

St. Michael's Parish

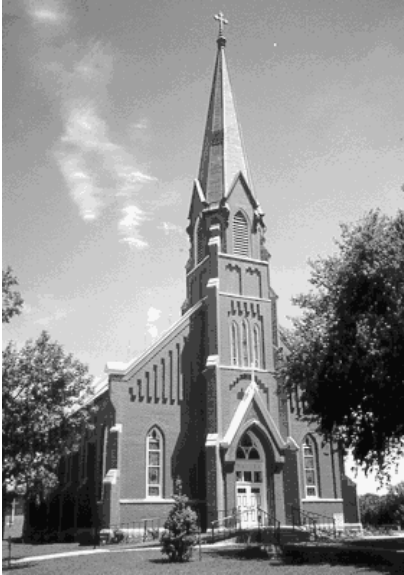
502 6th Street

Axtell, Kansas 66403

Father Mathew Francis

October 19, 2025

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Michael's MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 18 - 5:00 PM **Liv/Dec of Justin & Frances Rottinghaus Fam**

Sunday, Oct. 19 - 10:15 AM **People of the Parish**

Monday, Oct. 20 - 8:30 AM **+Dee Saggars**

St. Paul of the Cross

Tuesday, Oct. 21 - 8:00 AM **Special Intentions**

Thursday, Oct. 23 - 8:00 AM **All Souls Day Intentions**

St. John of Capistrano

Friday, Oct. 24 - 8:00 AM **+Jerry & Rose Heiman**

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Saturday, Oct. 25 - 5:00 PM **+All Souls Day Intentions**

Sunday, Oct. 26 - 10:15 AM **+Gilbert Deters**

Holy Family Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 22 - 8:30 AM; Sunday, Oct. 26 - 8:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

For Next Sunday Morning

2-3 Year Olds

Amy & Macy Mathewson

4-5 Year Olds

Ellie Mathewson, Oliver Sunnenberg

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

For Last Sunday:

Last Weekend Collection: \$ 1,777.00

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Digital Bulletin: www.axtellks.com Holy Family: **Rosalie Meybrunn**
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Baptisms: Arranged by Appointment Only **Marriage:** Six Month Notice Requested
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 PM or Anytime by Arrangement
Religious Education: Call Karen Farrell at 620-794-5485.
Faith Formation: Call Patty Buessing at 736-2766
Hall Rental: Call Jan Koch at 799-7114
Communion To Shut-Ins: Call Fr. Mathew at 736-2220

**Young Adults
Group will
meet on the
1st Sunday
of each
month at
1:00PM**

Liturgical Ministers for This Weekend

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Lector: Mary Jane Deters

Host Min: Brenda Peschel

Cup Min: Connie Ronnebaum, Dave Ronnebaum

Servers: Regan Hasenkamp, Ryder Hasenkamp

Usher: Bruce Heiman

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025 - 10:15 AM

Lector: Patty Buessing

Host Min: Erika Buessing

Cup Min: Spencer Macke, Susan Broxterman

Servers: Amelia Sunnenberg, Camden Sunnenberg

Usher: Ed Porting, Linus Reinecke

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Lector: Donna Heinen

Host Min: Tony Smith

Cup Min: Amy Smith, Theresa Sack

Servers: Clayton Heinen, Brycen Heinen

Usher: Richard Holthaus

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025 - 10:15 AM

Lector: Roy Buessing

Host Min: Brian Deters

Cup Min: Patty Buessing, Mary Jane Deters

Servers: Brantley Meyer, Kinsley Meyer

Usher: Alan Ronnebaum, Andy Ronnebaum

FAITH FORMATION on Friday, Nov. 7 at 8:00AM

Lector: Kinsley Meyer **Reading:** Ella Bergmann **Response:** Grace Shaughnessy
Petitions: Bo Koch, Kadence Kuckelman **Serve:** Charlee Shaughnessy, Ryan Buessing

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K OF C MEETING: The October Knights of Columbus meeting will be Tuesday, October 21st.

Beginning on Friday, October 3rd: There will be Adoration from 6:45-7:45AM prior to Friday masses at 8:00AM.

St. Michael the Archangel #3266 will have the **Fourth Degree Fall Banquet** on Sunday, November 2nd at the Axtell Legion. Happy Hour starts at 5:30PM and will eat about 6:30PM. Cost is \$15 per person. BYOB. Please RSVP by October 27th to Mark Wagner 785-736-2708.

CCD NEWS: CCD & confirmation classes will begin on October 15th at 7:30 PM.

This year, our CCD/Confirmation students are asked to attend the First Wed. mass at 7:00 pm starting on Nov. 5. Students will attend mass before going to CCD class at 7:30 on the first Wed. of each month Nov. - April. Thank you to teachers! 6th Grade: Sheila Heinen, Chelsea Hunninghake, and Erin Tynon; 7th Grade: Leslie Kohake; 8th Grade: Karen Farrell; 12th Grade Girls: Stacie Buessing; and 12th Grade Boys: Ryan Shaughnessy.

