

St. Michael's Parish

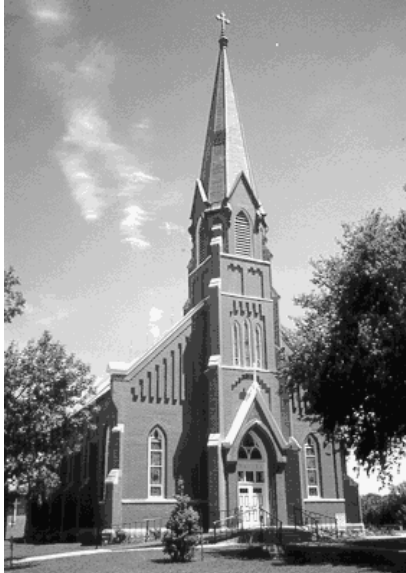
502 6th Street

Axtell, Kansas 66403

Father Mathew Francis

June 29, 2025

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



St. Michael's MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 28 - 5:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Sunday, June 29 - 10:15 AM **Liv/Dec of Knights of Columbus #1163**

Monday, June 30 - 8:00 AM **+Sean Shaughnessy**

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Tuesday, July 1 - 8:00 AM **+All Souls Day Intentions**

St. Junipero Serra

Thursday, July 3 - 8:00 AM **+Clara L. (Wempe) Lackey**

St. Thomas, Apostle

Friday, July 4 - 8:00 AM **+Ethan Samuelson**

Independence Day

Saturday, July 5 - 5:00 PM **Liv/Dec of Justin & Frances Rottinghaus Family**

Sunday, July 6 - 10:15 AM **+Henry & Emma Suther**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

For Next Sunday Morning

2-3 Year Olds

Amy & Macy Mathewson

4-5 Year Olds

Blaise Buessing & Oliver Sunnenberg

Holy Family Mass Schedule

Wednesday, July 2 - 8:30 AM

Sunday, July 6 - 8:30 AM

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

For Last Sunday:

Last Weekend Collection:

\$ 2,359.00

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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, June 28, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Lector: Brenda Peschel

Host Min: Susan Broxterman

Cup Min: Donna Heinen, Carol Holthaus

Servers: Mason Ronnebaum, Landon Anderson

Usher: Bob Mathewson

Sunday, June 29, 2025 - 10:15 AM

Lector: K of C

Host Min: K of C

Cup Min: K of C

Servers: K of C

Usher: K of C

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, July 5, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Lector: Amy Smith

Host Min: Kent Kuckelman

Cup Min: Dennis Koch, Jane Koch

Servers: Cole Heinen, Kylie Smith

Usher: Mike Ronnebaum

Sunday, July 6, 2025 - 10:15 AM

Lector: Bill Buessing

Host Min: Patty Buessing

Cup Min: Mary Jane Deters, Brian Deters

Servers: Colin Shaughnessy, Charlee Shaughnessy

Usher: Darrell Heinen, Junior Holthaus

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: There will be a second collection for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, Kansas. Sr. Dian Hall will be here to speak about the missionary work they do. Please be generous to help with their missionary work.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School will be June 30-July 3rd. Go to the Axtell Vacation Bible School Facebook page to get registered for Bible School! Contact Theresa Sack (785) 799-4525 if you have a junior high or high school kid that would like to help. Adult volunteers will also be needed.

Catholic Heart Work Camp Facilitator Needed: Looking for someone to take over facilitating the CHWC organization. If you have any interest in this please reach out to Stacy Hasenkamp at 785-294-1295 as she will be giving this up at the end of June.

PARKING LOT WORK: The Knights have started to work on the church parking lot. Plan to concrete between the church and the street first, then will start on the big parking lot. This project might last a few weeks.

MOWING THE CEMETERY: The Axtell Knights and men of the parish will mow the cemetery on Wednesday, July 2 at 7:00PM.

Free Food: There will be free food distributed every Tuesday from 9:00-10:00 am at the Axtell American Legion Building through June and July. Every child 18 and under is eligible for 5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals every week. Parents and caregivers are welcome to pick up for children.

Donations Requested: The 28th Kelly Youth Rally will be August 16th, 2025! This event continues to thrive on local donations/contributions. We currently have 480 students registered! If you would like to donate to this amazing experience for the youth in our area it would be greatly appreciated. Send checks payable to Kelly Youth Rally to Leah Heinen 1366 120th Rd Seneca, KS 66538 OR drop off at United Bank and Trust Seneca KS. Want to contribute in another way contact Leah Heinen 785-256-3987. Thank you to all our past and repeat donors!

HANDCRAFTED BINGO DONATIONS: Benefiting our Local Cancer Group and youth. I am requesting your help for the afternoon Bingo at Axtell Days on Saturday, Aug. 9th. All winning bingos will be donations that have been HANDCRAFTED, HANDMADE, or HOMEGROWN. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Susan Broxterman at 785-294-2635 or Sharon Luttjohann at 785-736-2395. Thank You for your kind generosity.

Peter's Pence Collection: Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

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

Vocation Thoughts: *"Anyone who does not accept the cross is not worthy of Jesus. Are we willing to embrace the cross and follow after him?" (Matthew 10:37-42)*

*Please remember in your prayers, **Lyle Rottinghaus**, brother to Marie Eagan, who passed away last week. May he rest in peace.*

SAVE THE DATE!!! The St Michael's Parish Picnic will be Sunday, September 14th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. More information will follow as that date approaches.

