

donor sells the stock and then donates the proceeds they will be responsible for capital gains tax on the profit.

Depreciated Stock

Regarding stock that has depreciated in value, (stock that is worth less than you paid for it) the optimal charitable gifting process is reversed. The donor should sell the stock first and then donate the proceeds. This allows the donor to claim the income tax benefit of the capital loss.

How to Donate Stock

The donation process is straightforward: the donor instructs their investment advisor or broker to transfer the desired stock shares to the Archdiocesan brokerage account, specifying the Archdiocesan parish, school, or agency to benefit from the gift. The Archdiocese will provide the donor or their advisor with the brokerage account details. Upon receipt, the Archdiocese will credit the gift to the designated beneficiary's account.

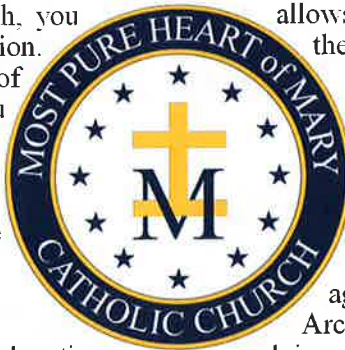
To contact the Stewardship & Development Office

Phone: 913-647-0315

Email: stockgift@archkck.org

Archdiocese Link

<https://archkck.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Stock-Mutual-Fund-Gift-Instructions.pdf>



The Gift of Treasure

Most Pure Heart of Mary parishioners are encouraged to make and honor a sacrificial pledge to God of at least 10% of their household income in gratitude for the blessings they have received via the following guidelines:

- 5%** *To our parish as general parish support*
- 1%** *To the Archbishop's Call to Share*
- 4%** **To our parish or other charitable causes*

**Note: School families are encouraged to give this additional 4% to our parish in light of benefits received related to the school.*

Ways to Give

- ◊ Weekly collection through envelopes, ACH, ParishSoft, Tithe.ly or Venmo
- ◊ Participate in annual fundraisers
- ◊ Consider an end-of-year gift or memorial to the church or school
- ◊ Submit Electronic Box Tops for Education
- ◊ Purchase Gifts Cards through School Scrip Program
- ◊ IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 2025 — Mar. 31, 2026

We have finished our third fiscal quarter of the 2025-2026 fiscal year. We say goodbye to our Convent and Old Rectory, and welcome our additional parking. As you will see in this brief report, we continue to be in a great financial position. We have been blessed to receive a few very substantial estate gifts and ERTC funds that will be a lasting help to the parish and enable us to complete many continued improvements to our Church, School, and early childcare center without a need for a new capital campaign.

Thankfully, our school and childcare center continue to thrive, and this year's Gala was our biggest success to date.

As we move into the final quarter of the fiscal year, the gym will be renovated with a HVAC system, and KCDC will receive new windows.

As always, THANK YOU! Your support and generosity make all of this possible!

| | Income | YTD 25-26 | YTD 24-25 | Variance |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Church</i> | | | | |
| Ordinary Tithing & Mass Stipends | | 1,672,433.76 | 1,701,356.06 | (28,922.30) |
| Special Collections | | 28,334.03 | 41,437.92 | (13,103.89) |
| Other Church Contributions | | 1,165,352.40 | 675,070.31 | 490,282.09 |
| Ministries | | 63,670.99 | 61,351.03 | 2,319.96 |
| Other Income | | 581,885.75 | 57,593.94 | 524,491.81 |
| Church Total | | 3,511,676.93 | 2,536,809.26 | 975,067.67 |
| <i>School</i> | | | | |
| Ordinary Income | | 743,586.45 | 714,014.32 | 29,572.13 |
| Development | | 166,392.92 | 154,970.64 | 17,422.28 |
| Other School Contributions | | 12,777.00 | 7,448.50 | 5,328.50 |
| Other School Income | | 34,316.32 | 27,140.72 | 7,175.60 |
| School Total | | 957,072.69 | 903,574.18 | 59,498.51 |
| <i>KCDC</i> | | | | |
| Ordinary Income | | 655,078.89 | 620,067.00 | 35,011.89 |
| Other Sources | | | 971.40 | (971.40) |
| KCDC Total | | 655,078.89 | 621,038.40 | 34,040.49 |
| Total Income | | 5,123,828.51 | 4,061,421.84 | 1,068,606.67 |

