

Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2026

Mass Times
Daily: Monday-Saturday, 8:00 am,
Wednesday 5:15 pm
Saturday: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Confessions:
Wednesdays: 12:00-1:00 pm, 6:00-7:00 pm
Saturdays: 2:45-3:45 pm
Sunday 6:30-7:15 am, 8:30-9:15 am, 10:30-11:15 am
1st Saturdays: 7:00-7:45 am



Readings: IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7; PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 COR 1:3-9; MK 13:33-37

Today we begin the holy season of Advent. Amid the busyness of this time of year, Advent can easily become overshadowed by shopping lists, holiday gatherings, and countless preparations. Yet if we intentionally embrace this season, it can become a time of genuine renewal and deeper discipleship.

Advent invites us to do more than prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. It also calls us to prepare our hearts for His glorious return. It is an opportunity to examine our priorities, turn back to the Lord where needed, and renew our commitment to living as faithful Christian stewards. We do this not out of fear, but out of gratitude for the God who became one of us and who promises to come again.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells of a man who leaves on a journey, placing each of his servants in charge of a particular task. Then He repeatedly urges them to remain watchful because they do not know when their master will return.

We are those servants. Each of us has been entrusted with gifts, responsibilities, and opportunities to build God's Kingdom. Advent reminds us to stay spiritually awake and faithful to the work the Lord has given us.

Our lives are a gift. This season is a gift. May we use these Advent weeks to draw closer to Christ, serve Him generously, and prepare our hearts to welcome Him with joy.

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Baptisms

Please welcome these children recently baptized at Most Pure Heart of Mary:

Remington Ann Hanika
Beckett Michael Hanika
Brooks Lee Hanika
Fallon Jo Hanika
children of Joseph & Jessica Hanika

Michael Kyle Hoefft
child of Kyle & Alexandra Hoefft

Lydia Rene Smith
child of Adam & Corinne Smith

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them all the days of their lives.

St. Martha Circle Members

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10
12:00 PM

LAROCCA'S RESTAURANT,
3100 SW GAGE BLVD.

CO-HOSTESSES: GERALDINE GASTON & JANETTE GULLY
RSVP BY SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 6TH
DIANNE O'CONNOR BY PHONE/TEXT 785-806-0592

Women's Fellowship

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

December 15 At 11:30 AM
Culhane Room
RSVP by December 12:
mom29bods@gmail.com
We're adopting 2 families.
List of needs coming soon.



PRAY THE ROSARY FOR LIFE

Most Pure Heart of Mary Pro-Life Rosary

Thursday, December 10 at 6:30p.m. in the church. The Rosary is prayed on the second Thursday of each month.

Please join us in praying for the conversion of hearts and the protection of innocent unborn life.



The Christmas Decorations at Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish are a beautiful tradition, and we would like to offer you the opportunity to contribute to these decorations in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You may send your donation to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church Office, 1800 SW Stone Ave., Topeka, KS 66604-3397, with the coupon below by Monday, December 14th. If your donation is sent through ParishSoft or Tithe.ly, please still use this form.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given By: _____

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HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

Website: Visit **mphm.com** for upcoming parish events, online giving, and links to the parish app, Flocknote, and FORMED, which offers Catholic movies, talks, and Bible studies.

MPHM App: Read the bulletin, *News & Notes,* and the daily readings, or access Adoration Pro. Share a prayer request on the Prayer Wall and take a moment to pray for others who have posted. Download the app from the **mphm.com** homepage.

Facebook: Follow **Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church** for parish updates. Our school has its own page with a similar logo. Check the page name, and follow both to see what' happening at the parish and school.

Flocknote: Receive parish and ministry updates by email or text. Click the little white sheep at the bottom of **mphm.com** to sign up and choose which updates you'd like to receive.

News and Notes: Our weekly email newsletter includes the bulletin, upcoming events, and special messages from Fr. Dan, the Archdiocese, and our parish ministries and staff.



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, John Hovorka, 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

DECEMBER 2026 PRAYER INTENTIONS

ADVENT PRAYER

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Come, Lord Jesus.

With Mary and Joseph, help us make room for You.

Teach us to wait with hope and recognize You in the quiet of our day.

May our parish family draw closer to You this Advent.

Amen.



