



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 30, 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: JER 20:7-9; PS 63:2-6, 8-9; ROM 12:1-2; MT 16:21-27

Living the stewardship way of life is not easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others requires sacrifice. It is the work of a lifetime. Yet it is also the only work that truly matters and the only life that ultimately satisfies.

In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." At first, those words may sound difficult to accept. Why would anyone willingly embrace such a path?

Jesus immediately gives us the answer: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Everything comes down to love. Jesus loved us completely, giving Himself for us on the Cross. He continues to give Himself to us through His Word and, most especially, in the Eucharist.

Each day we are faced with a choice: to live for ourselves or to live for God and for others. The second path is more demanding, but it leads to lasting joy and the promise of eternal life. Christ assures us that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

May we choose each day to lose our lives for Christ's sake, offering them back to Him in grateful response to His immeasurable love.

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Calling All Gardeners

We are in great need of help working on our parish gardens. The Church, Rectory, Grotto, and Courtyard by O'Connor Hall all need upkeep.

We get many compliments on how beautiful everything looks, but our small team can't keep up. If you have a bit of a green thumb, please let us know, and Maggie Ferguson will work with you on when you are available.



Contact Us



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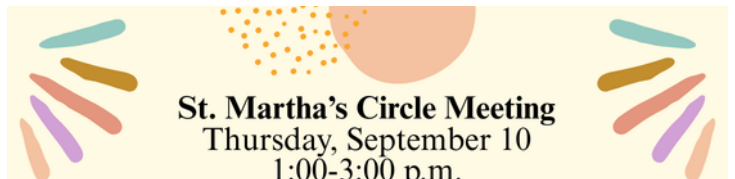
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PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

ON LABOR DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7



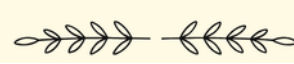
St. Martha's Circle Meeting
Thursday, September 10
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Culhane Room

CO-HOSTESSES
Dianne O'Connor and Janette Gully

PROJECT
We will assemble Scripture verse cards for the Homebound and Nursing Home Communion Ministry at MPH.M.

PLEASE BRING
A bottle of Tombow clear or white glue and your own drink. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP
Call or text Dianne O'Connor at 785-806-0592 by Sunday evening, September 6.




The Heart of Prayer
A Study with
Bishop Andrew Cozzens

**Do you long for a deeper connection to God?
Do you struggle to make prayer a priority?
Do you want to hear God's voice guiding you in life?**

Join us this Fall for an eight-week video study exploring the beauty and depth of personal prayer.

Questions or registration:
Sarah Holthaus · 785-272-4727
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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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SEPTEMBER

Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Mary, Mother of Sorrows,
pray for us.

*Thank you from the
Funeral Dinner Committee*



A funeral lunch was held for the family & friends of Martina Reilly on August 21st. Thanks to the generosity of 16 parishioners who donated food and the dedication of four who served it, 40 guests enjoyed a delicious meal.

We appreciate all those that volunteered!

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



MPHM FALL FESTIVAL

September 19, 2:00-8:00pm

Volunteers Needed

We need your help to make this event a success and fun for all MPHM families! Please give your time and talent as a Festival volunteer. Help is needed throughout the day in one-hour shifts.



Set up	12:00-2:00pm	Concessions	2:00-8:00pm
Carnival	2:00-8:00pm	Beer Garden	2:00-8:00pm
Dinner	2:00-8:00pm	Clean up	8:00-9:00pm

bit.ly/26festivalvolunteers

Event Sponsors

Sponsor the Festival and proudly share your MPHM pride!
We're looking for in-kind and corporate donations. Any donation is appreciated!

\$1,000 | HARVEST BLESSING

- Opportunity for vendor space at Fall Festival
- Opportunity to speak at Fall Festival
- In addition to benefits listed for \$750, \$500, \$250 and \$100 levels below

\$750 | ABUNDANT GRACE

- Company thanked in MPHM weekly bulletin printed and emailed to parishioners
- Company thanked during announcements at Fall Festival
- In addition to benefits listed for \$500, \$250 and \$100 levels below

\$500 | FAITHFUL STEWARD

- Company thanked in MPHM "News & Notes" weekly email to parishioners
- In addition to benefits listed for \$250 and \$100 levels below

\$250 | JOYFUL FELLOWSHIP

- Company thanked in weekly MPHM School newsletter emailed to parents
- In addition to benefits listed for \$100 level below

\$100 | FESTIVAL FRIEND

- Company thanked in Facebook post in Fall Festival Group
- Company logo on Fall Festival website

bit.ly/26festivalsponsor



Return forms to
MPHM office
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Cash donations
appreciated.
Mention "Festival"
when sending
Venmo donation.

Donations Needed

Carnival needs: Coffee mugs, clean stuffed animals, 16.9oz bottled soda, small trinkets, fun-size candy, Little Debbie's snacks, stickers and lollipops.

Bingo needs: \$5 gift cards (Suggested locations: Amazon, Target, Walmart, Five Below, Chick-fil-A, McDonalds, Dairy Queen, or Starbucks).

Concessions needs: 16-20oz bottled soda or water.