| | Expenses | YTD 25-26 | YTD 24-25 | Variance |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Church</i> | | | | |
| Personnel | | 357,195.82 | 340,040.97 | 17,146.57 |
| Operational | | 283,380.31 | 256,004.13 | 27,376.18 |
| Ministries | | 20,958.68 | 22,031.42 | (1,072.74) |
| Other | | 65,006.73 | 55,912.79 | 5,995.94 |
| Missions/Assessments | | 432,475.30 | 446,036.98 | (13,561.68) |
| Church Total | | 1,159,016.84 | 1,120,026.29 | 35,884.27 |
| <i>School</i> | | | | |
| Personnel | | 1,503,422.93 | 1,451,512.49 | 51,910.44 |
| Operational | | 256,845.19 | 204,748.00 | 52,097.19 |
| Development | | 34,486.18 | 44,152.95 | (368.77) |
| Instructional | | 51,586.83 | 63,537.37 | (11,950.54) |
| Other | | 7,304.10 | 9,121.05 | (1,816.95) |
| School Total | | 1,853,645.23 | 1,773,071.86 | 89,871.37 |
| <i>KCDC</i> | | | | |
| Personnel | | 467,838.81 | 457,382.65 | 10,456.16 |
| Operational | | 65,949.53 | 43,715.89 | 22,233.64 |
| Instructional | | 14,552.56 | 17,614.03 | (3,061.47) |
| Other | | - | - | - |
| KCDC Total | | 548,340.90 | 518,712.57 | 29,628.33 |
| Total Expenses | | 3,561,002.97 | 3,411,810.72 | 155,383.97 |

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|---|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| NET | | 1,562,825.54 | 649,611.12 | 913,222.70 |
| <i>Restricted Funds Activity</i> | | | | |
| Church (Net) | | 19,038.56 | (46,584.84) | 65,623.40 |
| School (Net) | | 53,792.22 | (153,914.47) | 178,500.96 |
| KCDC (Net) | | (211.76) | 345.38 | (557.14) |
| Net Designated Funds Activity | | 72,619.02 | (200,153.93) | 243,567.22 |
| TOTAL NET ACTIVITY | | 1,635,444.56 | 449,457.19 | 1,156,789.92 |
| Net Activity w/o restricted funds: | | Church | School | KCDC |
| | | 2,355,966.37 | (899,870.54) | 106,737.99 |



PARISH ASSETS (Cash Value)

CHURCH ASSETS:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Operating Account | \$ 2,588,520.62 |
| M & I Account | \$ 168,079.18 |
| Endowments @ FPI | \$ 2,507,474.32 |
| Endowments @ CFNEK | \$ 920,107.25 |

SCHOOL ASSETS:

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| PTM Account | \$ 39,372.98 |
| Scrip Account | \$ 3,273.70 |
| School Hot Lunch | \$ 13,874.34 |
| Endowments @ CFNEK | \$ 153,265.46 |


TOTAL CHURCH & SCHOOL ASSETS

\$ 6,393,967.85

| Stewardship of Treasure Update | |
|--|-----------------|
| Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 | |
| Weekly Total Apr. 15- Apr. 21, 2026 | |
| Envelopes | \$22,412 |
| Electronic Giving | \$15,409 |
| Plate/Loose Checks | \$3,852 |
| Total | \$41,673 |
| Maintenance and Improvement Fund | \$3,011 |

| Intentions at St. John of the Cross Kronum, Kumasi, Ghana, Fr. Michael Kantanka |
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| Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch families ~ 6:00 am: April 27, 2026 |
| † Larry Schuckman ~6:00 am: April 28, 2026 |
| Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~6:00 am: April 29, 2026 |
| Chuck Lower ~ 7:00 pm: April 30, 2026 |
| Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern family ~ 6:00 am: May 1, 2026 |
| Chuck Lower ~ 6:30 am: May 3, 2026 |
| † Joe Hovorka ~8:30 am: May 3, 2026 |

St. Matthew Catholic Church Garden Club Plant Sale. Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26. 9am-Noon. Sales also after 5pm Saturday evening Mass. Beautiful flowering pots and hanging baskets just in time for Mother's Day. Cash and Check only. For more information, 785-232-5012 or parishoffice@saintmatthews.org. 2700 SE Virginia Ave.



NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY

Your presence matters.
Our numbers get the attention of community leaders.

**Thursday, April 30
6:30 PM**

**Washburn University
Lee Arena**

Join Topeka JUMP (Justice, Unity & Ministry Project) and over 36 faith communities from Topeka and Shawnee County as we unite around solutions for:

- ~Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- ~Homelessness
- ~Food Insecurity

Look for MPH M signs at Lee Arena to sit with fellow parishioners.

Questions? Contact MPH M JUMP Team Leaders:
Lise Hund – 785-220-3824
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Marcy Weekley – 785-633-1157

Learn more: topekajump.com

Annual Card Party at St. Matthew Catholic Church Parish Hall. Saturday, May 2 at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:00pm for social hour. \$10 per person entry fee (games, meal, prizes, drawing). Games played: 10-point Pitch, Bridge, Hand & Foot, Pinochle. Sponsored by the St. Michael Guild. For more information, contact Marleen at 785-640-4646. Everyone is welcome!

The Enderle-Bogenrife Scholarship:

The Enderle-Bogenrife Scholarship provides financial assistance to a high school senior attending a high school in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas area who plans to attend a trade school or technical school. The scholarship will be applied toward the student's school tuition. The scholarship award is for tuition up to \$5,000.00. To apply, visit cfnek.org/new-scholarships, scroll to "The Enderle-Bogenrife Scholarship" and click "Apply for this Scholarship" or contact Dave Hernandez at landofoz1239@sunflower.com or 913-221-3969.

The scholarship application **deadline is May 1, 2026.**

The International Blue Army Fatima statue will be visiting Immaculate Conception Church in St. Marys on Monday, April 27th, from 3pm-7:30pm. Patrick Sabat, the custodian of the statue, will give a brief talk at 6:00pm, followed by a Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, April 27**

8:00 am (T): † Mary Pat Spain

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 am (H): Ralph & Pete LaMontagna

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 am (H): † Vicky Pahl

Thursday, April 30

8:00 am (T): † Ed Walsh

Friday, May 1

8:00 am (H): † Louise Kooser

Saturday, May 28:00 am Collective Mass (H): Ogui Martinez & Family,
† Eli Devlin

4:00 pm (T): † Rosemary Palma

5:30 pm (H): Vocations to the Priesthood &
Religious Life**Sunday, May 3**

7:30 am (H): † Bernice & Dean Kittle

9:30 am (T): Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

11:30 am (H): † Vance Hubbell

*Celebrants: Fr. Nathan Haverland (H); Fr. Tanti (T)
Celebrants are subject to last-minute changes****Tyler Wheat & Kim Acheson**
Saturday, May 9, 2026****Bill Genereux & Mardi Long**
Wednesday, May 13, 2026***PRAYER CORNER****Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues**

Darrell Alexander

Robbie Armentrout

Mary Jo Bergkamp

Edith Breithaupt

Carolyn Brentlinger

Owen Burns

Dory Bushong

Steve Clifton

Julie Combs

Kelly Davis

Pat Dugan

Darara Duran

Vincent Gish

Robin Halbert

Judy Hartegan

LeRoy Haug

Michael Hogan

Mary Hohman

Julane Hovorka

Suzi Hubb

Janice Johnson

Johnny King

Sandy Klene

Darryl Krape

Patricia Kratina

Steve LaGrone

Timothy Lednický

Jan Lippincott

Toni Lippincott

Margaret Masilionis

Jerri & Roger Matzke

Neil McCullough

Cathy Mies

Brian Neal

Jennifer Newcomer

Andrea Diane Nienhuis

Mike Nolen

Sarah O'Laughlin

Stephani Paletta

Patricia Quinn

Becky Reyer

MaryRogers

Ford Ross

Phyllis Shaw

Maureen Smith

Jane Spice

Joe & Mary Tetuan

Adela Vargas

Nancy Weber

Souls of Abigail Lowman, daughter of Tom & Audra Lowman, **Vickie Barr** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.**CONTACTS**

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