Pope Leo XIV's December Prayer Intention

For Single-Parent Families



Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

Bulletin Submission Deadline

Please submit announcements at least **10 days before** the Sunday you would like them to appear in the bulletin. This allows time for editing, layout, and printing. Thank you for helping us keep our parish informed!

New times and ways now available throughout the New Year!

Scan to visit our parish website for more information

O, COME LET US ADORE HIM

As we enter into this new Liturgical Year, may all of us – just like the Holy Family ˙ took the time˙ and ˙ made the space to allow Jesus Christ to be born anew daily into their lives; and just like the shepherds took care to ˙ keep watch˙ all throughout the darkness of the night; and just like the Wisemen came from a long way off ˙ seeking to worship ˙ and to make Christ their King – may all of us as a parish family ˙ Come to Adore Him ˙ in all of these ways throughout this season of Advent, Christmas, and beyond!

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Saturday Vigil (4 pm, 5:30 pm) ■ Sunday (7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am)

DAILY MASS

Monday through Saturday (8 am) ■ Wednesday (5:15 pm)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday (noon *to 1 pm and* 6 *to 7* pm)
Saturday (2:45 to 3:45 pm)
Sunday (6:30 *to 7:15* am, 8:30 to 9:15 am, 10:30 *to 11:15* am)
First Saturday of the Month (7 *to 8* am)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

24 / 7 Adoration Chapel
(located just behind the north transept of the Church Nave)
– including –
Eucharistic Adoration being held in the Church Nave at times when the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered, including prior to every Sunday Mass!

CHRIST MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (4 pm, 6 pm) ■ Christmas Day (Midnight, 8 am, 10 am)
New Year's Eve (5 pm) ■ New Year's Day (8 am, 10 am)
(New Year's Masses fulfill Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Prayer that will be said by the priest and the people every time we repose the Blessed Sacrament

May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, December 8
7:00 AM
12:00 PM
6:00 PM

ADORATION DISCIPLE NEEDED

Immediate Need

Tuesday
9:00-10:00 AM

Please consider spending one hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.

Scan to sign up.
Select "Weekly Commitment."



Topeka Regional Advent Penance Services

Saturday	Dec. 12	9:30 am	Most Pure Heart of Mary
Sunday	Dec. 13	2:00 pm	Mother Teresa of Calcutta
Monday	Dec. 14	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Monday	Dec. 14	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart/St. Joseph - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday	Dec. 15	7:00 pm	Christ the King
Wednesday	Dec. 16	7:00 pm	Mater Dei - Holy Name Church



Christmas Wishlist 2026

CHURCH / PARISH

- WOOD CONSOLE TABLES FOR NARTHEX (NEED 2): $450 EACH
- ICE MACHINE FOR PARISH CENTER: $3,400
- FRANCISCAN CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE PARISH SUBSCRIPTION: $400
- "WHEN YOU PRAY" STARTER PACK (WITH EDWARD SRI): $90
- WALL MOUNT SMART TV - $450

SCHOOL / CHILDCARE

- BOOK "HOW CAN I PRAY?" BY STEPH WILLIAMS: $5 EACH
- FINE MOTOR TOY: $10
- WOODEN STEM PUZZLE (NEED 2): $13 EACH
- CRAFTSTORY SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING/SENSORY TOYS: $28
- STUDENT CHAIRS FOR UPPER LEVEL ROOM (NEED 24): $28 EACH
- 32 GB MEMORY CARD (NEED 2): $11 EACH
- 32 GB SD CARD: $18
- MICROPHONE FOR DIGITAL CAMERA (NEED 2): $36 EACH
- FLOORING FOR STAFF ROOM: $2,000 (ESTIMATED)
- REFRIGERATOR FOR CONCESSION ROOM: $500
- WINDOW SHADES FOR RESOURCE ROOM (NEED 5): $87 EACH
- CLIPBOARDS: $23
- CLASSROOM STUDENT TABLE: $170
- ART ROOM SUPPLIES - ASSORTED: $177
- ART ROOM DESK: $190
- ART ROOM CLAY (NEED 4): $38 EACH
- ART ROOM WATERCOLOR PAPER (NEED 2): $60 EACH
- ART ROOM FLOORING: $2,000 (ESTIMATED)
- LIBRARY BOOKS & SUPPLIES: $167
- COLORED COPY PAPER: $77
- DISPOSABLE CUPS FOR NURSES ROOM: $20
- CHROMEBOOKS (NEED 10): $275 EACH
- ELECTRIC KEYBOARD (COULD BE USED IN GOOD CONDITION): $450
- STUDENT CHAIRS FOR 5TH GRADE (NEED 30): $56 EACH
- COLORED PAPER, POWER STRIPS, PENCIL SHARPENER, LEARNING GAMES, STUDENT WHITEBOARDS, VACUUM, USB ADAPTOR: $197
- CLASSROOM SET - CHROMEBOOKS OR IPADS FOR BOTH 3RD GRADE CLASSROOMS (NEED 50): $275 EACH
- SET OF HEADPHONES: $33