Items can be dropped off at the church office or school office during business hours. Thank you for supporting our MPH community!

Carnival & Bingo

Boy oh boy, do we have fun activities planned! Splat the rat, ring toss, sack races, operation, gumball machine, plinko, and train rides, to name a few. Face painting, balloon twisting and inflatables will all be there too. Purchase a \$5 wristband to participate (\$25 cap per family).

Bingo is back! Bring your quarters and play from 2:00-6:00pm. Each round has multiple gift card winners.

Live Band



Typical Stereo is a Northeast Kansas-based band bringing a mix of typical and non-typical rock that keeps the night fun and the music going!

Playing outside 6:00-8:00pm - don't forget to bring a comfy chair and your dancing shoes!

Food & Fellowship

We've got a full day of fun planned for Most Pure Heart of Mary families! Come hungry and stay late.

Concessions - Served outside 2:00-7:30pm.
Hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, chips, popcorn, cotton candy, popsicles, pop, gatorade and water. Chili, chili dogs, and chili cheese nachos will be served from 5:00-7:30pm

Beer Garden - Served outside 2:00-7:30pm.

Dinner - Served inside O'Connor 5:00-7:00pm.
Chili, chili dog, or hot dog. Sides include salad, cinnamon roll, dessert and drink.

Kids Vendor Market

Shop our Kids Market, open from 2:00-6:00pm. 30+ vendors plan to attend! Cash is preferred payment.

Stop by and visit each table. Items for sale include: baked goods, treats, drawings, art, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, crochet, art, face paint, 3D-printed items, crafts and more!

Cakes & Cookies

We ask each family to provide one cake or one dozen cookies. Desserts will be used for the Cake Walk and dinner. Additional dessert donations are welcome!

Please drop off items Thursday, September 17 or Friday, September 18 to the church office (8:00am-5:00pm) or school office (7:00am-3:30pm).



Join our Facebook Group | [@mphmfallfestival](https://www.facebook.com/mphmfallfestival)

Event Details | mphm.com/programs/mphm-fall-festival



SWING Dance LESSONS

GOOD MUSIC
GOOD FRIENDS
GREAT MOVES!

SEPTEMBER 19TH
4:00-6:00 PM

*Learn the steps.
Feel the music.
Have a great time!*

Courtesy of
CAPITOL COTILLION
A COMMUNIO EVENT

POPE LEO XIV'S
SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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How to Sign Up for Your Free Parish Subscription

1. Visit **formed.org**.
2. Select **Find Your Parish Subscription**.
3. Enter **Most Pure Heart of Mary** (1800 SW Stone Ave.) or ZIP code **66604**.
4. Select **Next**.
5. Enter your name and email address.
6. Select **Sign Up**—and you're in!

You're Invited to

Pizza & Parenting

**New Topic:
Parenting
As A Team**

Connect with other families and gain insight through a video-based parenting series. New Families welcome even if you couldn't make the first session

**Sept 11th 5:30-7:30pm
O'Connor Hall**

Childcare Available

Register here:
https://communio.io/c/mostpureheart/e/SeptemberPizzaParenting?utm_code=IR

DATING WELL *LIVE*



A DYNAMIC WORKSHOP FOR DATING WITH PURPOSE

FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS



DATE WITH PURPOSE

Move beyond hookup culture, situationships, and endless swiping.



DISCERN COMPATIBILITY

Know what to look for - and what to watch out for - in a potential partner.



BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Learn practical skills for communication, boundaries, vulnerability, and commitment.



DATING SHOULDN'T FEEL LIKE A GUESSING GAME.

Learn how psychology, Catholic wisdom, and practical relationship skills can help you date with greater **confidence, freedom, and hope.**



Led by

Mario Sacasa
PH.D., LMFT



Therapist, Speaker, and
Host of Always Hope



Creator of the Dating
Well Online Course



Helping young adults build
relationships that last



Two-Day Workshop

November 6, 2026: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

November 7, 2026: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
1750 SW Stone Ave, Topeka, KS,
66604



**REGISTER
NOW!**



INTERACTIVE • PRACTICAL • GROUNDED

Real conversations. Real skills. Real hope.

Reserve your spot today!

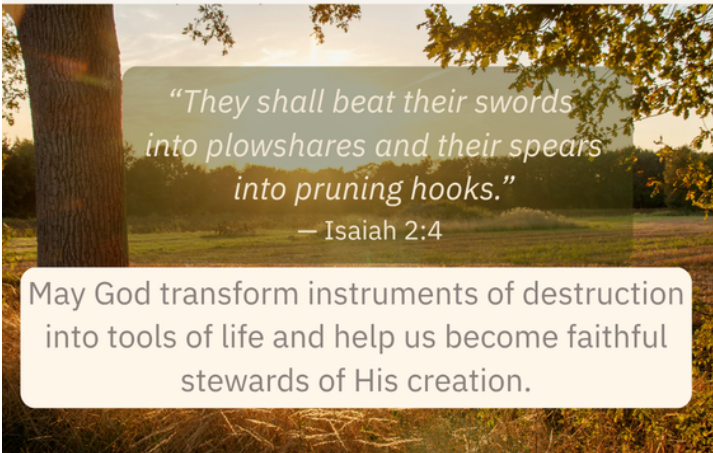
Stewardship of Treasure Update	
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
Weekly Total August 19 - August 25, 2026	
Envelopes	\$12,531
Electronic Giving	\$7,833
Plate/Loose Checks	\$3,741
Total	\$24,105
Maintenance and Improvement Fund	\$804

Cursillo--Are you looking for a closer relationship with Christ?

