



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 13, 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: SIR 27:30-28:7; PS 103:1-4, 9-12; ROM 14:7-9; MT 18:21-35



SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

Supporting Our Clergy
Through Prayer

Most Pure Heart of Mary is forming a Seven Sisters Apostolate—a special ministry dedicated to praying for our parish priests and deacons.

Members commit to praying one Holy Hour each week on an assigned day for Fr. Dan, Fr. Tanti, or Deacon Doyle.

INFORMATIONAL GATHERING

Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Culhane Room

Come learn more, ask questions, and discover how you can support our clergy through prayer.

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The Heart of Prayer

A Study with
Bishop Andrew Cozzens

AN EIGHT-PART VIDEO STUDY ON PERSONAL PRAYER

MONDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 21

6:30–8:00 P.M. • CULHANE ROOM

QUESTIONS OR REGISTRATION
SARAH HOLTHAUS • 785-272-4727
sholthaus@mphm.com

Wedding Anniversary Masses

At all weekend Masses on
September 19 & 20, 2026

Couples married during the months July,
August or September will be acknowledged.

St. Theresa Quilting Group

Come tie and bind quilts for those in need.

Wednesday, September 16th, St. Vincent's
12:30 - 2:30 p.m. contact Nancy
at 785-633-2214

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. contact Mary Ann
at 785-220-2693



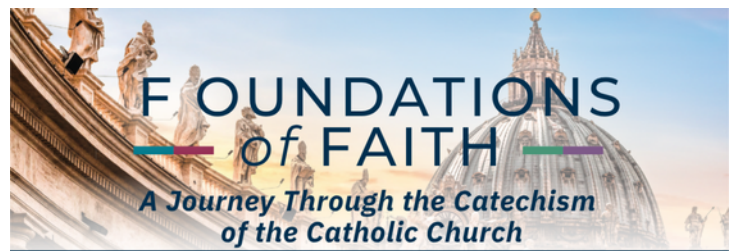
You're Invited to
Pizza & Parenting
 New Topic: Forming Children in Virtue
 Connect with other families and gain insight through a video-based parenting series. New Families welcome even if you couldn't make the first session.
 Last Session for the Fall
 Oct. 9th 5:30-7:30pm
 O'Connor Hall
 Childcare Available
 Register here: https://communion.io/c/mostpureheart/c/OctoberPizzaParenting?utm_code=IR



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



WIFFLEBALL GAME
 PLAY WIFFLEBALL WITH THE AREA PRIESTS
 Hosted by: Serra Club of Topeka
 Sunday, Sept. 20th
 St. Vincent's Field
 Inclement Weather plans are, prayer in the church & board games in O'Connor Hall.
 HOT DOG SUPPER AT 5:30 PM FOLLOWED BY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS AND WIFFLEBALL
 1800 SW Stone Ave, Topeka
 RSVP: to RSVP call 785-220-3824



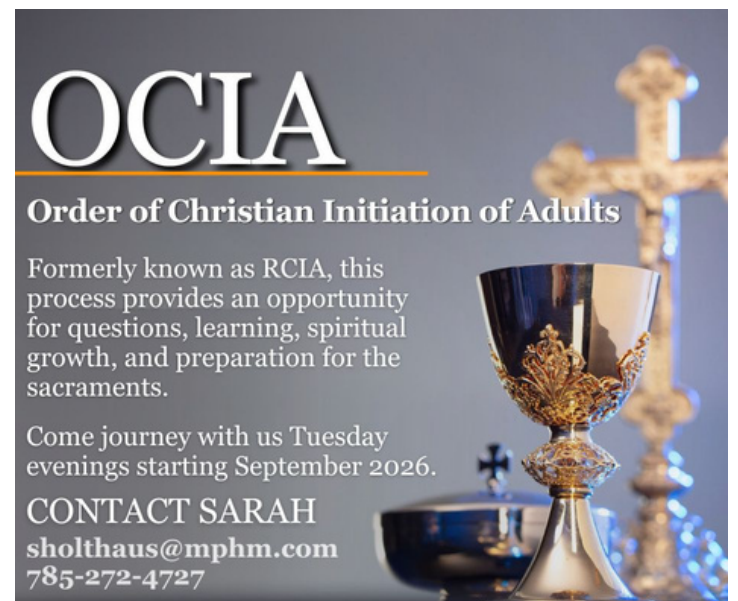
FOUNDATIONS of FAITH
A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church

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:
 Sarah Holthaus
 sholthaus@mphm.com
 785-272-4727



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.
 CONTACT SARAH
 sholthaus@mphm.com
 785-272-4727

Widowed Women of Faith - Join us on Tuesday, September 15th 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.



