



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 16, 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 56:1, 6-7; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; ROM 11:13-15, 29-32; MT 15:21-28

Today's Gospel from Matthew reminds us to trust the Lord even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

God desires to lead us to the joy of heaven and eternal life with Him. To prepare us for that day, He calls us to grow in faith and to live each day as a grateful response to His goodness. In other words, He is forming us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to accomplish. At times that process is difficult. Often, it stretches us beyond our comfort.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. She cried out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was tormented by a demon. How did Jesus respond to this desperate mother's plea? At first, He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, she continued to seek Him, and He continued to test her faith.

She responded with such remarkable trust that Jesus proclaimed, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words spoken to us by our Lord. There could be no greater affirmation of a life lived in faithful discipleship.

The stewardship way of life will test our trust in God at times. But those are often the moments when He is doing His greatest work within us. Let us persevere in faith, trusting that His plan is always leading us toward the joy He has prepared for us.

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MPHM FALL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 19 2:00-8:00PM

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

- Chili Dinner & Concessions
- Carnival Games
- Kids Market
- Beer Garden
- Live Band
- Bingo



Volunteer sign up
bit.ly/26festivalvolunteers

Event details
bit.ly/mphmfallfestival



St. Theresa Quilting Group

Come tie and bind quilts for those in need.

Meets September - June

3rd Wednesday of the month

6-8 pm, St. Vincents

If interested in joining, please contact

Mary Ann Anderson,

785-220-2693

Next Meeting - September 16th

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Pray for Vocations

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.

Matthew 9:38

August is the
Month of the
*Immaculate
Heart of Mary*

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A beautiful reminder of Our Lady's love,
humility and unwavering faith. Through her
Immaculate Heart, Mary leads us ever closer
to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

CUB SCOUTS BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Support Scouts and enjoy breakfast
after 7:30am and 9:30am masses

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
O'CONNOR HALL



**SAUSAGE, PANCAKES,
EGGS, HASHBROWNS,
BISCUITS & GRAVY
FREEWILL DONATION**

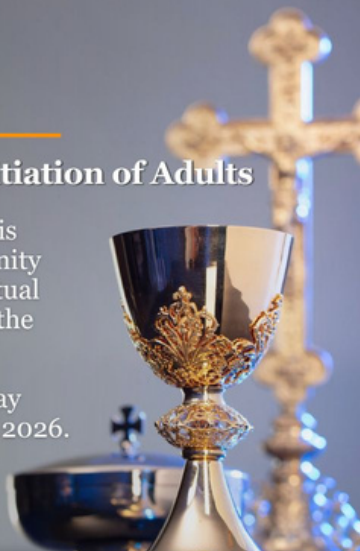
OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Formerly known as RCIA, this process provides an opportunity for questions, learning, spiritual growth, and preparation for the sacraments.

Come journey with us Tuesday evenings starting September 2026.

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FOOD DRIVE!

for Catholic Charities

Saturday, August 29
from 1-3 PM

Food Needs: Peanut Butter, Boxed Meals, Tuna, Rice, Canned Fruits, Canned Meats, Canned, Soups, Pasta, Beans (dry or canned), Breakfast Foods, Baking Items, Condiments, Bottled Water

NO GLASS PLEASE

In front of St. Vincent's
1800 SW Stone Ave.

Hygiene Needs: Shampoo, Deodorant, Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Small Kleenex Packs, Lip Balm, Combs/Brushes, Razors, Shaving Cream, Feminine Products

Cleaning Needs: Dish Soap, All-Purpose Cleaner, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Laundry Soap

ADORATION SCHEDULE UPDATE

We are currently reviewing and updating our Eucharistic Adoration schedule. If you are no longer able to continue with the hour(s) for which you are signed up—or if your availability has changed—please contact the Parish Office so we can update our records.

785-272-5590

Thank you to all our adorers for your faithful commitment to spending time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Your dedication is deeply appreciated!



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church Mass Intention Policy:

The Mass intention book will open for a rolling twelve (12) month period. Mass intentions may not be scheduled for more than one year in advance.

Requests for Mass intentions must be made through the parish office.

Please remember that your attendance or non-attendance has no bearing on the intrinsic efficacy of the Mass. The person will receive whatever graces God imparts simply based on having the Mass offered for them.

Guidelines for Mass Intentions

Canon Law

Canon Law (canons 945-958) strictly regulates the offerings made for the celebration of Mass.

- Canon Law permits a parish to keep Mass intentions only for those Masses that our priests can celebrate within a calendar year. Any intentions that cannot be fulfilled during that time are sent to the Missions for distribution to other priests who will be able to celebrate those Masses.
- Canon Law requires that all stipends taken for Mass Intentions be said for the intention as designated.
- As required by Canon Law, one Mass every Sunday and Solemnity must be offered for the intentions of our parishioners (i.e. "For the people of the parish").
- Scheduling multiple 'stipend' intentions for one Mass is prohibited by Canon Law.

Diocesan Policy

- A \$10 stipend is to accompany each Mass request. Intentions will not be recorded until the stipend is received. If the person requesting the intention is unable to offer the stipend, the intention will still be honored.
- Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, or All Souls' Day (November 2).