The Axtell Knights of Columbus Council #1163 is having their **Annual Food Drive** beginning now through November 8th. The theme is "**Buy a Case for the Hungry**". All food will be purchased from Axtell Community Grocery Store in Axtell. Everything is priced per case. Please place your donation order that you choose at the Axtell Community Grocery Store. Cash donations will also be accepted. We also accept monetary donations if any individual, organization or company would like to donate to the food drive. All food will be delivered to Marshall and Nemaha County food pantries. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Ronnebaum, via email at: mjjaronnebaum@bluevalley.net or by phone at 785-562-6460, or Axtell Community Grocery Store at 785-736-2913.

Annunciation Church in Frankfort will be holding its annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 2nd at the Cigna Center, 402 N. Maple, Frankfort, Kansas. Come and enjoy a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Serving will be from 11:00 am -1:30 pm. Adults \$15.00, Children 5-10 \$6.00. There will be a Quilt Raffle & Country Store with food items, crafts and handwork items.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are in need of more mass intentions, especially for weekday masses.

++Remember in Your Prayers++: *Please remember those who are sick, taking treatments, or hospitalized: LaVerna Ronnebaum, Kristi Meyer, Larry Macke, Rita Olberding, Kathy Buessing, Lisa Porting, Kade Sides (grandson of Don & Mary Jane Deters), Narisetty Lilly Pushpa (Fr. Gova's mother), Sara McCarn, Jan Tomlinson, Tiffany Strohmeyer, Jena (CHWC), Shirley Schmitz, Fr. Ed Oen, Duane Bernasek.*

Vocation Thoughts: *"What do we have that belongs to God? How do we make a return for that gift?" (Matthew 22:15-21)*

ALL YOU CAN EAT BOILED SHRIMP, SMOKED PORK CHOPS AND FROG LEGS on Saturday, November 8th, sponsored by the Axtell Knights of Columbus. The dinner will be held at the Axtell Legion/Community Building from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$22 at the door. Children tickets are \$10 at the door. All Proceeds to Benefit Various Charities. For guests that prefer, we will have 'carry-out' services/supplies available.

Axtell Christmas Cantata: Rehearsals for the 2025 Axtell Ecumenical Christmas Cantata began on October 5. They will be held each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., at Salem Lutheran Church, 2590 Navajo Road, rural Axtell. The December presentation of "Nativity Suites" by Benjamin Harlan will be conducted by Stan Murphy and accompanied by Owen Zinke. For more information, contact Jolene Ekstrum at 785-382-6330. All who enjoy singing are welcome to participate!

You are invited to a **Men's Retreat at Sacred Heart** in Sabetha on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9AM to 4PM. Joel Bicknell will be the retreat leader and will be discussing the journey of Catholic men, in the pursuit of God our Father, and our identity as His sons. Check in at 9AM with a provided lunch at noon and Adoration at 3PM followed by mass at 4PM. Registration is \$25 per person. To register: email annie@nekansascatholics.org

Love's Reply Discernment Retreat: Saturday, November 15 (beginning at 10 am) to Sunday, November 16 (ending at 5 pm), 2025 at Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg, Kansas Young women are invited to join Sister M. Karolyn, FSGM and a host of other women religious for a weekend retreat designed to help them learn more about all things associated with a vocation to the consecrated religious life. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Vocation Office, Love's Reply is FREE and open to all young women (juniors and seniors in high school up to age 29). Sign up TODAY! Questions? Contact the Vocation Office at 913-647-0303 or vocation@archkck.org.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: *A Prayer for Hope: Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own. Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world. Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying. Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Today is World Mission Sunday! Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme—"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

Dear Padre

October 19, 2025

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●

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Good News!

October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Exodus 17:8-13 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 /

Luke 18:1-8

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing, and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

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MONDAY

October 20

Weekday

Rom 4:20-25

Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY

October 21

Weekday

Rom 5:12, 15b,

17-19, 20b-21

Lk 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY

October 22

Weekday

Rom 6:12-18

Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY

October 23

Weekday

Rom 6:19-23

Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY

October 24

Weekday

Rom 7:18-25a

Lk 12:54-59

SATURDAY

October 24

Weekday

Rom 8:1-11

Lk 13:1-9

SUNDAY

October 25

*Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Sir 35:12-14,

16-18

2 Tm 4:6-8,

16-18

Lk 18:9-14

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION: Confirmation for the current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students is planned for Oct. 2026. To prepare for Confirmation, students in these grades will begin weekly Confirmation prep classes on Oct. 15 @ 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Classes will continue through April 15, 2026 and resume on September 9, 2026.

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Thank you to Theresa Sack, Quinn Buessing, and Mitchell and Leanne Buessing for teaching this year's Confirmation class.

Pilgrimage to Portugal, France & Spain! A very special experience including Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, Zaragoza, Barcelona and more! **March 9 - 21**) It's a trip you'll treasure for the rest of your life! For more info, contact Mark Wyble at **816-233-8427** or **religiousramblers@gmail.com**.