James (Jimmy) and Lupe Martinez Scholarship
Hispanic high school seniors in the Topeka area who plan to continue their education full time, including at a vocational or technical school, are invited to apply. Selection considers grades, involvement and leadership.
Apply by February 2, 2027. For full eligibility details and the application, visit the Scholarships section at topekacommunityfoundation.org.







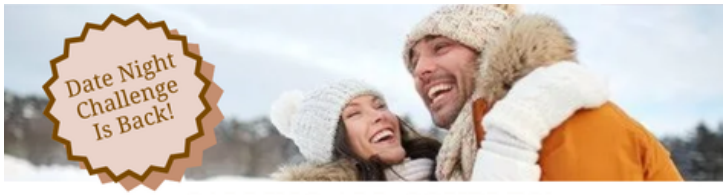
Giving totals will appear in next week's bulletin.



HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTRY MEETING

Wednesday, December 9, 2026 • 7:00 PM
CULHANE ROOM

All current homebound communion ministers and anyone interested in learning more about bringing Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners are welcome to attend.



CALLING ALL COUPLES!

- How often do you "intentionally" invest quality time into your most important relationship?
- How would your relationship be impacted if you committed to one date each month?

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

This winter, join the online DATE NIGHT CHALLENGE!
monthly date nights designed to bring more intentionality (and fun!) into your marriage or relationship.

Register and enter a chance to win an amazing prize!

HTTPS://BIT.LY/MPHMDATENIGHTS

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm, in the church.

For current altar servers and any boys attending parish school, public school, or homeschool who wish to serve God at the altar.

Questions?
Email Lucas Tappan at ltappan@mphm.com.
No registration required- simply show up to training.



INTENTIONS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Kronum, Kumasi, Ghana
Fr. Michael Kantanka

Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch Family • November 30, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.

† **Margaret Walters** • December 1, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.

Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families • December 2, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.

† **Margaret Walters** • December 3, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.

Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern Family • December 4, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.

† **Margaret Walters** • December 6, 2026 • 6:30 a.m.

† **Martina Reilly** • December 6, 2026 • 8:30 a.m.



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30
8:00 am (T): † Sue Krische

Tuesday, December 1
8:00 am (T): † Anna Dumelle & Anna R. Dumelle

Wednesday, December 2
8:00 am (M): † Raleigh West
5:15 pm (M): † Margaret Seal

Thursday, December 3
9:00 am (M): † Karen Gross

Friday, December 4
8:00 am (T): † Bill Gaston

Saturday, December 5
8:00 am Collective Mass (T): † Eli Devlin, † Emily Stueve, † Tom Moylan, Gloria Larios & Family
4:00 pm (T): † Tanya (Saenz) Laster
5:30 pm (T): Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Sunday, Decenber 6
7:30 am (T): † Edmund & Caroline Miller
9:30 am (M): † Cruz Soza
11:30 am(T): Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

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
Joe Burkhart
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
Willie Johnson
Sandy Klene
Darryl Krape
Patricia Kratina
Steve LaGrone
Lawrence Linto
Jan Lippincott
Toni Lippincott
Margaret Masilionis
Jerri Matzke
Beth Mercer & Family
Cathy Mies
Mark Moffet
Brian Neal
Jennifer Newcomer
Andrea Diane Nienhuis
Chris Noack
Mike Nolen
Sarah O'Loughlin
Stephani Paletta
Patricia Quinn
Becky & Dorothy Reyer
Teri Rogers
Ford Ross
Jeff Russell
Phyllis Shaw
Maureen Smith
Jane Spice
Aiden, Donavon, Evan, Tiffany Spies
Joe & Mary Tetuan
Donna Thompson
Adela Vargas
Nancy Weber
Dianna Welliver

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