Parish Policy

- Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis in the order in which the requests are received at the Parish Office.
- Mass requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible. If it is not possible to comply with the primary request, the next closest date and time will be scheduled.
 - The schedule of Mass intentions is subject to change and there is no promise that they will be said on the scheduled day due to priest illness, inclement weather resulting in Mass being cancelled, or for other unforeseen schedule changes. If a change occurs, an attempt will be made to contact the concerned parties to schedule a new date to fulfill the Mass Intention.
- A Mass intention may be requested for: a deceased loved one; a living person who is sick or suffering; a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in life; in thanksgiving to God; or for any other prayer intention of goodwill. A single Mass Intention may also be offered for a multiplicity of persons. Examples of this include but are not limited to: "for my parents on their anniversary"; "for all of my children"; or "for all deceased members of my immediate family".
- To accommodate the greatest number of Mass requests able to be offered by as many registered household families as possible:
 - A limit of up to three (3) Masses may be offered for an individual within the first year of the death of that individual. Only one (1) Mass Intention may be offered for that individual each following year.
 - A registered household family at MPHM is limited to one Mass Intention each month, or a total of 12 Mass Intentions each year.
 - Any Mass requests at MPHM in excess of the aforementioned policy amounts will be sent to the mission locations upon the request of the individual.
 - All other requests are limited to one (1) Mass Intention per year for each requested intention.

Stewardship of Treasure Update	
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
Weekly Total August 5 - August 11, 2026	
Envelopes	\$28,155
Electronic Giving	\$17,029
Plate/Loose Checks	\$2,591
Total	\$47,775
Maintenance and Improvement Fund	\$1,475

Widowed Women of Faith - Join us on Tuesday, August 18th 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, just come. Please invite others. We meet every month on the 3rd Tuesday and will continue all through 2026. Questions: WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com or call Julie at 913-558-0191.

Topeka St Serra Club - Fr. Donato Garza, serving Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Topeka, will lead a rosary for vocations and share his vocation story on Monday, August 17th. Prayer begins at 5:30 pm in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Taco Bar prepared by members of OLG to follow in Balandran Hall with Father sharing his vocation story. Come join us, all are welcome. Hosted by Serra Club of Topeka. Please RSVP to 785-220-3824.

Daughters of Isabella, Little Flower Circle #503 - The next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 23rd at 12:50 pm at Christ the King Church, 5973 SW 25th St, Topeka in Yadrach Hall. A rosary will be followed by the 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, please call Shirley Gustafson at 785-554-3028 or Chancellor Bibi Zweig at 785-969-2706.

Hayden High School Class of 1976 50th reunion is weeks away, please see our Facebook page or email triggsbrigid@gmail.com for info.

Intentions at St. John of the Cross Kronum, Kumasi, Ghana, Fr. Michael Kantanka
Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch Family ~ 6:00 am: August 17, 2026
† Fr. Peter O'Sullivan ~ 6:00 am: August 18, 2026
Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~ 6:00 am: August 19, 2026
† Wayne Downing & Living & Deceased Family Members ~ 7:00 pm: August 20, 2026
† Joe Hovorka ~ 6:00 am: August 21, 2026
† Joe Hovorka ~ 6:30 am: August 23, 2026
† Deborah Downing & Living & Deceased Family Members ~ 8:30 am: August 23, 2026

Christian Widow and Widowers Organization (open to all faiths) will have a potluck dinner in the Culhane Room on Thursday, August 27 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.



Christ the King Rosary Garden Club extends an invitation to all Catholics to come pray with us in the Rosary Garden. Rosaries will be in the Rosary Garden on the 3rd Tuesday of the month May through October, 2026.

- 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 17

8:00 am (T): Gilbert Fangman family

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 am (M): † Idella Harris

Wednesday, August 19

8:00 am (M): † Deceased Members of the Long, Mardis & Williams Family

Thursday, August 20

8:00 am (M): † Bernadine Chamberlain

Friday, August 21

8:00 am (M): † Debbie Downing

Saturday, August 22

8:00 am Collective Mass (T): † Eli Devlin, Lavon Warner

4:00 pm (M): † Shirley Willis

5:30 pm (T): † Joe Hovorka

Sunday, August 23

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

9:30 am (M): † Don & Veronica Stafford

11:30 am (M): Rosie Binder

*Celebrants: Fr. Dan Morris (M); Fr. Tanti (T)
Celebrants are subject to last-minute changes*

Souls of Mary Hohman- mother of Christy Sheetz & Kathleen Hohman, **Jenny Kyle-** mother of Troy Kyle, **Martina Reilly,** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues

Darrell Alexander	Jerri Matzke
Robbie Armentrout	Neil McCullough
Mary Jo Bergkamp	Cathy Mies
Edith Breithaupt	Rosie Morris
Carolyn Brentlinger	Brian Neal
Beverly Brown	Jennifer Newcomer
Owen Burns	Andrea Diane Nienhuis
Dory Bushong	Mike Nolen
Steve Clifton	Sarah O'Laughlin
Julie Combs	Stephani Paletta
Kelly Davis	Patricia Quinn
Darara Duran	Becky Reyer
Carol Feagins	Dorothy Reyer
Vincent Gish	Susan Reynolds
Robin Halbert	Teri Rogers
Judy Hartegan	Ford Ross
LeRoy Haug	Phyllis Shaw
Michael Hogan	Maureen Smith
Julane Hovorka	Jane Spice
Suzi Hubb	Aiden Spies
Janice Johnson	Donavon Spies
Johnny King	Evan Spies
Sandy Klene	Tiffany Spies
Darryl Krape	Joe & Mary Tetuan
Patricia Kratina	Donna Thompson
Steve LaGrone	Adela Vargas
Timothy Lednicki	LaVon Warner
Jan Lippincott	Nancy Weber
Toni Lippincott	Dianna Welliver
Margaret Masilionis	

CONTACTS

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

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-5:00 pm, Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm

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