St. Augustine Annual Church Picnic in Fidelity, KS: CELEBRATING 165 YEARS! July 13, 2025.

They will serve the buffet style smoked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, and homemade dessert from 4:30-7:30PM. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 4-10. Card game, Bingo, dish throw, kids games, bounce house, football throw, chances, quilt raffle, and cake walk. Will also have a lunch stand with hamburgers and hot dogs. Entertainment by Hutfles Family Band from 7:30-9:30PM. For more info visit us on Facebook: @staugustinefidelity.

Enflame Our Hearts: Sacred Heart Church in Sabetha will have a Summer Celebration on Sunday, June 29th, kicking off with Mass at 4:00PM then activities to follow. Faith, food, Fellowship, and fun including beer garden, music and fire at dusk. All are welcome, bring lawn chairs and blankets.

VIRTUS TRAINING UPDATE--It is an archdiocese requirement that anyone that works with children or vulnerable adults (e.g., taking communion to community members) has to be VIRTUS trained. We have several people in our parish that need to be VIRTUS trained **prior** to participating in relevant activities, such as Sunday School, Faith Formation, Religious Ed, driving kids to religious functions, etc. This also impacts students that want to continue to participate in Catholic Heart Work Camp that will be 18 during a CHWC event. A local VIRTUS training has been arranged for **July 19th at 9:00 a.m. at SPPS in Seneca** (in the school). With parent permission, anyone over age 16 can participate in this training. To register, please go to **www.virtusonline.org**. Click on **FIRST TIME REGISTRANT** and begin the registration process. You will need to select **Kansas City, KS (Archdiocese)** as your organization. You will then create a User ID & Password that you will need to remember. Make sure that you select the July 19th SPPS Training as your location for VIRTUS training. Pre registration is MANDATORY and should be completed at least two days prior to the session to allow time to plan and prepare for the correct amount of materials. If you would like to participate in this training, please text/call Erika (785-336-1009) so that she can add you to the list of participants and be looking for your name in the VIRTUS system. If you are unsure if you have had the training or if you have any questions about VIRTUS trainings, please contact Erika.

There will be an **"Ever-more in Love" retreat** offered for married couples in Seneca on **July 19th & 20th**. This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your marriage whether you have been married one year or fifty years. The retreat will be held at "The Castle Hall (formally Northridge Hall) at 601 Castle St in Seneca. The cost is \$150/couple with scholarships available. (Use promo code: ARCHKCK and receive a \$100 discount) There will be information about registrations in future bulletins and in handouts. Register at: evermoreinlove.org/events

5K Memorial Run/Walk: We invite all families to participate in our first 5K Memorial Run/Walk in loving remembrance of Father Arul on **Saturday, August 16th at 9:00 AM**. The race will begin in front of Saints Peter & Paul Church. In addition to the 5K, we'll also host a 1-mile Fun Run, open to participants of all ages (perfect for families and casual walkers). Let's come together as a community to celebrate Father Arul's beautiful legacy. All proceeds will benefit the SPP Youth Religious Formation Program, helping to nurture the spiritual growth of our youth. \$25 entry fee 14 years and above, \$20 entry fee for 13 and under - both entry fees include a race T-shirt. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the following: Melissa Tangeman 785-294-0005 or Cabrini Osterhaus 785-294-1025

Good News!

June 29, 2025

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 /

Matthew 16:13-19

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are two things we should give our children: one is roots and the other is wings. So goes the adage. It is in knowing our roots that we know who we are. It is with wings that we then shape the future—a future sprouting from those roots but also blossoming into something new. If there were only the roots, we would never know life's richness. Without wings, never would we come to beauty.

The solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul honors both of these dynamics in the Church. It was Peter who was the Rock, who was able to recognize God's presence made flesh among us, who would say to Jesus, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

It was Paul who pushed the envelope, who proclaimed that God's saving love was for Jews and Gentiles—both members of the household of God—without distinction. It was Paul who argued that circumcision was not necessary for a believer. It was Paul who recognized that the Law was indeed a blessing, yet also that obeying the Law does not save us—it is the love of Christ Jesus that saves us.

Many are rooted through faith in Christ Jesus. Some live out that faith as Catholics, others as Lutherans or Methodists, still others as Orthodox or Anglicans. All of us rooted in Christ, all of us living out faith, each blossoming in our own fruitfulness as guided by the Spirit, for the purpose of tradition is to pass on the flame and not to preserve the ashes. ●

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Dear Padre

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What does the Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God's grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509–1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with free will. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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MONDAY

June 30

Weekday

Gn 18:16–33

Mt 8:18–22

TUESDAY

July 1

Weekday

Gn 19:15–29

Mt 8:23–27

WEDNESDAY

July 2

Weekday

Gn 21:5, 8–20a

Mt 8:28–34

THURSDAY

July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19–22

Jn 20:24–29

FRIDAY

July 4

Weekday

Gn 23:1–4, 19;

24:1–8, 62–67

Mt 9:9–13

SATURDAY

July 5

Weekday

Gn 27:1–5, 15–29

Mt 9:14–17

SUNDAY

July 6

Fourteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10–14c

Gal 6:14–18

Lk 10:1–12, 17–20

or 10:1–9