Knights of Columbus

Breakfast for the Seminarians, Sunday, September 13
 following the 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Masses



MPHM FALL FESTIVAL

September 19, 2:00-8:00pm

Time	Activity
2:00pm	Carnival Games and Inflatables open Bingo opens Cake Walk opens Kids Vendor Market opens Beer Garden opens Concessions opens (serving hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, chips, cotton candy, popsicles, candy, water and pop)
3:00pm	Face Painting opens
3:30pm	MPHM Band performs
4:00pm	Mass (inside church) Dance Lessons begin Gaga Ball Tournament
5:00pm	Chili Dinner (inside O'Connor) opens Concessions begins serving chili, chili dogs and chili cheese nachos (outside)
5:30pm	Mass (inside church) Trike Race
6:00pm	Kids Vendor Market, Dance Lessons, Face Painting close "Typical Stereo" Band performs (bring a comfy chair)
7:00pm	Chili Dinner (inside O'Connor) and Bingo close
7:30pm	Carnival, Inflatables, Concessions & Beer Garden close
8:00pm	Fall Festival ends - See you next year!



Join the Facebook Group
[@MPHMFallFestival](#)



Visit for additional event details
mphm.com/programs/mphm-fall-festival



Venmo donations accepted
[@MPHMCatholicChurch](#)

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.



Greatest needs: Carnival needs 34 volunteers between 3:00-8:00pm.
Dinner (inside O'Connor) need 20 volunteers between 3:00-8:00pm.

bit.ly/26festivalvolunteers

Cakes, Cookies & Donations Needed

Cakes & Cookies: We ask each family to provide one cake or one dozen cookies. Desserts will be used for the Cake Walk and dinner inside O'Connor. Additional dessert donations are welcome! Drop off desserts Thursday, September 17 or Friday, September 18 to the church office (8:00am-5:00pm) or school office (7:00am-3:30pm).

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

Bingo: \$5 or \$10 gift cards (Amazon, Target, Walmart, Five Below, Chick-fil-A, McDonalds, Dairy Queen).

Concessions: 16-20oz bottled soda or water.

Items can be dropped off at the church office or school office. Thank you for supporting our MPHM community!

Activities Galore

Boy oh boy, do we have fun activities planned! String maze, Operation, animal walk, and inflatables to name a few. Face painting is available from 3:00-6:00pm. Purchase a \$5 carnival wristband to participate.

Bingo is back! Bring your quarters and play from 2:00-7:00pm. Each round has multiple gift card winners.

School-age kids can play in our Gaga Ball Tournament at 4:00pm. Split up by ages, prizes will be awarded to first place in each group. Meet at the gaga pit to play.

Shop our Kids Vendor Market, open from 2:00-6:00pm. 35+ vendors plan to attend! Cash payment preferred.

Live Band

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

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.

Sponsor Shout-Out



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, 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 Catholic

Church: O'Connor Hall

1750 SW Stone Ave,

Topeka, KS 66621



**REGISTER
NOW!**



INTERACTIVE - PRACTICAL - GROUNDED
Real Conversations. Real Skills. Real Hope

Reserve your spot today!



“...and what the Lord requires of you but to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8

Topeka JUMP was formed in 2012 as a Christian response to God’s call for all his faithful to work to build Just Communities. Today, 36 faith communities, including **Most Pure Heart of Mary, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Christ the King, & Mater Dei** have united to answer that call in Topeka and Shawnee County.

JUMP gives Catholics a concrete way to act on **Catholic Social Teachings**, especially the Call to Family, Community, and Participation—which tells us, **“The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society...directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community.....people have a right and duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all.”--usccb.org**

2026 LISTENING SESSIONS

To have a voice or lend support attend one of the listening sessions below:

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| -Mon. Sept 21, at 6:00 p.m. | Anna’s home | Anna Ramirez 785-249-9783 |
| -Thurs. Oct. 1, at 6:45 p.m. | Lise’s home | Lise Hund 785-220-3824 |
| -Thurs. Oct. 8 at 6:00 p.m. | Culhane Room | Marcy Weekley 785-633-1157 |
| -Sun. Oct. 11 at 10:45 a.m. & 12: 45 p.m. (following the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses) Culhane Room | | |
| Sarah Bryan, JUMP Lead Organizer 620-755-4874 and MPHM JUMP Team Members | | |

Remaining JUMP 2026/27 Annual Schedule*

- Community Problems Assembly – October 26, 2026 6:30 pm, Countryside UMC
- Joint Catholic Network Meeting - February 6, 2027 Most Pure Heart of Mary
- Rally – March 2027
- Nehemiah Action - April/May 2027
- Celebration - June 2027

What did Topeka JUMP accomplish this last Action Cycle?

A **powerful turnout of 1,058 people** attended the Nehemiah Action on April 30, 2026 at Washburn’s LeeArena which culminated in meaningful progress for Topeka/Shawnee County.

During the Nehemiah Action this April we celebrated 229 affordable homes created or preserved due to a \$1 million investment in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund that JUMP won.

At our Nehemiah Action in 2025, Police Chief Vallejo committed to assign a liaison and share open data with the violence reduction initiative, JUMP supports, alongside our partners at the YWCA, Stormont Vail and others. These were two vital components of a successful violence reduction strategy. **This year**, we celebrated the Police Chief following through on that commitment and the successful launch of this strategy, called the **Capital Peace Project**, including the violence interruption team and wrap around services.

