



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 20, 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 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27A; Mt 20:1-16a

REFLECTION ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Though we can never fully comprehend the perfection of God and His ways, Sacred Scripture reminds us that God's ways are often very different from our own.

In our First Reading from Isaiah, the Lord declares, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." As His disciples, we are called to see life from God's perspective, using our time, talents, and treasure with eternity in mind.

In today's Gospel, Jesus illustrates this divine perspective through the parable of the workers in the vineyard.

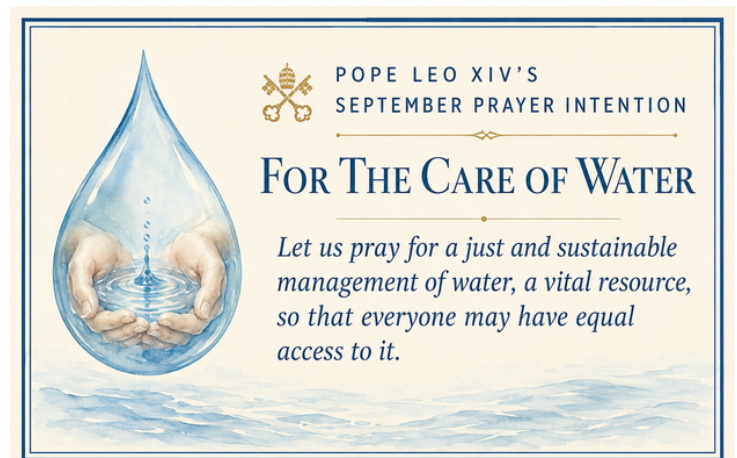
Some labor all day, while others are called only near the end of the day. Yet the landowner gives each worker the same wage. Those who worked the longest grumble because they are thinking according to human standards rather than God's generosity.

The same temptation can affect us. We may compare ourselves to others and wonder whether everyone else is contributing as much as we are at home, in our parish, or in our community. Instead, we should remember what a privilege it is to have been invited into the Lord's vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life fills our lives with meaning, purpose, and lasting joy.

"May we thank God each day for calling us to share in His work."



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New Topic: Forming Children in Virtue

Last Session for the Fall

You're Invited to

Pizza & Parenting

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.

Oct. 9 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
O'Connor Hall

 **Childcare Available** |  **Register here** | **PLACE QR CODE HERE**



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
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Thank you from the Funeral Dinner Committee



A funeral lunch was held for the family & friends of Dottie Melchoir on September 10th. Thanks to the generosity of 24 parishioners who donated food and the dedication of five who served it. In all, 41 guests enjoyed a delicious meal.

A funeral lunch was held for the family & friends of Dorothy Funk-Daves on September 11th. Thanks to the generosity of 30 parishioners who donated food and the dedication of seven who served it. In all, 60 guests enjoyed a delicious meal.

We appreciate all those that volunteered!

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



PRIESTS' RETREAT

SEPT. 29 – OCT. 1

No Daily Mass or Confessions on Wednesday, Sept. 30



WIFFLEBALL GAME

PLAY WIFFLEBALL WITH THE AREA PRIESTS

Sunday, Sept. 20
St. Vincent's Field

HOT DOG SUPPER AT 5:30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS AND WIFFLEBALL
1800 SW Stone Ave., Topeka

To RSVP, call 785-220-3824

Hosted by: Serra Club of Topeka

Inclement weather plans are: prayer in the church & board games in O'Connor Hall.

