



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - MAY 17, 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 1:1-11; PS 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23;
MT 28:16-20

Today we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord — that moment when Jesus, 40 days after His Resurrection, was lifted up into heaven as the apostles looked on.

It must have been an extraordinary sight. But the first reading tells us they were not meant to stand there for long. “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?”

In other words — don’t just stand there. Do something.

This is a message for us as Christian stewards. We have been given every grace and blessing — through the Mass and the sacraments, through the Word of God, and through the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure.

We are not meant to simply receive these gifts. We are meant to use them — in gratitude to the One who gave them.

Like the apostles, we are called “to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” And we do this not by our own strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us.

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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN ORDINATIONS
BEING HELD AT MOST PURE HEART OF MARY

Fr. John Donart, Den. Alex Rickert, Fr. Will Sutherland, Fr. Bob Rooney

MPHM IS THE HOST PARISH THIS YEAR.
WE WILL NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS
TO MAKE THIS A SPECIAL EVENT.
PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO SIGNUP:
[HTTPS://MPHM.FLOCKNOTE.COM/SIGNUP/254906](https://mphm.flocknote.com/signup/254906)
MAY 22ND AND/OR 23RD.

**CANCELED
DUE TO
ORDINATION
EVENTS**

- Adoration: Thurs., May 21st at 10:00 pm until Sun., May 24th at 1:00 pm
- 8:00 am Mass: Sat., May 23
- 2:45 pm Confessions: Sat., May 23



**Attention MPHM Members & Friends
Date Night Challenge is Back!**

Now is the time to invest in quality time with your spouse.

This Summer, **join the DATE NIGHT CHALLENGE!**

Sign up and receive date nights ideas designed to bring more intentionality (and fun!) into your marriage or relationship.



Register and enter a chance to win an amazing prize!

https://communio.io/c/mostpureheart/e/June2026DateNightChallenge?utm_code=IR



**Parish Office
Summer Hours
May 22 – August 14
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Fri 8:30 am to 12:00 pm**



**Adoration Chapel Closed
Thursday, May 21st at
10:00 pm
to Sunday, May 24th at
1:00 pm**

Marriage Banns

*Joseph Hasty & Molly O'Hara
Friday, May 22, 2026*

*Alex Haug & Livi Henderson
Saturday, May 30, 2026*

*Max Fulbright & Faith Holthaus
Saturday, June 6, 2026*

*Luis Gerardo Taqual Pamal &
McKenzie Paige Butcher
Saturday, June 6, 2026*



Fr. Dan Morris has been appointed by Archbishop Shawn McKnight as the Parochial Administrator at Most Pure Heart of Mary, as well as continuing his duties as the Director of Seminarians for the Archdiocese. Fr. Dan's appointment will begin on July 1, 2026.

Fr. Dan Morris

Fr. Dan Morris was born in Topeka, was ordained in 2015, formerly served as associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Shawnee and as chaplain at St. James Academy in Lenexa. He has been the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas since 2018 and is in residence at Sacred Heart parish in Shawnee.



While Fr. Dan has extensive experience in parish life and the Vocations Office, he has not served as a pastor of a parish before. Therefore, he has been appointed as Parochial Administrator. He will still hold all the duties and responsibilities of a pastor, except for major initiatives like a capital campaign. We will be in very capable hands with Fr. Dan.

Struggling with Infertility? Expecting?
Experienced the loss of a child?
Fostering / Adopting?

We would love to pray for you. At the Our Lady of Fatima statue in the south transept is a basket of roses of different colors and cards for you to fill out. Place a rose with the appropriate color for your situation in the vase and leave your completed card. You will be prayed for in the coming weeks.

 Expecting a Baby

 Struggling with Infertility

 Miscarriage or Child Loss

 New Birth, Adoption, Fostering



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



Please pray for fair weather the weekend of Ordination. We are expecting more people than we can accommodate inside, so some of the reception will be outdoors in a large tent. Fair weather would be a great help.

Stewardship of Treasure Update	
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	
Weekly Total May 6 - May 12, 2026	
Envelopes	\$26,125
Electronic Giving	\$10,794
Plate/Loose Checks	\$3,390
Total	\$40,309
Maintenance and Improvement Fund	\$1,553

Widowed Women of Faith - Join us on Tuesday, May 19th 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.

Topeka St Serra Club- May Meeting is Monday, May 18th at 5:30 pm at Christ the King Catholic Church. We will meet in the church for prayer, then move to Yadrich Hall. This meeting will feature readings from the essay contest winners, as well as the formal induction of our new Serra Club officers. Your presence supports our youth and strengthens our mission to foster and affirm vocations. We look forward to seeing you there!



Intentions at St. John of the Cross Kronum, Kumasi, Ghana, Fr. Michael Kantanka
Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch families ~ 6:00 am: May 18, 2026
Ann Gapinski ~ 6:00 am: May 19, 2026
Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~ 6:00 am: May 20, 2026
† Bill Gaston ~ 7:00 pm: May 21, 2026
Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern family ~ 6:00 am: May 22, 2026
Sam Campbell ~ 6:30 am: May 24, 2026
† Daric Smith ~ 8:30 am: May 24, 2026

Christ the King Rosary Garden Club extends an invitation to all Catholics to come pray with us in the Rosary Garden. Warmer weather has arrived and monthly rosaries will again be in the Rosary Garden on the 3rd Tuesday of the month May through October, 2026.

- Tuesday May 19 7 PM
- Tuesday Jun 16 7 PM
- Tuesday Jul 21 7 PM
- Tuesday Aug 18 7 PM
- Tuesday Sep 16 7 PM
- Tuesday Oct 20 7 PM


Come join us for prayer, fellowship and good conversation. Invite a friend or two, all are welcome.

Summer 2026
BOOK STUDY
 Join us this summer as we read and discuss
Jacques Philippe's
The Eight Doors of the Kingdom: Meditations on the Beatitudes

If you've ever scratched your head at the paradoxes of these bold statements by Jesus... or wondered how this teaching applies to your daily life - this study is for you!

5 weeks starting Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:30pm
 \$15 includes book and study materials
 Contact Sarah to register; sholthaus@mphm.com 785-272-4727

"Blessed are the poor in spirit ... those who mourn ... the meek ... the persecuted ... Matthew 5



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 18

8:00 am (T): † Howard Anderson

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 am (H): † Maxine Rochele

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 am (H): † Jack Hanrahan

Thursday, May 21

8:00 am (H): † Romona M. Arp

Friday, May 22

8:00 am (T): Vicki Crawford

Saturday, May 23

NO MORNING MASS

4:00 pm (H): Karen & Mike Madden

5:30 pm (T): Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

Sunday, May 24

7:30 am (T): † Alton Lee

9:30 am (T): † Tom & Marge Murphy & Tim Murphy

11:30 am (S): Laura & Tim Ostrowski and John & Kathy Ostrowski

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

Celebrants are subject to last-minute changes

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

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Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues

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

Souls of Robert and Joan O'Shea, parents of Marlene O'Shea and all the faithful departed. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

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