We also won key commitments from two city council members surrounding a proposed sales tax for affordable housing and homelessness. They shared that they would advocate for funding generated to be put towards the top proven solutions from the city’s own housing and homelessness studies so voters can be sure any funding generated would be used effectively. They reminded us that they are just two of nine council members, so our work on this effort is just beginning. Council members were impressed by our **PEOPLE POWER**, so **thank you to all who attended!**

Upcoming Processes/Action Cycle of Topeka JUMP Justice Work:

- 1). **Listening Process (August – October)** Grassroot *Listening Sessions* are held – The opportunity for the community to voice its concerns, followed by the *Community Problems Assembly* – When all gather to narrow down and identify the issue(s) voiced in the listening sessions to be worked on in the upcoming year
- 2). **Research to Action (November – May)** *Research* on issues is done, and working solutions are proposed, followed by the *Nehemiah Action* - when all gather to bring forth to community leaders the solutions or actions that can address the problems in the community

LEARN MORE



Stewardship of Treasure Update	
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
Weekly Total Sept. 2 - Sept. 8, 2026	
Envelopes	\$16,675
Electronic Giving	\$5,157
Plate/Loose Checks	\$2,300
Total	\$24,132
Maintenance and Improvement Fund	\$1,103

Sponsored by: The Graduates of the "Encounter" School of Ministry

HEALING SERVICE

Opportunities for:

- praise and worship
- gospel proclamation
- corporate (community) healing prayer
- individual prayer ministry

Sept. 17 at 6:00 pm

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th St. Topeka, KS 66614





DATE
2026 SEPTEMBER 18

TIME
6:30 PM

LOCATION
MOST PURE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
3601 SW 17TH STREET, TOPEKA, KS 66604

Eucharistic Cenacle

THE SISTERS OF THE SERVANTS OF THE PIERCED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY WILL BE FACILITATING A TIME OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP, MEDITATION, AND ADORATION DURING THE EXPOSITION OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST. FR. EDWARD AHN WILL ALSO BE PRESENT FOR THE ADORATION AND BENEDICTION. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL TIME OF ADORATION WITH AN UP-CLOSE AND PERSONAL TIME WITH OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD.

Christian Widow and Widowers Organization (open to all faiths) will have a potluck dinner in the Culhane Room on Thursday, September 24 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.



Intentions at St. John of the Cross Kronum, Kumasi, Ghana, Fr. Michael Kantanka
Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch Family ~ 6:00 am: September 14, 2026
† Abby Lowman ~ 6:00 am: September 15, 2026
Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families ~ 6:00 am: September 16, 2026
† Abby Lowman ~ 7:00 pm: September 17, 2026
Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern Family ~ 6:00 am: September 18, 2026
† Abby Lowman ~ 6:30 am: September 20, 2026
Irma Hund ~ 8:30 am: September 20, 2026

Thank you from the Funeral Dinner Committee



A funeral lunch was held for the family & friends of Ann Wessel on September 1st. Thanks to the generosity of 22 parishioners who donated food and the dedication of six who served it, 104 guests enjoyed a delicious meal.

A funeral lunch was held for the family & friends of Peggy Geier on September 8th. Thanks to the generosity of 27 parishioners who donated food and the dedication of five who served it, 85 guests enjoyed a delicious meal.

We appreciate all those that volunteered!

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

SAVE THE DATE: Make plans now to join our local prayer **Life Chain** on **Sunday, October 4, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.** More details later.

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, September 14**

8:00 am (T): Bobbie Hansford

Tuesday, September 15

8:00 am (M): † Anne Steinbock

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 am (T): † Betty Knecht

Thursday, September 17

8:00 am (T): † Ed & Henriette Festa

Friday, September 18

8:00 am (T): † Robert Faught, Sr., Lillian Faught, Ron Faught, Sr.

Saturday, September 19

8:00 am Collective Mass (M): † Eli Devlin, Lavon Warner, Vicki Kosmala, † Emily Stueve, † Joshua Swindell

4:00 pm (M): † Donald Welter

5:30 pm (T): † Mary Ann Starbuck

Sunday, September 20

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

9:30 am (M): † Aurora Cowing

11:30 am (M): † Joe Hovorka

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

Souls of Peggy Geier, Dorothy Funk-Daves - mother of Barbara McNeive, **Judy Hartegan, Dorothy Melchoir, Rosie Morris**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

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
 Marty Clark
 Steve Clifton
 Julie Combs
 Kelly Davis
 Darara Duran
 Carol Feagins
 Vincent Gish
 Robin Halbert
 LeRoy Haug
 Michael Hogan
 Julane Hovorka
 Suzi Hubb
 Janice Johnson
 Johnny King
 Sandy Klene
 Vicki Kosmala
 Darryl Krape
 Patricia Kratina
 Steve LaGrone
 Lawrence Linto
 Jan Lippincott
 Toni Lippincott

Margaret Masilionis
 Jerri Matzke
 Neil McCullough
 Beth Mercer & Family
 Cathy Mies
 Brian Neal
 Jennifer Newcomer
 Andrea Diane Nienhuis
 Chris Noack
 Mike Nolen
 Sarah O'Loughlin
 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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