Marriage Banns

Zachary Hogan & Katelyn Hatcher
Saturday, October 10, 2026



MPHM FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 19

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**CAVANAUGH
BIGGS
LEMON P.A.**
ATTORNEYS AT LAW



Time	Activity
2:00pm	Carnival Games, Inflatables, Kids Market, Bingo, Concessions, Beer Garden open
3:00pm	Face Painting opens
3:30pm	MPHM Band Performance
4:00pm	Mass (inside church) Dance Lessons begin Gaga Ball Tournament
5:00pm	Chili Dinner (inside O'Connor) opens Chili, chili dogs and chili cheese nachos served in Concessions (outside)
5:30pm	Mass (inside church) Trike Race
6:00pm	Carnival Games, Kids Market, Dance Lessons, and Face Painting close "Typical Stereo" Band Performs
7:00pm	Chili Dinner (inside O'Connor) and Bingo close
7:30pm	Inflatables, Beer Garden, & Concessions close
8:00pm	Fall Festival ends - See you next year!



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Two-Day Workshop

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

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



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Stewardship of Treasure Update	
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
Weekly Total Sept. 9 - Sept. 15, 2026	
Envelopes	\$37,776
Electronic Giving	\$18,306
Plate/Loose Checks	\$2,868
Total	\$58,950
Maintenance and Improvement Fund	\$2,701

Hayden Catholic High School will be celebrating the school's 115th anniversary and Homecoming on Friday, September 25, 2026. All are invited. In addition to the varsity football game, activities will include Huddle hamburgers/brats for purchase, crowning of Homecoming royalty, a Hall of Fame announcement, and recognition of returning alumni. Our younger fans will be treated to face-painting, children's tattoos, and special giveaways. Poppin Minis (donuts), Pineapple Dream and Dulce & Sour food trucks will be present for fans to purchase their favorite goody or goodies! The only cost will be to get into the game and any food. The evening will be celebrated with a fireworks show at the conclusion of the football game. We are excited to see all of you on campus!!

Daughters of Isabella, Little Flower Circle
The next meeting will be held on September 27, 2026 at 12:50 pm in Yadrich Hall at Christ the King Parish, 5973 SW 25th St. A rosary will be followed by a business meeting and the movie, "Fatima," - the true story. If anyone knows of a member or family member of Daughters of Isabella in need of the Circle's prayers call Shirley Gustafson at 785-554-3028 or Chancellor, Bibi Zweig at 785-969-2706.

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 • September 21, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.
Irma Hund • September 22, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.
Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families • September 23, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.
Hund Family • September 24, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.
Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern Family • September 25, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.
† Abby Lowman • September 27, 2026 • 6:30 a.m.
† Toni McGivern Schuckman • September 27, 2026 • 8:30 a.m.

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, Sam Gatschet, Banks Whitney
Army: Brodie Cronister, Keaton Shelman, Nick Smith
Army National Guard: Dayton Moison
Marines: Tyler Gilchrist
Navy: Chris Archer, Jairus Creager
Law Enforcement: Heather Martens, Jonathan Martens, Daniel Masilionis, Laura Mayer, Lenora Nioce, Danny Ruff

Happy feast of St. Therese from the Secular Discalced Carmelites! Our lay community meets at Christ the King once a month (2nd Sundays). If you would like to go deeper in prayer and explore a Carmelite lay vocation with us, please reach out to Laura Jackson by email: ellejacks2823@proton.me or text: 316-312-6330.

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, September 21**

8:00 am (T): † Isaac William Brown

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 am (M): † Ed Navone

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 am (M): † Tyler Green

Thursday, September 24

8:00 am (M): † Isaac Brown

Friday, September 25

8:00 am (T): † Linda Wemhoff

Saturday, September 26

8:00 am Collective Mass (T): † Rocky O'Donnell,
 Lavon Warner, † Eli Devlin, † Bernice Rickelman, †
 Emily Stueve, † Merle Blair, † John Grant Lauterback
 4:00 pm (T): † Kathleen Prochaska
 5:30 pm (M): Margaret, Trina & Family

Sunday, September 27

7:30 am (M): Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners
 9:30 am (M): † Marge Reed
 11:30 am (T): † Bill Gaston

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

Soul of Vicki Kosmala - mother of Jolee Berroth,
Susan Reynolds - mother of Kristin Reynolds, and all
 the faithful departed. May they rest in the peace of
 our Lord.

PRAYER CORNER**Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues**

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

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