



Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 27, 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: EZ 18:25-28; PS 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; PHIL 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; MT 21:28-32

As Christian stewards, we are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps."

Jesus demonstrates this comforting truth through the parable He tells in today's Gospel from Matthew. It is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard that day. While the second son agrees to his father's request, he does not follow through — he fails to obey the father's will. The first son tells his father, "no." At least he is honest! And in the end, he reconsiders and obeys his father.

The first son's honest, less-than-perfect response is consoling to us Christian stewards. Haven't we all felt this way at times when God's will for us seems to be just too hard?

We can be honest with God at these times. He knows our thoughts already, after all. But when we stay engaged in a real relationship with Him, even if it's just to say, "I don't think I can, Lord," He will supply us with just the grace we need to change our minds and do what He is asking us to do.

We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby-stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

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PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 27

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood and recognize the essential role priests have in the life of the Church. Through their ministry, we receive the Eucharist and celebrate the Sacraments.

Today, let us thank God for the courage, generosity, and faithful service of our priests. May we show them our gratitude through our prayers, words, and actions.

God bless our priests!

Provided by the Topeka Serra Club

PRIESTS' RETREAT

SEPT. 29 – OCT. 1

*No Daily Mass or
Confessions on
Wednesday, Sept. 30*



OCTOBER

Month of the Holy Rosary

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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Pick up bottles after Mass:
September 26-27 & October 3-4
 Return bottles at the end of October.

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**

Baptism

Please welcome this child recently baptized at Most Pure Heart of Mary:

Adeline Quinn Shafer
 child of Nathaniel & Madelyn Shafer

Brooks Lee Beck
 child of Conner & Mariah Beck

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

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR LIFE

Most Pure Heart of Mary Pro-Life Rosary

Thursday, October 8 6:30 p.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.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS IN ADORATION:

Scan the QR code and select "Weekly Commitment."

THURSDAY 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
FRIDAY 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

St. Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, October 8th, 1-3 pm, in the Culhane Room. Hostess is Dianne O'Connor. Project is decorating Christmas bags for the Homebound/Nursing Home Communion Ministry at MPH. Please bring a bottle of glue, a pair of sharp scissors, and your own drink; refreshments provided. Please RSVP by Sunday evening, October 4th, to Dianne O'Connor by phone/text at 785-806-0592.

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POPE LEO'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

For Mental Health Ministry

May mental health ministry grow throughout the Church, overcoming stigma and honoring the dignity of people living with mental illness.

Stewardship of Treasure Update	
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	
Weekly Total Sept. 15 - Sept. 22, 2026	
Envelopes	\$14,173
Electronic Giving	\$16,183
Plate/Loose Checks	\$5,094
Total	\$35,450
Maintenance and Improvement Fund	\$1,309

*Thank you from the Funeral
Dinner Committee*



A funeral lunch was held for the family & friends of Rose Morris on September 17th. Thanks to the generosity of 34 parishioners who donated food and the dedication of five who served it. In all, 55 guests enjoyed a delicious meal.

We appreciate all those that volunteered!

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

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.



**Knights of
Columbus**

Trash Bag Sales, Saturday & Sunday, October 3 & 4
following all weekend Masses

INTENTIONS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Kronum, Kumasi, Ghana
Fr. Michael Kantanka

Living & Deceased Members of the Ronnebaum & Welch Family • September 28, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.

† Abby Lowman • September 29, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.

Living & Deceased Members of the Appel & Crock families • September 30, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.

† Mary Triggs • October 1, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.

Living & Deceased Members of the McGivern Family • October 2, 2026 • 6:00 a.m.

† Abby Lowman • October 4, 2026 • 6:30 a.m.

† Mary Triggs • October 4, 2026 • 8:30 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28

8:00 am (T): Finn Binder

Tuesday, September 29

NO MASS

Wednesday, September 30

NO MASS

Thursday, October 1

NO MASS

Friday, October 2

8:00 am (T): † Troy Agustin Hopp

Saturday, October 3

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

4:00 pm (M): † Sarah Clark

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

Sunday, October 4

7:30 am (T): † Dolores Porter

9:30 am (M): † Raymond & Anna Ring

11:30 am(M): Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioners

Celebrants: Fr. Dan Morris (M); Fr. Tanti (T)

Celebrants are subject to last-minute changes



Zachary Hogan & Katelyn Hatcher

Saturday, October 10, 2026

PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for Homebound and Health Issues

Darrell Alexander
Robbie Armentrout
Mary Jo Bergkamp
Edith Breithaupt
Carolyn Brentlinger
Beverly Brown
Joe Burkhardt
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
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
Teri Rogers
Ford Ross
Benno Schluterman
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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