Cursillo begins with a 3-day weekend, throughout which Catholics receive tools to grow their personal relationship with Jesus! You will experience talks by priests, deacons, religious, and lay Catholics, daily Mass, Reconciliation, rosaries, and time for quiet reflection. While the 3-day weekend retreat may be the kickoff to your journey, it's the regular follow-up gatherings that provide a sure mechanism to keep your faith life fresh and vibrant. This fall, the Men's Weekend is Sept 10-13 at Savior Pastoral Center, KCK. The Women's Weekend is Oct 8-11 at the Sisters of St. Francis, Independence, MO. For more information, contact: Mary Ellen Deters, 785-249-9073, larrydeters@sbcglobal.net

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

For the Care of Creation · September 1

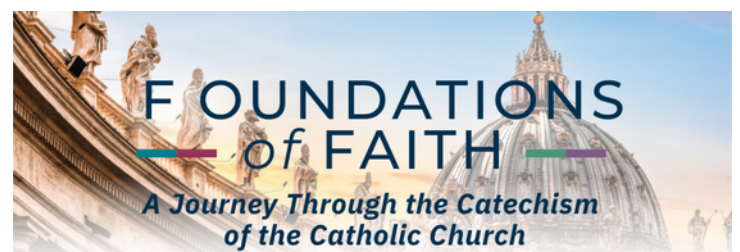


"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks."
— Isaiah 2:4

May God transform instruments of destruction into tools of life and help us become faithful stewards of His creation.

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 31, 2026
† Abby Lowman ~ 6:00 am: September 1, 2026
Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~ 6:00 am: September 2, 2026
† Roger Moffet & Living & Deceased Family Members ~ 7:00 pm: September 3, 2026
Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern Family ~ 6:00 am: September 4, 2026
† Wayne Downing & Living & Deceased Family Members ~ 6:30 am: September 6, 2026
† Ned Glover & Living & Deceased Family Members ~ 8:30 am: September 6, 2026

Hayden Class of 1959 social and luncheon (off the menu), Sunday, September 13 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. at Perkins Restaurant Private Room. Any questions contact Louise Neugebauer at LRneug314@att.net



Join us for this 20-part series for a comprehensive exploration of the Catechism, unpacking its rich theological insights and helping you apply them to your everyday life.

Whether you're a beginner or looking to deepen your faith - this study is for you!

Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:00 AM
September 17 - November 19
January 7 - March 11
Materials: \$40

Questions or registration:
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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, August 31**

8:00 am (M): † Alice Kreutzer

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 am (M): † Dana Linnebur

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 am (M): † Daigaku and Inda Families

Thursday, September 3

8:00 am (M): † Daric Smith

Friday, September 4

8:00 am (M): † Joe Hovorka

Saturday, September 5

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

4:00 pm (M): † J.T. O'Brien

5:30 pm (T): Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Sunday, September 6

7:30 am (T): † Nancy Coutts

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

11:30 am (M): † Merle Blaire & John Grant Lauterbach

*Celebrants: Fr. Dan Morris (M); Fr. Tanti (T)**Celebrants are subject to last-minute changes***PRAYER CORNER****Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues**

Darrell Alexander
 Robbie Armentrout
 Mary Jo Bergkamp
 Edith Breithaupt
 Carolyn Brentlinger
 Beverly Brown
 Connie Burns
 Owen Burns
 Dory Bushong
 Steve Clifton
 Julie Combs
 Kelly Davis
 Darara Duran
 Carol Feagins
 Vincent Gish
 Robin Halbert
 Judy Hartegan
 LeRoy Haug
 Michael Hogan
 Julane Hovorka
 Suzi Hubb
 Janice Johnson
 Johnny King
 Sandy Klene
 Vicki Kosmala
 Darryl Krape
 Patricia Kratina
 Steve LaGrone
 Jan Lippincott
 Toni Lippincott
 Margaret Masilionis

Jerri Matzke
 Neil McCullough
 Beth Mercer & Family
 Cathy Mies
 Rosie Morris
 Brian Neal
 Jennifer Newcomer
 Andrea Diane Nienhuis
 Chris Noack
 Mike Nolen
 Sarah O'Laughlin
 Stephani Paletta
 Patricia Quinn
 Becky Reyer
 Dorothy Reyer
 Susan Reynolds
 Teri Rogers
 Ford Ross
 Phyllis Shaw
 Maureen Smith
 Jane Spice
 Aiden Spies
 Donavon Spies
 Evan Spies
 Tiffany Spies
 Joe & Mary Tetuan
 Donna Thompson
 Adela Vargas
 LaVon Warner
 Nancy Weber
 Dianna Welliver

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